Lakewood Ranch couple: work, kids, and their first feature film

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A Lakewood Ranch couple is proving you can have it all.

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"Breaking Up With Rosie" is a comedy about a divorced romance novelist who enlists the help of his close friends to keep his success a secret. It's his way of trying to avoid sharing the earnings from his novels with his ex-wife.
It's a dysfunctional relationship that creates quite the contrast to the couple's 18-year real-life relationship.

The Wilsons wrote, directed and produced the entire film and shot it locally on a small budget.

Recently, they won best Florida production at the 2013 Gasparilla International Film Festival.

They said that even though sometimes life made their dreams seem almost impossible, they learned that they just had to keep going to be successful.

"You have two options," said Karl Wilson. "You can either stop and you will never succeed or you can continue on and there is always that chance that you are going to have some success."

His wife agrees.

"If your heart is in it and you are passionate about it and you are just driven to make it happen and don't give up you know you may have to ask a million people before you get your yes. But if you don't give up you will get your yes eventually so.

If you would like to watch "Breaking Up With Rosie," State College of Florida will be airing it at the Howard Studio Theater. You will have the opportunity to ask Karl and Rhonda questions about working in the film industry.