



*"Our Town" is a weekly 30 minute program a staff personality who interviews three community leaders for approximately 10 minutes each. This program airs each Sunday at 6am throughout our cluster of stations (except KVOR-AM where it airs Saturdays at 1pm). Listeners are encouraged to log on to our station social media pages to follow up with our featured organizations via listed hyperlinks and telephone numbers.*

*Date, non-profit organization, issue(s) addressed:*

**Q-3 2021**

#### **JULY 3 & 4**

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##### **Sofia Sinda- VFW Colorado Winner for the Voice of Democracy**

Established in 1947, the Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. Each year, nearly 40,000 9-12 grade students from across the country enter to win their share of more than \$1.9 million in educational scholarships and incentives awarded through the program.

<https://www.vfw.org/community/youth-and-education/youth-scholarships>

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Join SKSF for some hilarious fun during the 10th Annual Night of Comedy – LAUGH YOUR MASK OFF – signature fundraising event! This year they are featuring nationally known comedian Josh Blue! Josh was headliner at SKSF's 1st annual Night of Comedy and they are so happy to have him back for this year's 10th anniversary event! All proceeds from this event will help support SKSF's founding program – Zach's Place – supporting children ages 2.5-18 with disabilities and special needs.

<http://sksfcolorado.org/event/noc/>