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Special NewsNight NewsMaker Show to Feature Akron Children's Hospital CEO

KENT, Ohio — Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 — A special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNight Akron** that will premiere on Friday, Dec. 25, on Western Reserve PBS will feature an interview with Bill Considine, president and chief executive officer of Akron Children's Hospital. The special will air on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO/WEAO 45.1/49.1) on Friday, Dec. 25, at 9:30 p.m. and repeat on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. It also will air on Fusion (WNEO/WEAO 45.2/49.2) on Saturday, Dec. 26, at 10 p.m. and on Monday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Considine recently celebrated his 30-year anniversary as head of the hospital, becoming the longest-serving head of a children's hospital in the country and one of the longest-serving CEOs of a hospital in Ohio. Join **NewsNight Akron** panelist Jody Miller as she talks with Considine about his career at Akron Children's and the exponential growth of the hospital during his tenure. Considine, an Akron native, shares his vision for the hospital's future and for children's health care nationally. He also talks about the extraordinary gift his wife, Becky, and he have committed to the hospital for ongoing research efforts.

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