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# NewsNite Special to Feature Palliative Care Services Offered at Akron Children's Hospital

NORTHEAST OHIO — Monday, May 21, 2012 — **NewsNite** panelist Jody Miller offers an informative look at Akron Children's Hospital's Haslinger Family Pediatric Palliative Care Center in a special **NewsMaker** edition of **NewsNite**. The program will air on Friday, May 25, at 8:30 p.m. on Western Reserve PBS (WNEO 45.1/WEAO 49.1) and will repeat on Saturday, May 26, at 3 a.m.

Dr. Sarah Friebert, the Haslinger Center's director, describes palliative care, which provides compassionate care for children with complex, chronic or life-threatening diseases. Friebert explains what palliative care is and how the nationally recognized center's medical team supports and helps families. She also describes the challenges faced in this relatively new medical specialty.

Miller then talks with Misty McMahan, a mother of four who shares her family's firsthand experiences with Haslinger. Two of her children, sons Nathaniel and Camron, were diagnosed with a genetic disorder called Menkes syndrome. Nathaniel died in 2005; Camron is undergoing treatment and is doing well while still receiving care at the center. McMahan talks about the care that both her sons have received through the program, plus the support and guidance provided to her and her husband.

The season finale of **NewsNite** will air on Friday, June 1. Following a summer hiatus, the program will return in September. Archived videos and extended interviews for the program are available for free viewing on demand at [www.NewsNite.net](http://www.NewsNite.net).

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