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**THE MAN BEHIND THE CANDIDATE: DISCOVERY LIFE AIRS *BEN CARSON: THE LOST TAPES***

*- Two- Episode Special Airs October 20<sup>th</sup> Highlighting Dr. Carson's Medical Accomplishments -*

(Silver Spring, MD.) – As a child Dr. Ben Carson fought for himself; as a doctor he fought for his patients; in politics he's now fighting for his presidential candidacy. Just a week before the next Republican presidential primary debate, Discovery Life unveils **BEN CARSON: THE LOST TAPES** on **Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9/8c**. The two-episode special puts the microscope on Dr. Ben Carson as he performs risky surgeries known throughout the world.

Dr. Carson is in the limelight because he's a political hopeful, but prior to a career in politics, Dr. Carson was the go-to surgeon for pediatric brain surgery, completing up to 500 surgeries a year. **BEN CARSON: THE LOST TAPES** delves deep into the archives of some of the most noteworthy surgeries, including the first successful surgical separation of infant Zambian twins Luka and Joseph Banda, which made headlines throughout the world. He was the first-person to ever use a tool for brain tumor surgeries – a wand with special sensors at its tip – to surgically remove life-threatening brain tumors.

As a child growing up in the slums of Detroit, Dr. Carson was told he was stupid and would never amount to anything by his teachers, but his mother pushed him to read books and write reports on a weekly basis, which helped him become the doctor he is today.

The **BEN CARSON: THE LOST TAPES** lineup includes:

9/8c

**THE OPERATION, "PEDIATRIC BRAIN SURGERY"**

Dr. Ben Carson, of Johns Hopkins, is considered one of the world's best pediatric brain surgeons. He performs over 500 operations a year – triple the average neurosurgeon's caseload. He is recognized for his success with "hopeless cases." Now he has some help. Dr. Carson has obtained a new tool for his brain tumor surgeries – a wand with special sensors at its tip. We watch as a monitor with four different views of the brain tracks the tip as it approaches and removes the life-threatening tumor.

10/9c

**SEPARATING CONJOINED TWINS**

American Benjamin Carson, and South African Sam Mokgokong are about to undertake one of the world's most difficult and dangerous operations – the separation of Luka and Joseph Banda, infant Zambian twins joined at the head and facing opposite directions. It's an operation that has never before succeeded without killing, or causing severe brain damage to one or both children.

**About Discovery Life**

On January 15, 2015, Discovery Fit & Health became Discovery Life Channel – a network that embraces all of life's unplanned moments. Discovery Life brings viewers a kaleidoscope of human emotions and experiences through the true stories of ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. From critical turning points to unexpected moments, Discovery Life tackles life's surprising twists and turns. The network is under the purview of Nancy Daniels, Executive Vice President and General Manager of TLC, and Howard Lee as General Manager. Discovery Life Channel is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 pay-TV provider reaching nearly 3 billion cumulative subscribers in 220 countries and territories.