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Quarterly Issues/Programs Report

Quarter 2 - 2023

April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023

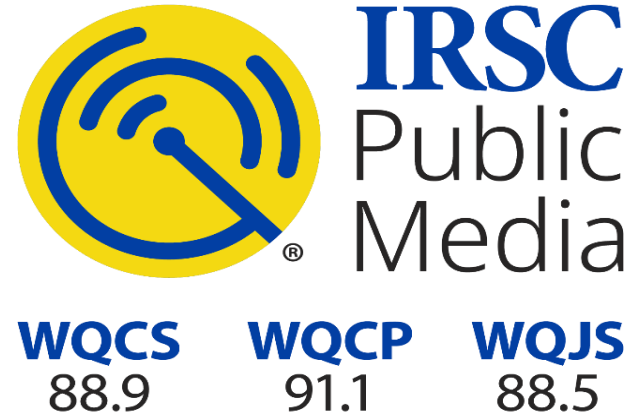


In Focus with IRSC Public Media - Quarter 2 - 2023

WQCS 88.9 FM - Airtimes:
Friday 8:00-8:30 PM (30 Minutes)
Sunday 6:00-6:30 AM (30 Minutes)

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Saturday 7:00-7:30 AM (30 Minutes)
Monday 5:00-5:30 AM (30 Minutes)



This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, 'Stabilize Revitalize Fort Pierce', a relatively new non-profit dedicated to improving the City of Fort Pierce. We're going to talk with Roger Templeman the founder and Executive Director of the organization and Grounds Operations Manager Jordan Small. They've created a variety of innovative volunteer projects from city cleanups, to community gardens, and a mural painting program. The focus is on improving the lives of kids. Then we'll talk with Angel Pietsch, the Founder & Executive Director of Little Birthday Angels, a wonderful non-profit that provides birthday celebrations for homeless children on the Treasure Coast. Angel and her husband Brian were inspired to launch 'Little Birthday Angels' in 2014 after learning that a local shelter did not have the funds to celebrate the birthday of a young girl named Desiree. Since then, they've been helping homeless children celebrate one birthday at a time.

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Issues:
PUBLIC SAFETY
CHILD WELFARE
HOUSING

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we welcome Samantha Suffice, the CEO of the Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, and Jill Taylor, the Coalition's Community Engagement Manager, a non-profit whose mission is to ensure every baby in Martin County is born healthy. Saturday April 15, will be a big day for the Coalition. They're holding their 2nd Annual Community Baby Sprinkle. That same evening they'll host their first - 'Hometown Hollywood Gala'. It's a black-tie event to raise funds for the Coalition's programs in support of expectant mothers. In particular, it will benefit 'Madison's Miracles', an outreach program for families who have lost their babies. Samantha and Jill are here to tell us all about the events and to share their passion for what they do. Then we'll talk with Darryl Bay, a lover of Jazz and Blues, and the President of The BlueBird Educational Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to enriching the cultural arts in St. Lucie County by sponsoring quality musical performances and enhancing music education. Darryl has organized a Trumpet Summit on Thursday April 20 at the Black Box in the Sunrise Theatre in Fort Pierce. It will feature some great musicians from around the country. It's for a good cause, to raise money to buy musical instruments for needy kids and other musical education programs sponsored by the Foundation.</p>	4/7/2023	4/8/2023	4/8/2023
	4/9/2023	4/10/2023	4/10/2023
		Issues: CHILD WELFARE ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT	
<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we're going to talk about the 19th annual St. Lucie Earth Day Celebration, which is coming up next week on Saturday, April 22, at the Oxbow Eco-Center.</p> <p>Tessa Roberts who is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the St. Lucie County Environmental Resources Department joins us to talk about this family friendly event. Admission is free and over 70 local organizations and businesses will showcase their wares and share hands-on eco-friendly exhibits. Then we'll speak with the Executive Director of the Gifford Youth Achievement Center, Angelia Perry. Since 1998, the GYAC has served as a vital community resource providing structured after school tutoring and activities for students k through 12. A program that has helped boost the local graduation rate for Gifford students. And coming up next week on Wednesday April 19, GYAC will be hosting a 'Red Carpet Tour' for new and seasoned residents to learn about the Achievement Center's mission.</p>	4/14/2023	4/15/2023	4/15/2023
	4/16/2023	4/17/2023	4/17/2023
		Issues: ENVIRONMENT EDUCATION	

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<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, an update on the health of the Indian River Lagoon with the interim Executive Director of the Marine Resources Council, Jim Moir. The Council recently released a somewhat optimistic outlook for the Lagoon citing the re-growth of sea grass in some areas, and the re-appearance of some clams and oysters. But there is much work to be done like expanded testing for nutrients and other pollutants, as well as curbing the runoff from roadways and lawns. Jim will give us the good news, as well as the bad. Then we'll talk with Elizabeth Lappert the Director of the IRSC Child Development Center located on the Massey Campus in Fort Pierce. It's more than just a day-care. Trained staff provide developmental skills for infants and children up to five-years of age, exposing them to reading, writing and mathematical concepts ahead of kindergarten, as well as providing them with plenty of fun, snacks and rest time throughout the day. The Center is open from 7:30 in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon and anyone in the community can enroll their child, not just IRSC employees.</p>	4/21/2023	4/22/2023	4/22/2023
	4/23/2023	4/24/2023	4/24/2023
		<p>Issues: ENVIRONMENT WILDLIFE CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION</p>	
<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Gigi Suntum, the Executive Director of Caring Children, Clothing Children. She's here to tell us about the 5th Annual Derby Day Benefit, a joint fund raiser with the Equine Rescue and Adoption Foundation that takes place on May 6th. They are both non-profits with widely different missions that benefit good causes. Then, caring for the elderly. We'll talk with Lacinda Mouton, the Chief Financial Officer of the Council on Aging of St. Lucie, and Antoinette Rolle, the Healthcare Administrator of the Better Life Council which is a division of the Council on Aging. The Council on Aging of St. Lucie provides a wide range of care for the elderly including meals on wheels and home care, but they've lost a crucial funding source this year and they need your help. Antoinette and Lacinda will tell us about the services they provide and how you can help ensure they're able to continue caring for seniors in need.</p>	4/28/2023	4/29/2023	4/29/2023
	4/30/2023	5/1/2023	5/1/2023
		<p>Issues: ANIMAL WELFARE ELDER AFFAIRS</p>	

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, a conversation about the mental health of children with Anne Posey the CEO of Tykes and Teens. May is Mental Health awareness month, and Tykes and Teens has organized a series of events to bring attention to the issue. Tykes and Teens offers mental health services for children up to the age of 17. Stigma Free in 2023 is the goal, and Anne will tell us about their efforts to encourage those in need to seek treatment. Then we'll hear from Brandon Glick, the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Stuart. He has organized an impressive series of chamber music performances at the Church throughout the rest of this month. Then, in June, the St. Mary's Chamber Music Festival. From Friday June 2 through Sunday June 4, three days of chamber music, featuring many of the finest classical musicians in south Florida. They'll be performing Bach's Brandenburg Concerto #4, Handel's Dixit Dominus, baroque arias, spirituals, and choral works, as well as the world premiere of an original composition from an American composer. Brandon will give us the details and share with us his love for Chamber music.

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MENTAL HEALTH
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media - May is mental health awareness month and Hibiscus Children's Center CEO Matt Markley wants you to know that Hibiscus provides much more than a place for children in need to sleep and eat. The Hibiscus Children's Center also provides compressive community mental health care. The Center employees more than a dozen Master's level therapists who make home visits to qualified families in need. Matt will talk about that program as well as the other services Hibiscus provides for children. Then we'll talk about Sea Turtles. It's nesting season now along the Treasure Coast, and Indian River County has a unique Habitat Conservation Plan designed to protect these endangered animals. Quintin Bergman is the coordinator of that program. He is a Sea Turtle Environmental Specialist, and he joins us to talk about the threats facing sea turtles and what we all can do to help preserve them.

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MENTAL HEALTH
ENVIRONMENT
ANIMAL WELFARE

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we're going to learn about GraceWay Village in Fort Pierce, a non-profit that has been providing food and clothing to the needy since 2009. Chrystal Netherton started out as a volunteer and rose to become the CEO. We'll hear about the services offered at GraceWay Village and the difference they've made in the lives of the people they serve. Then, Florida Atlantic University Associate Professor Dr. Jim Masterson joins us to talk about The International Ocean Film Festival that is being held on June 2 at FAU's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute in Fort Pierce. Jim will tell us about the 6 award-winning independent films that focus on issues threatening our oceans, and what we can do to improve their health. For two decades, the International Ocean Film Festival (IOFF) has provided a global platform for ocean literacy and education through independent film.

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Issues:
HUNGER
ENVIRONMENT
ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT

This week on In Focus with IRSC Public Media, we're going to learn about health care for expectant mothers with Taylor Farnsworth and Janay Brown of the Indian River County Healthy Start Coalition. Taylor is the Director of External Engagement, and Janay is a Community Liaison. Their mission is to decrease infant mortality, and they do that by providing a variety of specialized care, including education, lactation services, and in person "Doula" advice, information, emotional support, and physical comfort to mothers before, during, and just after childbirth. They'll talk about all those services, as well as the importance of involving fathers in the process as well. Then, 'Locals Only – A Florida State of Mind', the latest exhibit at the Lighthouse Arts Center in Tequesta. Curator Janeen Mason joins us again to tell us about the artists in the show, as well as the others exhibits on display and, she'll also tell us about their summer art school which is offering some unique instruction in 3-d printing.

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<p>Welcome to In Focus, with IRSC Public Media. This week we'll learn about the Council on Aging of St. Lucie, which is marking its 50th year of providing a wide range of services to seniors throughout the Treasure Coast. Darrell Drummond, the President and CEO of the organization, tells us about those services, from, Meals on Wheels, adult day care, transportation, and personalized home care services that make it possible for seniors to maintain their independence, without sacrificing their quality of life. Then we'll talk about the sixth annual Vero Beach Film Festival. It runs from next Wednesday, June 7th through Sunday June 11th. David Yakir, the Festival's Executive Director, talks about some of the nearly 70 films that will be screened this year, and the festivities surrounding the five-day event, including the Filmmakers Ball where you'll get a chance to meet the creators and discuss their work.</p>	6/2/2023	6/3/2023	6/3/2023
	6/4/2023	6/5/2023	6/5/2023
		<p>Issues: ELDER AFFAIRS HUNGER EDUCATION ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT</p>	
<p>This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, Suzy Hutcheson, the President and CEO of Helping People Succeed. It's an organization devoted to transforming the lives of the physically and mentally disabled, young and old, by helping them find jobs and realize their full potential. Suzy tells us about the wide-variety of services they offer and their special summer program, Camp Success, which gets underway on June 15. It's for middle schoolers in the Fort Pierce area. Then we'll talk with Guy Schley about the Junior Golf Camp he's offering at the Martin Downs Golf Club in Palm City. Schley is the General Manager of the Club. He is a PGA certified coach who has been teaching the game of golf for nearly a decade. This summer he's offering eight 3-day golfing camps. The first camp begins on June 13th and the camps run through August. The golf camp he teaches gives youngsters a chance to learn a sport they can play throughout their lives, and learn some life lessons as well.</p>	6/9/2023	6/10/2023	6/10/2023
	6/11/2023	6/12/2023	6/12/2023
		<p>Issues: HEALTH CARE SPORTS/FITNESS</p>	

This week on In Focus, a special program devoted entirely to transportation issues in St. Lucie County. We'll hear from Peter Buchwald, the Executive Director of the St. Lucie Transportation Planning Organization known as the TPO. Our focus is on the initial planning for a passenger train station in Fort Pierce, but there is a lot more on the table over at the TPO, including express bus service to West Palm Beach, on demand local bus service providing door-to-door transport, road improvements, and traffic safety efforts. Peter has a wealth of knowledge about the transportation history and challenges facing the Treasure Coast, and he shares some of that with us on today's In Focus.

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Issues:
TRANSPORTATION
SMART GROWTH

This week on In Focus, with IRSC Public Media, we talk with Everglades Foundation CEO Eric Eikenberg. Did you know that the Everglades is the source of drinking water for nearly 9-million people in south Florida? Most people surveyed by the Everglades Foundation didn't know that, and Eric wants to change that. He'll tell us about the initiative the Foundation has launched to let people know where their drinking water comes from and why restoring the Everglades is so important to their well-being. Then we'll hear from Sean Boyle, the CEO of the St. Lucie County Children's Services Council. It's a unique public service agency, there are only 10 in the state of Florida. They are funded with a slice of county property taxes, and their mission is to improve the quality of life for all the children in St. Lucie County. One such program has been Sean's here to tell us about the St. Lucie Reads Initiative that the Council has launched this year, and he'll talk about some of the many other programs they support for the benefit of children in the County.

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