

ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT

FOR

WRCH FM HD1

FOURTH QUARTER 2023

(October 1st through December 31st)

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WRCH PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES

1. **Face Connecticut**: (Sundays, 6:30 - 7:00 a.m.)

Hosted by Morgan Cunningham *Face*

Connecticut provides an in-depth look at today's issues, in conversations with leaders and newsmakers from across the state.

2. **Spotlite**: (Sundays, 7:00-7:30 a.m.)

Hosted by Chuck Taylor, *Spotlite* features topical issues of concern to the community and the state.

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAMS REPORT

**Fourth Quarter 2023
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MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE-RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

ISSUE: HEALTH/SAFETY

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Jocelyn Hillard - Communications Director of the Red Cross of CT talked about the mission of the Red Cross. She explained how they help during natural disasters and the importance Red Cross blood drives. She detailed the blood type that is most in need. She also explained how people can donate including information on their blood donor app that can schedule your appointment, manage your donations, and you can even follow your blood to see where it's used. WRCH's Mike & Mary are holding a day long blood drive coming up in West Hartford. She also offered more statistics on the significant shortage of blood now, and how that often happens whenever there is a shift in people's schedules.

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In advance of Veteran's Day, Vietnam veteran from Higganum Art Wiknik discussed his experience as a teenager from Connecticut being drafted into an unpopular war. He detailed his involvement in a conflict that was the subject of the Hollywood film, "Hamburger Hill." He also discussed his experiences returning home and how he feels about today's veterans being treated so much differently.

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Erica Fearn from Auerfarm in Bloomfield - Explained the history of the farm, and how it came to be an educational location. Kids get to experience growing their own food, and get up close to some of the animals on the property, too. Open 365 days a year. (Also listed under “Education” & “Environmental”)

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Tim Baker from Metric Financial discussed how people can align their investing with their values, including what "socially conscious" investing means. He spoke about how investors can tailor their investments in companies that are more socially conscious. This includes the steps some companies

are taking to make them more appealing to those types of investors, as well as the downside of limiting yourself to those types of investments. (Also listed under “Economic”)

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