

The following is a summary of Issues/Programs as presented on WFNK, Lewiston, ME.

WFNK, for the thirteenth year in a row, aired the “Frank Cares for Kids Radiothon,” a long-running fundraiser benefitting the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital of Portland, ME. WFNK devoted 33 on-air hours to the radiothon from March 15-17. This hospital is the only one of its kind in the state of Maine and helps children and families across the state. In this year’s Radiothon, \$380,388 was raised to directly benefit treatment, research, equipment and child life programs. Over the years, the Radiothon has raised cumulatively over \$2,000,000 for the hospital.

The following topics/issues were addressed via the weekly “Community Connections” program in the first quarter of 2018.

“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.

Show: Community Connections Airdate: 1/15/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Ashley Flaherty, Volunteer Liaison, Almost Home Rescue (encore)

Topics/Issues: Almost Home Rescue helps dogs find forever homes in Maine. Many of these dogs come from kill shelters in the Southern United States. Almost Home arranges for transport, quarantine for health checks, and eventual placement with a screening process involving home visits. Almost Home is a completely volunteer organization. Also discussed is one of the fundraising campaigns known as Appalachian Tails, in which a hiker aims to raise \$10,000 on an Appalachian Trail hike in memory of his own rescue dog.

Show: Community Connections Airdate: 1/21/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Whitney Wildes, Program Manager, Olivia Fraioli, Program Coordinator, PSL/STRIVE (encore)

Topics/Issues: We discuss STRIVE’s programs to help youths and young adults with developmental disabilities. STRIVE runs a number of after school programs to help clients socialize, as well as numerous living skills programs, job readiness programs, and other ways of helping to socialize clients and live as normal a life as possible. We discuss upcoming fundraising events including the annual STRIVE auction and the STRIVE dance marathon.

Show: Community Connections Airdate: 1/28/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Dan Brennan, Senior Director of Programs, Maine Housing (encore)

Topics/Issues: With cold weather here, we discuss options for low-income residents on how to get heating assistance through the federal LIHEAP program. Maine Housing also administers a Weatherization program to help homeowners make their homes more efficient.

Show: Community Connections Airdate: 2/4/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Ashley Flaherty, Volunteer Liaison, Almost Home Rescue (encore)

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Show: Community Connections Airdate: 2/11/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Wanda Gamage Wyman, Regional Project Coordinator; Janna Swift, Parent Partner Program Coordinator, Community Partnership for Protecting Children

Topics/Issues: We discuss the new CPPC program in the Midcoast Region, in particular Rockland, Belfast, Bath and Waldoboro. The program follows a model that began 12 years ago in Portland to work with families dealing with child abuse. Discussed were several points of the program including Neighborhood Models, the establishing of a network of community providers, and creating Preventing Family Team Meetings to help those working through child abuse and other family issues.

Show: Community Connections Airdate: 2/18/18 Airtime: 5:30am

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Show: Community Connections Airdate: 2/25/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Mary Brant, External Communications Manager; Ann Kim, Humanitarian Services, American Red Cross

Topics/Issues: With poorly-timed winter storms and with a headline-making influenza epidemic this winter, regular blood donors have not been able to donate regularly, therefore resulting in a blood shortage in the first quarter of 2018. We discuss the importance of blood, platelet and plasma donation, in particular how the perishability of the above warrants frequent donations. We also discuss programs that help homeowners and landlords avoid death and injury in fires with a smoke-detector installation program.

Show: Community Connections Airdate: 3/4/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Wanda Gamage Wyman, Regional Project Coordinator; Janna Swift, Parent Partner Program Coordinator, Community Partnership for Protecting Children (encore)

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Show: Community Connections Airdate: 4/1/18 Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Wanda Gamage Wyman, Regional Project Coordinator; Janna Swift, Parent Partner Program Coordinator, Community Partnership for Protecting Children (encore)

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Show: Community Connections

Airdate: 4/8/18

Airtime: 5:30am

Guests: Paula Jackson-Jones, President; Angele Rice, VP, Midcoast Lyme Disease Support and Education

Topics/Issues: In spite of a chilly start to spring and in spite of snow still being on the ground, ticks are already in season, and preventative measures need to be taken to avoid Lyme disease-carrying ticks. MLDSE gives talks around the state on avoiding ticks and what to do if bitten by a tick. The organization also facilitates support groups throughout the Midcoast area, advocates at the legislative level on Lyme-related issues. Also discussed is their upcoming conference at the Augusta Civic Center, which is free to those who wish to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

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