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**WLSL 10 Earns National Edward R. Murrow Award**

(Roanoke, VA) --- WLSL 10 wins prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award given out by the Radio Television Digital News Association.

WLSL 10 continues the awards season as Southwest Virginia's most honored broadcast news organization. The coveted Edward R. Murrow Award represents outstanding achievement in journalism. "This is one of the most prestigious honors in our profession," says WLSL 10 Reporter Ananda Rochita. "It recognizes the important work we do every day, and at a time when WLSL 10 is increasing its commitment to serving the community."

Rochita and Photographer Jeff Perzan's national award winning story begins in the mid-twentieth century. Authorities in Virginia determined that some deemed mentally ill were not fit to have children, and were surgically sterilized without consent. When the story first aired, victims were asking to be compensated for a great injustice. The series of stories brought attention to the Commonwealth's top lawmakers, who decided that each victim deserved compensation.

During this awards season, WLSL 10 received more honors than any other station in Southwest Virginia. It was recognized by the RTDNA with 2 regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for Hard News: Virginia Sterilization and Continuing Coverage of the Lynchburg Train Derailment. The Virginias Associated Press awarded the station with Best Weathercast and Best Anchor, with Meritorious Awards for Best Spot News Coverage, Best Continuing Coverage, Best Spot News Videography and Best Sports Anchor.

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