

Issues and Programs 4th Quarter 2022  
October 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022  
*Stations: KARS-FM*

Section I – Issues

KARS-FM provides its listeners with programming that addresses issues of concern within the Northern Colorado community. The following issues were identified by this station as significant issues facing our community in the fourth quarter of 2022.

- **Community Involvement**

According to the US Census Bureau, about 15 percent of the Fort Collins population is of color and 392 businesses are minority-owned in the area.

- **Children's Health & Welfare**

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, every 5 days a child is killed in a train collision and there are over 3,000 railroad crossings in Colorado.

Tobacco Free Colorado states that 27 percent of youth use e-cigarettes and Poudre High School, located in Fort Collins, has the highest vaping rate in Colorado.

- **Veterans:**

According to the Census Bureau, 371,081 veterans live in Colorado and over a thousand are homeless and don't know how to receive help and adequate clothing.

- **Poverty & Family Support**

According to the City of Fort Collins and the US Census Bureau, there are currently 3,000 children in foster care and about 9.7 percent of families are suffering from poverty. Colorado School Districts report that over 23,000 students suffer homelessness.

- **Animal Welfare**

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, about 53 percent percent of Colorado households don't have any pets and the number of shelter pet adoptions are down 8.9 percent in Colorado.

- **Public Health and Safety**

The Colorado Central Cancer Registry, found that cancer is the leading cause of death in Colorado, killing more than 7,000 people each year. The Colorado Cancer Coalition states that 1 in 7 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime - risk is calculated up to age 85.

The Red Cross says that every 2 seconds, someone in the US needs blood and according to a recent blood drive, Larimer County's supply is waning.

According to the CDC, Colorado's second leading cause of death is heart disease.

- **Poverty & Family Support**

The Census Bureau states that 17 percent of people living in Fort Collins have below-poverty-level incomes.

- **Persons with Disabilities**

According to the CDC, 864,454 adults in Colorado have a disability.

- **Family Abuse & Neglect**

The Colorado Department of Human Services found that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men experience sexual and physical violence in their lifetime, and 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys may experience sexual assault before the age of 18.

## **Section II – Responsive Programming**

### **Community Involvement**

**Program:** Interview with The Black, Indigenous and People of Color of Larimer County Program Director, Jamie Rasmussen, and Community Engagement Coordinator Mayra Orozco.

**Date:** 10/29/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of providing people of color a safe place for advocacy and friendship. Explored the various programs BIPOC provides people of color in Larimer County. Talked about upcoming events and why these are so important for our community.

### **Children's Heath & Welfare**

**Program:** Interview with Safe Kids Worldwide's Senior Research Associate, Mark Chandler.

**Date:** 10/1/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of talking to Northern Colorado kids about railroad safety. Explored the following statistic: Every five days a child nineteen and under is killed in a collision with a train, and for every death, three more children suffer severe injuries — Colorado has over 3,000 railroad crossings. Explored railroad safety and how parents can safeguard their kids.

**Program:** Interview with The Heath Educator for Larimer County Christa Timmerman & two seniors at Poudre High School.

**Date:** 10/15/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the dangers of vaping and why it is not a safe alternative to cigarettes. Talked about The New York Times saying that Poudre Highschool has the highest vaping rate in Colorado. Talked about the resources available for those who want to quit. Explored the various reasons students and the like start vaping.

### **Veterans**

**Program:** Interview with American Legion Post 109 Board Member, John Jones.

**Date:** 10/8/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed local veterans and their needs. Talked about how the community can band together to help our veterans. Also discussed, an upcoming event to help our veterans find their benefits, navigate through the VA system and help with every day things like car payments, lodging and food. Talked about upcoming 1940s Big Band Bash & Dance in Windsor that will help fundraise for local veterans in our community.

**Program:** Interview with TAG Restaurant Group's Owner/Chef, Troy Guard.

**Date:** 11/18/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of giving during this holiday season. Talked about various charities you can donate to in Northern Colorado with TAG Restaurant Group. Talked about the importance of donating socks for our military and where you can find a drop-off location.

**Program:** Interview with Wreaths Across America Co-Location Coordinators, Shannon and Nate Hein

**Date:** 12/17/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed upcoming ceremony to honor veterans in Windsor, CO. Talked about the importance of allowing families, individuals and businesses to remember those that have fallen during the holiday season. Explored how this event positively impacts our community and bring it closer together.

### **Poverty & Family Support**

**Program:** Interview with Santa Cops of Larimer County's Vice President, Lindsay Panyko.

**Date:** 11/5/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of making sure the kids of our community have a fun-filled Christmas. Talked about how families in Larimer County can apply. Explored the other services Santa Cops of Larimer County provides the community.

**Program:** Interview with the Co-Founders of Slammin' Famine, Eric Dowdy and Brian Zonnefeld.

**Date:** 11/11/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of packaging meals for starving kids worldwide. Explored the importance of providing sustainable foods that are specifically designed for the child and the area they call home. Talked about their upcoming volunteer opportunity for people in Northern Colorado.

**Program:** Interview with Thompson School District's Director of Nutrition Services, Lisa Kendall.

**Date:** 11/18/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Talked about their new meal program at Thompson School District. Discussed the importance of meals at school. Explored the various ways the Nutrition Services team sources local ingredients for the meals. Talked about how students can apply for a reduced or free meal plan.

**Program:** Interview with Footsteps to Faith Facilitator, Erin O'Roark

**Date:** 11/26/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the need in Northern Colorado to make sure each student has adequate shoes and socks. Explored about how a lot of students in our community are facing homelessness and shoes and socks, especially during the winter season, are much needed. Talked about where the community can donate gently-used shoes and socks and how this helps those in need in Northern Colorado.

**Program:** Interview with The Fort Collins Salvation Army Corp Officer and Pastor, Genesis Apuan.

**Date:** 12/3/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed how the Salvation Army helps families, individuals and children in Northern Colorado. Talked about how people can donate to their Red Kettle Campaign in-person or virtually this year. Also talks about their Angel Tree campaign where the community can give a christmas gift to a child in need in Northern Colorado. Explored how families can benefit from The Salvation Army's help and how to donate and volunteer to help those in need this holiday season.

**Program:** Interview with Vindeket Foods Founder Nathan Shaw

**Date:** 12/21/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of not wasting food In Northern Colorado and how unnecessary food waste can impact hunger, pooverter and food prices. Explored the various ways individuals/families can get involved and help one another to fix our food system.

**Program:** Interview with Run Windsor's Owner and Race Director, Mandy Mullen

**Date:** 12/10/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of building a running community. Talked about why it's so vital to give back to Northern Colorado families in this holiday season. Also, talked about the upcoming Santa Catch race that will give all of its proceeds to Adopt-A-Family.

### **Animal Welfare**

**Program:** Interview with The Larimer County Humane Society's Marketing and Community Outreach Manager, Scott Wendelberger, and their Volunteer and Humane Education Program Manager, Kaley Platek.

**Date:** 10/29/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of humane societies for a community. Talked about National Adopt A Shelter Pet Month and what LCHS is doing to celebrate. Discussed the needs of animals and their owners in Larimer County. Talked about the importance of providing an open-admission shelter and how this sets LCHS apart

### **Public Health & Safety**

**Program:** Interview with RamStrength Executive Director, Michelle Boyle

**Date:** 10/8/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of providing individuals and families who have or are dealing with cancer financial assistance. Talked about the various ways cancer can financially, physically, mentally and emotionally hurt a family. Also talked about current Colorado State Students who are taking a full load of classes while undergoing cancer treatment. Explored how life doesn't stop when someone is diagnosed with cancer. Lastly, we discussed the various scholarships and programs RamStrength has available to Larimer and Weld County residents in need.

**Program:** Interview with The Human Bean of Northern Colorado's Assistant Director of Operations, Krista Smith.

**Date:** 10/15/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the needs of cancer patients in Northern Colorado, and how during the first year, after being diagnosed, they can face up to 100 doctor appointments. Talked about The Human Bean's upcoming Cancer For a Cure event where 100 percent of all money earned that day will go towards Banner Health and UC Health. The hospitals give this money to cancer patients in situations where insurance does not cover their costs.

**Program:** Interview with the Founder of Luva Dad, Krystin Becker

**Date:** 10/22/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of supporting our dads and their families when they are going through cancer treatment. Talked about their upcoming Daddy Daughter Dance and how every penny from this event will go towards helping fathers with cancer in Colorado.

**Program:** Interview with Houska Automotive's Vice President, LJ Houska

**Date:** 10/22/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of giving blood in our area. Houska says that for every donation of blood they receive, 3 lives can potentially be saved. Explored the shortage and constant need there is for blood donations in Larimer County. Talked about their upcoming blood drive for the Garth Englund Blood Center in Fort Collins, Colorado.

**Program:** Interview with The Weld Legacy Foundation's Development Program Director, Allison Miller, and North Colorado Medical Center Foundation Turkey Trot Race Director, Heather Schminke.

**Date:** 11/11/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed their 25th Annual Turkey Trot and how this event raises money for North Colorado Medical Center's cardiac and pulmonary rehab programs. Talked about how this event helps around 60 patients participate in these rehab programs yearly. Explored the importance of cardiac and pulmonary rehab in Northern Colorado.

### **Persons with Disabilities**

**Program:** Interview with Northern Colorado Dyslexia Center's Director, Joy Short.

**Date:** 11/5/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the common myths behind dyslexia. Talked about how 1 in 5 people worldwide have dyslexia and what the warning signs are. Explored the various treatment plans they offer and what curriculum is taught. Talked about the importance of bringing awareness to dyslexia in Northern Colorado.

**Program:** Interview with The Northern Colorado Down Syndrome Association's (NCDSA) NoCo Down Syndrome Walk Co-Chair, Brittany Schiager,

**Date:** 10/1/22

**Airtime:** 6:20 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of raising awareness for Down syndrome. Talked about the ways NCDSA is striving to bring inclusion and advocacy to individuals with Down syndrome. Talked about the various programs available for individuals, families and friends who have been or know someone who has been diagnosed with Down Syndrome.

### **Family Abuse & Neglect**

**Program:** Interview with Alternatives to Violence Executive Director, Kari Clark.

**Date:** 10/1/22

**Airtime:** 6:10 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of talking about domestic violence and what free services they have to offer individuals who need help escaping an abusive relationship. Explored the red flags of domestic violence. Also talked about their upcoming events that are geared towards raising awareness and providing help to those who are experiencing domestic abuse.



**Program:** Interview with Life Stories Outreach Specialist, Sharon Eberhard.

**Date:** 12/3/22

**Airtime:** 6:15 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed what Life Stories does for the Northern Colorado Community. Talked about the many children who suffer abuse and neglect in our community. Explored the CASA Program and Child Advocacy Centers available for families and kids that need help.

**Program:** Interview with Realities for Children Executive Director and Founder Craig Secher

**Date:** 11/26/22

**Airtime:** 6:00 a.m.

**Length:** 15 minutes

**Description:** Discussed the importance of providing help and a way out for kids in Northern Colorado who deal with domestic abuse and neglect. Talked about upcoming 25th Annual Tree Lighting ceremony that benefits kids in Northern Colorado who suffer from domestic violence. Explored the various programs that are available for those dealing with domestic abuse.