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## **WLRN Channel 17 Presents "ALL IN THE SAME BOAT: Stories of Breast Cancer Survivors"**

*THE FIRST-EVER TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON SOUTH FLORIDA'S ONLY  
BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR'S DRAGON BOAT RACING TEAM*

**Premiering on South Florida's PBS Station WLRN Channel 17**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup> AT 7:30 P.M.**

Miami, FL September 25, 2009 — Chances are we all know someone whose has been affected by breast cancer, will be affected by breast cancer, or perhaps that someone is you. Undoubtedly, when a person hears the words "you have breast cancer", their life takes an unexpected turn. When a *woman* hears those words not only are they faced with accepting they have an illness, but may feel their femininity is at risk. Our latest production **ALL IN THE SAME BOAT: *Stories of Breast Cancer Survivors*** is about spirited women who overcame their insecurities, battled breast cancer, and refused to let their diagnosis take away the joy of life.

More than that (and as the title implies), **ALL IN THE SAME BOAT: *Stories of Breast Cancer Survivors*** is half-hour television program about Save Our Sisters (SOS), a *dragon boat racing team* whose members are all breast cancer survivors, and how that "twist" in their lives prompted them to embark on a journey "all in the same boat". The SOS team is trained by Harry, a Puerto Rican ex-marine who motivates the members to compete throughout Florida against younger and physically stronger teams. SOS is the only breast cancer survivors' dragon boat racing team in Miami and consists of an extraordinary team of women, from diverse backgrounds and ages.

Each person profiled has a story to tell.

Meet Gilliam, the youngest and most recent member of the team. She was only 30 years old when she was diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer with metastasis to her spine in three different places. She was part of a clinical trial with high doses of chemotherapy and stem cells transplant in New York. Her compelling story, full of courage and wisdom will be an eye-opener for younger women who usually don't consider themselves to be at risk for breast cancer. Gilliam is now cancer free and is an example of how early detection is vital to improve survival rates. Gilliam is just one of three incredible women storied in the documentary.

**ALL IN THE SAME BOAT** reaches its climax when the team trains for their biggest dragon boat race to date, The Breast Cancer Survivor World Cup Championship, which occurred in April 2009. As the team prepares for this challenge their message is clear: it's not just a race to the finish line, it's a race against breast cancer.

WLRN Public Television will also host a public screening of the documentary, **ALL IN THE SAME BOAT: *Stories of Breast Cancer Survivors***, Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at the WLRN Studios (172 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami), complete with a welcoming reception at 5:30pm, the film at 6pm; followed by complimentary tours available upon request.

The evening promises to be memorable with the Save Our Sisters (SOS), dragon boat racing team making a special appearance!

## CALENDAR LISTING

WLRN Channel 17 presents

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**Airs on Channel 17:**

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. - PREMIERE**

**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.**

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#### ***About WLRN-TV Channel 17***

*WLRN Channel 17 is a Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) member station licensed to the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. During an average week, Channel 17 reaches over 600,000 TV households in the Miami - Ft. Lauderdale area with a viewing audience in four South Florida counties, from Palm Beach to Key West. WLRN is Florida's leading PBS Ready To Learn station airing thirteen hours of award-winning children's programming daily. WLRN-TV also presents the best of the PBS nationally recognized series to compliment locally produced programs and specials. Our prime time schedule features an array of arts, performance, science, and WLRN original documentary specials to address the diverse interests of the South Florida community.*