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## Special NewsNite Edition to Profile Two Charitable Programs

*Western Reserve PBS program on Friday, April 6, to feature  
South Street Ministries in Akron and Clearview H.O.P.E. in East Canton*

NORTHEAST OHIO — Thursday, March 22, 2012 — A special edition of **NewsNite** will profile two unique Northeast Ohio programs: South Street Ministries in Akron and Clearview H.O.P.E. in East Canton. The special will air on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1 / WEAO 49.1) on Friday, April 6, at 8:30 p.m. and repeat on Saturday, April 7, at 3 a.m. and Sunday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m.

South Street Ministries was founded 15 years ago by Duane and Lisa Crabbs after they uprooted their family and moved to one of Akron's most disadvantaged neighborhoods in the Summit Lake area. The Crabbs immersed themselves in the neighborhood through South Street Ministries, where Duane serves as pastor and Lisa is executive director. **NewsNite** panelist and freelance journalist Jody Miller talks with the Crabbs about the Ministries' programs, services and positive effects on the neighborhood they now call home.

Clearview H.O.P.E., a free program at Clearview Golf Club in East Canton, helps local women veterans by using golf for recreational and therapeutic purposes. The project was founded by renowned golf professional Renee Powell, whose family owns the historic Clearview Golf Club. Powell created Clearview H.O.P.E. ("Helping Our Patriots Everywhere") to offer local female veterans golf instruction, exercise, fun and camaraderie.

Joining Powell to talk about the program is Ninth District Court of Appeals Judge Beth Whitmore, who is a former Air Force captain, Vietnam War veteran and charter member of Clearview H.O.P.E. Together, they

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paint a picture of how this pilot program works, what it means to the women veterans involved and how it has become a model for similar programs nationwide.

Extended interviews with the **NewsNite** guests are available in their entirety at [www.NewsNite.net](http://www.NewsNite.net).

## **About Western Reserve Public Media**

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Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1), a service of the organization, is the only broadcast television service that reaches all of northeast Ohio. It is available to 1.8 million households and 4.9 million people in the Cleveland and Youngstown designated market areas. In an average month, more than 1 million people tune in. The organization also operates three standard definition channels, Fusion (WNEO45.2/WEAO 49.2), MHz Worldview (WNEO 45.3/WEAO 49.3) and V-me (WNEO 45.4/WEAO 49.4).

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