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WHYY TO BROADCAST TWO PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON NEWTOWN SHOOTING TRAGEDY AND ITS AFTERMATH

PHILADELPHIA, December 20, 2012 — WHYY will broadcast *After Newtown* and *What Next After Newtown: What Our Country and Communities Can Do* over the coming weekend in response to the Connecticut shooting tragedy.

After Newtown will be broadcast Friday, Dec. 21, from 8 to 9 p.m. Hosted by Gwen Ifill, the program will address access to guns and the politics of gun laws, mental illness in young adults, the science of detecting violent impulses and how communities react to unspeakable tragedy and begin to heal. Responsibility for responding to this tragedy rests with government at all levels with educators and mental-health professionals and with the news media and individual Americans. The staffs of *PBS NewsHour*, *Frontline*, *Washington Week*, *Need to Know* and *NOVA* make this program, which will be rebroadcast Sunday, Dec. 23, from 1 to 2 p.m., possible.

What Next After Newtown: What Our Country and Communities Can Do will be broadcast Saturday, Dec. 22, from 3 to 6 p.m. Hosted by *Need to Know* co-hosts Jeff Greenfield and Maria Hinojosa along with *Nightly Business Report* co-anchor Susie Gharib, this program explores key topics stemming from the tragedy. *What Next After Newtown: What Our Country and Communities Can Do* investigates the concerns raised by the recent tragedies via six half-hour segments, focusing on the accessibility of weapons, violence in the news media, school security, public policy and mental illness and other topics.

“WHYY is pleased to bring its audience beyond the headlines to provide a comprehensive look at this tragedy and provide a forum for an in-depth conversation,” said Bill Marrazzo, WHYY president and CEO.

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