

The following is a summary of Issues/Programs as presented on WBYA, Islesboro, ME

From March 9-March 11, this station staged its 18th annual “Wolf Cares for Kids Radiothon” campaign, benefiting the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital. The station annually devotes significant time over three days to help raise funds with individual hourly goals. We hear from children and families who have benefitted from treatment at BBCH, as well as the professionals who administer care, social workers and child life specialists. The BBCH is Maine’s only full-service children’s hospital. This event in past years has helped the hospital acquire crucial items like pediatric transport units, and helped fund portions of the expansion of their Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. This year, the Cares for Kids Radiothon raised an unprecedented total of \$503,298 to directly benefit the BBCH.

The following topics/issues were addressed via the weekly “Community Connections” program in the first quarter of 2023.

“Community Connections” is a weekly, 30 minute community affairs program spotlighting organizations and individuals in Maine who address issues affecting citizens, work to improve the quality of life in Maine, and deal with human interest topics across many disciplines. Here is a rundown of the program contents for Q1:

Show: Community Connections Airdate 1/1/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Josh Harrington, Family Programs/Outreach Manager, Winterkids

Topic: We catch up with Winterkids, a non profit organization that encourages youth and family participation in winter sports, from skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing, tubing, hiking and more. Winterkids has education offerings through Maine classrooms, and offers a Passport program that offers significant discounts at local ski areas.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 1/8/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Dan Brennan, Director, Maine Housing

Topic: We discuss a number of topics that fall under the umbrella of Maine Housing, Maine’s independent state housing authority as created by the Maine Legislature. With the heating season and high fuel costs, we discuss federal home heating assistance, which Maine

Housing administrators. We also discuss the Maine Housing rental relief program, winterization programs, and first-time buyer home programs and incentives offered by Maine Housing.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 1/15/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Tom Judge, Executive Director, Life Flight of Maine

Topic: We get to know the inner workings of Maine's medical flight organization, Life Flight of Maine. We discuss basic operations, how operations are funded, how Life Flight has adapted in the COVID years, and how landowners play a key role in Life Flight response ability in some of Maine's most rural sections.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 1/22/22 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Donna Dwyer, President/CEO, My Place Teen Center

Topic: We explore the work of Westbrook-based My Place Teen Center, an organization that opens its doors to teens and young adults, providing a safe place to gather after school, and providing support in healthy meals, life skills education and academic support. We discuss their work helping a large sector of the community during the height of the pandemic, and their recent expansion in the Saco/Biddeford area.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 1/29/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Josh Harrington, Family Programs/Outreach Manager, Winterkids

Topic: We catch up with Winterkids, a non profit organization that encourages youth and family participation in winter sports, from skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing, tubing, hiking and more. Winterkids has education offerings through Maine classrooms, and offers a Passport program that offers significant discounts at local ski areas.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 2/5/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Dan Brennan, Director, Maine Housing

Topic: We discuss a number of topics that fall under the umbrella of Maine Housing, Maine's independent state housing authority as created by the Maine Legislature. With the heating season and high fuel costs, we discuss federal home heating assistance, which Maine Housing administers. We also discuss the Maine Housing rental relief program, winterization programs, and first-time buyer home programs and incentives offered by Maine Housing.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 2/12/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Tom Judge, Executive Director, Life Flight of Maine

Topic: We get to know the inner workings of Maine's medical flight organization, Life Flight of Maine. We discuss basic operations, how operations are funded, how Life Flight has adapted in the COVID years, and how landowners play a key role in Life Flight response ability in some of Maine's most rural sections.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 2/19/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Donna Dwyer, President/CEO, My Place Teen Center

Topic: We explore the work of Westbrook-based My Place Teen Center, an organization that opens its doors to teens and young adults, providing a safe place to gather after school, and providing support in healthy meals, life skills education and academic support. We discuss their work helping a large sector of the community during the height of the pandemic, and their recent expansion in the Saco/Biddeford area.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 2/26/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): Tom Judge, Executive Director, Life Flight of Maine

Topic: We get to know the inner workings of Maine's medical flight organization, Life Flight of Maine. We discuss basic operations, how operations are funded, how Life Flight has adapted in the COVID years, and how landowners play a key role in Life Flight response ability in some of Maine's most rural sections.

Show: Community Connections Airdate 3/5/23 Airtime: 5:30 am

Guest(s): David Barnwell, President/Executive Director, The Iris Network

Topic: We discuss the mission of the Portland-based Iris Network, a long running organization that offers community support and advocacy for individuals with visual impairments.

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Respectfully submitted,

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