LIST OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF AREA SERVED BY STATION WPTV (SCRIPPS HOWARD BROADCASTING COMPANY) WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
(October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009)

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1. The problems facing the community with the severe economic recession.

2. The needs of a growing and multicultural educational system.

3. The problems facing the health care system and those it serves.

4. The on going issue of crime and its increase in a bad economy.

5. The needs of minority members of our community

6. The concerns of preserving and protecting the environment.

WPTV SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS AND BROADCAST EFFORTS IN RESPONSE TO THE FOREGOING NEEDS AND PROBLEMS OF THE COMMUNITY

1.A. TITLE: Various D.SOURCE: Local
B. TIME/DAY: Within 5am, 6am 12pm, 5, 5:30 6 & 11pm or Sundays at 6:30am E.FREQUENCY: Weekly
C. TYPE: Public Affairs

Reports and interviews usually two to three minutes in length, which expand upon current problems and issues facing the community.

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/1/09 – Stocks begin the fourth quarter on a down note. They fell sharply amid more signs that the economy's recovery will be slow and bumpy. The Dow plunged more than 200 points. NASDAQ closed down nearly 65 points. And the S&P 500 was off by more than 27 points on the day. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/1/09 – There's been an unexpected windfall for the State of Florida's coffers. The "Cash for Clunkers" and an $8,000 tax credit for first time home buyers has pushed state revenues $40 million dollars above estimates in August. There were other positive revenue signs. The state saw more money than expected from alcohol, cigarettes, home and car sales, and even the sale of building supplies. Besides autos, sales taxes from tourism related activities were also over estimates by more than $5 million. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/1/09 – The economy may still be struggling but local business experts say it's a good time to start your own company. Indian River State College held a business symposium at their Stuart campus. Guest speakers and exhibits focused not only on business success, but going green. Business experts say it's important to make a company not only economically sound but environmentally friendly. It is a great time to make that change. The college offers a business and technology incubator for companies that need help getting started. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 & 4 – 10/14/09 – Many shelters for victims of domestic abuse are now faced with more women in need of their services than ever before. Advocates say there is a link between rising unemployment and increased domestic violence. Many women in the shelters say that when the economy soured so did their relationships. And not everyone in need is able to find the help or the protection of a shelter. Three thousand victims have been jammed into overcrowded shelters. The Catch-22 is that while the demand for shelters is at an all time high, funding is at its lowest levels in decades. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/20/09 – Neptune Research is a grassroots, homegrown, family run bricks and mortar business currently thriving on fiberglass and epoxies and polyurethanes. The Lake Park based company has grown by 30 % in the last year. The emergency fix they just did 10,000 miles away can only enhance the company's reputation. It helped avoid a national crisis. Neptune repairs pipes with a patented product called Syntho Glass. Water-activated it winds around a leaking pipe. Its most recent application saved Thailand's largest natural gas line from rupturing. Its closure was costing the country $125,000 an hour. A simple enough looking product with a special patent, it's a rare success story in a local economy still trying to regain its footing. (1-2 minutes in length – 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/24/09 – A fundraiser was held to help the organization called Oasis Compassion. The organization provides food for those hit hard by the tough economy. The organization also has a thrift store and helps with job placement. Their newest focus is on building a women's center. (1-2 minutes in length – 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 10/27/09 – Just outside of Indiantown, a local businessman has taken up working for his brother-in-law in the beekeeping business. After years of working in the banking business he grew tired of the stressful environment and get back to something simpler and more back to Nature. The honey making business is facing challenges from foreign processed honey into local supermarkets, and he said it is important for the public to support local and American made honey. (1-2 minutes in length – 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 –11/1/09 – Treasure Secretary Timothy Geithner says the economic recovery "could be a little choppy" and it's going to take a while. Geithner says bringing back jobs and confidence of investors will be the real test of recovery. Geithner said in a Meet the Press interview that this recovery will be different than in the past because Americans are going to have to save more money. (1-2 minutes in length -12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 –11/5/09 – In an economy where anyone and everyone is looking for work, the NFL may very well be an outlet for people in South Florida. With the 2010 Super Bowl in Miami, A and A Security in West Palm Beach has been hired to find over 1,000 people to work security. People came in all shapes and muscle tones. While hundreds have already been interviewed, hundred more are coming to apply for other possible jobs. Men and women alike are being hired. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/6/09 – The Nation's unemployment rate passes a notable milestone, double digits 10.2%. That's up from September's 9.8 %. The labor department reported October's rate was past 10% for the first time since 1983. The economy lost 190,000 jobs in October, the 22nd straight month of contraction. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/6/09 – The Better Business Bureau wants to make viewers aware of a scam that is being pulled on people. An official sounding person from a debt collection agency calls and offers to help wipe out the person debt for a fee of $1200. However many of the people that they are calling do not existing debt and are suspect from the start of the call. The debt collections person threatens to notify the county clerk's office of the refusal to cooperate and the scammer threatens jail time. Many people are scared of such an authoritative sounding person and are likely to pay the fee. Our consumer investigative unit helped to shut down one such operation. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/12/09 – A shortage of U.S. manufactured dry wall during two bad hurricane years and during a surge in building opened the way for China to sell its inferior product to the United States. Today thousands of homeowners are living with the putrid smell and potential health threat posed by the decaying product. U.S. Senator Bill Nelson was in town today to talk to local political and civic leaders about efforts to stimulate the economy. The Senator said that President Obama should raise this issue when he visits China in the next day or so. As far as where the lawsuit stands against the distributor, the Senator said the tests will be back soon involving 50 randomly picked homes, and those test results would guide the lawsuit. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 1 – 11/13/09 – Consumer spending over each of the last three months has been about the same, according to Data service "SpendingPulse". And many economists expect spending to remain down into the near future. They say even though the economy may recover, there won't be a quick turnaround in the jobless rate. That means people will have to continue saving, and that doesn't bode well for the upcoming holiday season of spending and gift giving. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/1/09 – Two school districts in our area have received an academic honor. The Florida Board of Education designated both Palm Beach and Martin County school districts as academically high-performing. Only 20 of the 66 districts in the state were given the honor. It's based on the most recent school and district grades. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/5/09 – In Boynton Beach "Women's Circle" has been operating out of this small building for some time, but now, a new building is in the works for the organization that gives low-income women and families new hope. Tomorrow the non-profit will break ground at its new property. The new facility will provide more classrooms and offices. "Women's Circle" offers free services including literacy and education, computer and job assistance. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 –10/12/09 – Most of us think of Goodwill as the place to drop off clothes and household items with thrift stores that have bargains on everything from books to baby clothes. But the stores help fund what Goodwill considers its primary mission – workforce development – helping people who face employment challenges, have a disability, lack education or experience. Last year Goodwill and its partners provided one and a half million people with jobs and training in the U.S. and Canada. More than 160 Goodwill agencies tailor programs to their communities. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/23/09 – Over the last month a sea of concerned parents made their voices heard. Now new hope for those demanding change, Superintendent Art Johnson sat down with dozens of Palm Beach County Principals today to announce some drastic changes. As a result of the meeting, principals can either continue with the current academic plan or implement their own. Many parents say it's a step in the right direction. While some parents applaud the move, others are concerned and say that principals should not be allowed to choose their own plans. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 10/29/09 – They were spelling up a storm for a good cause in St. Lucie County. It was the fifth annual Adult Spelling Bee - a fundraiser to benefit the St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The money goes to provide education scholarships for adults and high school seniors. Youngsters could take a lesion from these spellers. The contest was whittled down to two teams and the winners were from David Looke Concrete Removal. (1-2 minutes - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2– 11/2/09 – A new study out this morning shows college presidents are bringing in the money. According to the Chronicle of Higher Education, at least 23 heads of private colleges and universities earned more than $1million dollars each in 2008. And a record one in four presidents surveyed broke a half million dollars during the 2007-2008 academic year. But experts say salaries have probably declined since then because of the economic downturn. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 & 6 – 11/3/09 – Visitors at the Mote Marine Aquarium in Sarasota can tour live Sea Horse tanks and enjoy the creatures in a way we rarely see them. Millions of Sea Horses are killed each year for souvenirs, and for use in Asia. Even more are accidentally caught as by-catch in shrimp fisheries. But here it's all about the education. Also on display two sea horse sculptures, salvaged from a now-demolished 1940's casino. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 11/10/09 – The nation's schools are about to receive another grant in stimulus money. But this next one of more than $11 billion dollars comes with strings attached. The education secretary says they're making it tougher because the administration wants tougher standards, and better ways to recruit teachers. $67 billion dollars in government money had already gone towards education. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 –11/13/09 – School teachers across Martin County get a visit from the Prize Patrol today. Martin County's Education Foundation presented balloons and big checks to 55 lucky teachers, who are winners of classroom enrichment grants. Mary Taber of Bessey Creek Elementary won a grant for $331 to support a hands-on math curriculum she planned. Other teachers won grants for materials and books to enhance their classrooms. The Education Foundation will hand out $35,000 dollars in classroom grants over the next few days. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 11/18/09 – More than a third of all Floridians say they've suffered a financial crisis over the past year, and three out of four say they know someone who has lost a job. The statistics were released today as part of a new financial education initiative called Money-wise Florida. The initiative is being pushed by bankers and insurance agents. Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink says the program will help struggling families learn how to make ends meet. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 11/18/09 – A lawsuit filed in Tallahassee today claims the state is violating its constitutional obligation to provide a "high quality" education to Florida students. The suit claims budget cuts and an intense focus on test scores are limiting learning. This as schools are cutting classes and making do with less. Ironically, this suit comes as lawmakers are prepared for more cuts to fill an expected two and a half million dollar budget hole. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 2 – 12/4/09 – State figures show Florida's high school graduation rate has jumped three percentage points to a record 76.3 this year. Governor Crist says that's just the latest example of how Florida's education program has become a "rising star" nationally. The 2009 figure is up even though Florida stopped counting GED students in the calculation. Education officials credited the improvement largely to minority students. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 –10/2/09 – Breaking news out of Washington where lawmakers worked through the night reaching compromises and making last minute deals in a major push toward health care reform. A lot of people thought health care reform was floundering earlier in the week when the so-called public option met resistance. But lawmakers did so much wheeling and dealing overnight that some are now predicting a full Senate debate on healthcare reform. The revamped bill would allow states to negotiate with insurers to arrange coverage for people with incomes slightly higher than the cut-off for Medicaid. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/2/09 – A free health fair will take place in downtown West Palm Beach. Pharmacists and healthcare providers will be on hand to provide a variety of free services, including consultants and screenings. The event begins in the morning at CityPlace. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 –10/4/09 – The grand opening of the Dunbar Village Health Clinic is set for tomorrow. The new facility will treat a wide-range of issues including physicals and preventative care for Dunbar residents. The clinic's executive director says most Dunbar residents are uninsured or under-insured, making the emergency rooms a first choice. With clinics like this in place, medical workers feel emergency rooms in our area will be less crowded. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 –10/5/09 – The government's official swine flu vaccination program begins today program begins today. Health care workers in Tennessee and Indiana today will begin receiving their vaccinations. Shipments of the vaccine will be heading to Florida beginning tomorrow. Shots will be available starting in ten days for people in the so-called high-risk categories. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 –10/6/09 – The first 600,000 doses of the H1N1 spray vaccine are set to arrive in Florida tomorrow and injections arriving by the end of the week. Vaccine will initially target health care workers, children, and pregnant women. Already intensive care units have admitted 100 pregnant women with swine flu and 28 have died. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/8/09 – Nationwide Insurance Company of Florida has announced plans to drop about 60,000 home insurance policies. The company will also not be renewing nearly half of its policies starting in July 2010. Meantime the sunshine state is not looking great when it comes to health care. A new report ranked Florida 50th among the states and the District of Columbia for the percentage of it children covered by health insurance. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/8/09 – A big crowd is expected when concerned Acreage residents meet with Erin Brockovich and her law firm reveal the test results that they conducted in the area. Her appearance alone gives credence to the concerns that many Acreage residents feel about possible water/pollution contamination in their homes. One study done in August revealed elevated Cancer rates and young girls in particular had an increased number of brain cancers during a ten year period. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/14/09 – Senior citizens with questions about Medicare coverage can get their questions answered at a health care seminar today. "WellMed and Shine" will host Medicare 101 to help seniors better understand what the program pays for and what plans are available. It begins this morning at the Ridgeway Mobile Home Park in Hobe Sound. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 10/14/09 – The Palm Beach County Health Department is considering bringing in an ethic watchdog. It's part of a county-wide effort to crackdown on corruption in government. The county commission is expected to vote before the end of the year to create an inspector's office in the County charter. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 11/30/09 – Another recommendation on women's health has been released that's raising eye brows. This time it's cervical cancer screenings. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, women can wait until they are 21 to have their first exam. The panel says that cuts costs, avoids unnecessary treatments and prevents cervical cancer just as well. This comes on the heels of a recommendation that for most women, mammograms can wait until 50. (1-2 minutes in length -11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 11/23/09 – Details of a government investigation into Chinese drywall are expected to be released. It could bring financial relief to Florida residents whose homes were built with the toxic material. If they can draw the connection and that is a big "if". The chemicals in tainted Chinese drywall say those dealing with it; create respiratory issues and corrosive properties that have blackened and eaten away at metals and wiring in their homes. (1-2 minutes in length –6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/1/09 – Her mug shot could double for a model's head shot, but police say pretty, little Stephanie Woods is anything but a model citizen. The Lake Worth 19 year old can't seem to stay out of trouble and her crimes are getting increasingly more brazen and violent. Woods gained national attention in January 2008 when she and friend robbed a Boynton Beach Girl Scout cookie stand. Woods is now facing charges of kidnapping, false imprisonment and conspiracy to commit robbery with a firearm. This young woman is headed for a life of crime or worse and she is indicative of a system and family that is broken. (1-2 minutes in length -11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 –10/10/09 – Authorities say a serial bank robber is accused of hitting nine Palm Beach County banks since last May. The latest heist happened Thursday at a Chase bank in Boca Raton. The middle aged man does not use a weapon, but hands the teller a note demanding money. The man typically averages about $600. Police would like to catch him since most banks have a very good description of him by now. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/13/09 – It is sentencing day for the three suspects convicted in one of this area's most heinous crimes: the gang rape of a Dunbar Village mother and her young son. Two men who were juveniles at the time when they and as many as eight others gang-raped a 35 year-old woman and her 12 year-old son in 2007, will be sentenced and the community will be waiting to see if they use juvenile or adult guidelines. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/11/09 – Delray Beach Police need viewers help in locating two gunmen who carjacked two senior citizens. The incident happened around 7:30PM last night in the Pines of Delray development. Officers say the men approached the elderly man and woman, and during the drama shot the man in the neck. Both victims are expected to be O.K. With so many retirees in our viewing area, crimes like this make them feel especially vulnerable. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/15/09 – The Mayor of Riviera Beach, which is known for its high crime rate is putting together his own coalition to combat crime in the City of Riviera Beach. The plan of action is predicated on prevention, intervention and treatment. Their plan is to unite the schools, churches and the Riviera Beach community itself to stamp out the causes of criminal behavior. They feel that truancy, delinquency, and school and church dropout rates plus a high rate of recidivism all lead to youth violence. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/19/09 – New information about the horrible hoax invented by two Port St. Lucie boys who claimed they watched a young girl being abducted by two men in a white van. Later today figures will be released as to just how much this hoax cost in the way of manpower and resources and whether the boys' families will have to pay for it - whether it means money, community service or some other form of restitution. Since the Balloon Boy and his family got national attention, law enforcement officials have a very low tolerance of deliberate waste of time and manpower for concocted crimes. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 11/27/09 – On Thanksgiving evening a man visiting his relatives went to his car and returned with guns and shot and killed four family members before fleeing the scene and avoided capture. A nationwide manhunt ensued. One of the murder victims was the six-year-old daughter of one of the station's photographers. Breaking and extended coverage has ensued with authorities trying to track down every lead to capture the suspect. It has put the entire neighborhood in Jupiter in turmoil and uncertainty if the suspect will return and kill more family members. (1-2 minutes in length – 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 10/1/09 – In Fort Pierce, the city agrees to settle a $400,000 federal discrimination lawsuit. The case was filed by three Black code enforcement officers in 2006. The officers claimed they received negative marks on employment evaluations, while white employees hired at the same time were given positive marks. They also aid they were demoted after complaining. (1-2 minutes in length - 12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 – 10/9/09 – Barbie is getting a make-over. Mattel has launched a new line of African American Barbie dolls. This is new because the dolls feature a Best Friends Forever and little sister for each. They have varying skin tones. The designer of the new doll said she wanted them to have more pronounced cheek bones, fuller lips and a wider nose. That designer is a black woman with a 6 year-old daughter. She said she wanted a line of dolls for young black girls that looked like them and were inspirational and career-minded. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 & 3 – 11/11/09 – A man running the West Palm Beach Peer Place, a center reaching out to those living with mental illness, uses stark black and white photos of the faces of the mentally ill to raise both funds and awareness. He is looking for representatives of the African American community, the Hispanic community and the Asian community to come forward and pose for pictures and write descriptions of what their experiences are so that the stigma of mental illness can be erased in these communities. (1-2 minute in length – 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 5 –12/13 /09 – Confrontations are expected this week when several hate groups arrive in South Florida from Kansas. Members of the Westboro Baptist Church are known for targeting Jewish organizations, minorities as well as the gay and lesbian community. According to the organization's website the group plans to protest outside Seminole Ridge High School in Loxahatchee and again on Tuesday in front of Spanish River Community High School in Boca Raton. (1-2 minutes in length 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 11/2/09 – Water restrictions continue because we have just finished one of the direst and hottest Octobers on record, with rainfall totals three to five inches below average for the month. Many wells that are being monitored are in the yellow and red levels meaning they are lower than they have historically been. Water restrictions will remain in place and penalties are not just costly to the environment but to your pocket as well. Some are over $100 for your first violation. The restrictions are designed to save water for us and for future generations. (1-2 minutes in length – 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 11/3/09 – The incidents of "hunting camps" were explored. With exclusive inside footage of what goes one in these private camps where people pay money to come hunt on private property. But often the hunting is not native animals but imported game that is brought in to make the hunt more exciting. The PETA group and other environmental groups are anxious to catch these hunting camps in violation of offering protected and endanger wildlife hunting. Because so much takes place on secluded, private property, violations and cruelty can take place without fear of prosecution. (1-2 minutes in length - 11:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 11/10/09 – Fish and people avoid sharks but now scientists are reveling that sharks may actually have something in their skin that actually repels bacteria. The question is could it keep humans healthy, too? University of Florida researchers found algae seems to follow everything in the marine environment except the shark. That led scientists to develop the world's first surface pattern actually inspired by shark skin. Experts say this could prove especially useful for hospitals where superbugs like MRSA resist to other anti-bacterial cleaning supplies. (1-2 minutes in length -6:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 –11/3/09 – The Environmental Protection Agency is asking Florida to reduce the amount of nutrient pollution in the state's waterways and could enforce new regulations as early as next year. Several business groups are joining two former department secretaries to fight the EPA. A spokesman with the Florida Water Environment Association says the new standard will require millions of dollars of upgrades to water treatment plants. The estimated cost of cleaning up the state's lakes, rivers and canals is $50 billion dollars. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 –11/16/09 – Everyone wants to save money on their electric bills. A new device called a green switch could be the answer to those cost saving dreams. The computerized system that's installed in your home or business is proving to be a big success in large part because of the instant savings. The green switch saves money by turning off items when you are not around. The portability may help make it attractive, but it's the saving in dollars and to the environment that's really the selling point. (1-2 minutes in length – 6:00AM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 – 11/29/09 – The Solid Waste Authority showed off their new recovered materials processing plant. The audience was given a tour and shown what new kinds of material can make it to the plant, including tin cans and food boxes from cereal, pastas and cookies& crackers. Close to 100,000 tons of material will pass through this facility every year. (1-2 minutes in length -12:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 –12/2 /09 – Countries from around the world will head to Copenhagen next week for a UN conference on climate change. Ahead of the conference, Japan is looking to a "Green Tax" to fight climate change. The tax is being urged by the country's environment minister to discourage the use of fossil fuels and fund alternative technologies. (1-2 minutes in length - 5:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 6 –12/23 /09 – A businessman has found a way to celebrate the holidays and help the environment. He rents Christmas trees, instead of selling them. The man was tired of seeing the trees just sitting by the road for the trash man to pick up after the holidays are over. So he brought potted trees and launched a website and started renting them out. The trees are picked up after Christmas and brought back to the lot, where they're cared for until the next year. Ten percent of all sales is given to charities. (1-2 minutes in length - 6:00AM)

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THESE PROGRAMS FEATURE PROMINENT NEWSMAKERS ON A NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, OR AS FICTIONAL DEPICTIONS OF CURRENT TOPICS.

PROBLEM/NEED 1 & 4– 10/7/09 – This installment of the Oprah Winfrey program explored the recent murder of a Florida couple who were caring for nine special needs children that they adopted. Bud and Melanie Billings were murdered inside their Florida home during a home invasion to rob and remove a safe from their property. There were several perpetrators who worked for the Billings and planned the invasion, believed the safe held large sums of cash. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/13/09 – This Oprah Winfrey show focused on the recent discovery of Jaycee Dugard and her captors. Oprah interviewed the two women who were instrumental in questioning Jaycee's captor and "daughters" and signaling authorities that they needed to investigate what was going on with this convicted sex offender. The show encouraged more people to act on their instinct and to follow up with authorities if they suspect a crime. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 & 4 –10/20/09 – On this Oprah Winfrey show, five women who were guests who were all seduced by the same man, who ruined their lives. He knew he was infected with the HIV virus and never told them and deliberately had unprotected sex with them. Some of them were married and divorces ensued. The women banded together to make this man face the penalty of his actions and he is now in prison. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 4 – 10/2709 – This Oprah Winfrey show explored the national story of Diane Schuler in depth. Diane was the mother who was driving drunk with a van full of kids the wrong way on a parkway in New York and crashed the car head-on killing her, four children and three other adults in the on-coming car. Her family insists that she was neither a marijuana user nor a drinker and yet large quantities of pot and alcohol were found in her system. The secret lives of housewives were discussed and how many are battling alcoholism and drug use without their family's knowledge. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 & 4 – 12/29/09 – This Oprah Winfrey show featured Dr. Oz as a guest discussing the problem of prescription drugs and their abuse. What started out as legitimate prescriptions from doctors, have now become more than 6 million Americans addicted to prescription medication. During the show a woman was interviewed who swallows more than 7 thousand pills a year and now shares them with her son. Dr. Oz helps the family make a decision that will change their lives forever. (60 minutes in length 4:00PM)

PROBLEM /NEED 3 – 12/14/09 – This installment of the Dr. Oz program looks at the three most common deadly conditions doctors miss in women. And the five ways women can protect themselves were discussed. Before you head to your next doctor's appointment Dr. Oz gave practical advice as to what questions to ask your doctor and what tests to ask for as well. (60 minutes in length 3:00PM)

PROBLEM/NEED 3 – 12/16/09 – Could you be depressed? This Dr. Oz program looked at the signs of depression and how to tell is what you are going through is a common "down" day or a serious mental condition. Dr. Oz also encouraged viewers that do suspect they are depressed to contact their doctors for a follow-up and possible treatment. (60 minutes in length 3:00PM)