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### CTN PREMIERES NEW SERIES HIGHLIGHTING REAL SURVIVAL STORIES OF THOSE BATTLING SERIOUS ILLNESS AND DISEASE

**“Sharing Miracles” episodes to feature former Olympians, Bruce Jenner, Greg Louganis and Mark Spitz**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 12, 2008 — An inspiring new series is premiering next week (Tuesday, Aug. 19) on Ann Arbor’s Community Television Network, Comcast Cable Channel 18. “Sharing Miracles” will feature stories of hope and survival from well-known individuals who have triumphed despite serious illness or disease.

The first episode highlights former Olympics gold medalist Greg Louganis. Olympians Bruce Jenner and Mark Spitz are also featured in episodes, coinciding with the 2008 Summer Olympics Games. Regular weekly timeslots are Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 2:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 7 p.m.

“Sharing Miracles” draws on the collective power of shared experiences to offer support and hope to others challenged by illness. More information about this series can be found at [www.sharingmiracles.com](http://www.sharingmiracles.com).

Upcoming Episodes:

**Greg Louganis: Back from the Depths**

**Tue., 8/19 at 4:30 p.m. and Sun., 8/24 at 7 p.m.**

He won back-to-back gold medals in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic games. But he suffered in silence after being diagnosed with HIV. Learn how Louganis fought back and became a patient advocate.

**Mark Spitz & Bruce Jenner: Road to Glory Paved with Gold**

**Fri., 8/22 at 8:30 p.m. and Sat., 8/23 at 2:30 p.m.**

Olympic Hall of Famers Mark Spitz (swimming) and Bruce Jenner (track and field) are two of the greatest athletes in American sports history. Learn how Spitz battled cardiac disease in his family and Jenner coped with attention deficit disorder and dyslexia.

Also coming up on “Sharing Miracles”: **Joey Pantoliano** — actor who suffered for more than a decade with undiagnosed mental illness; **Jerry Mathers** — actor challenged with diabetes; **Deborah Gibson** — singer who overcame anxiety attacks.

CTN Channel 18 is one of four cable access channels operated by the City of Ann Arbor on Comcast Cable. For more information visit [www.a2gov.org/ctn](http://www.a2gov.org/ctn) or call CTN at 734.769.7422.

*Operated by the City of Ann Arbor, CTN manages four cable access channels on the Comcast Cable system and serves as a free community media resource for City of Ann Arbor residents and not-for-profit organizations. Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. The city’s mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*

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