

Issues Programs List
Quarterly Issues Programs List
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October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Human Trafficking:** Human trafficking is a global issue that also happens in Maine and New Hampshire. Organizations such as Safe Voices and Friends of Thai Daughters are providing education, safety and advocacy for women and children that are at risk.
- B. **Child Welfare:** The children of New Hampshire and Maine depend upon non-profit programs for advocacy, counseling, education, housing, healthcare and so much more. Organizations such as The Salvation Army, The Center for Grieving Children, Safe Kids for ME. and The Pink Feather Foundation provide services to address these needs.
- C. **Employment:** Residents of Maine and New Hampshire sometimes need employment support that can come from education or specialized training. We are lucky to have non-profit organizations such as: Workforce Solutions, PSL Services/Strive and The Iris Network, that are providing services to help our listeners find and keep steady employment.
- D. **Education:** Maine and New Hampshire are very lucky to have organizations such as: The Salvation Army, Strive and Workforce Solutions that improve the quality of life for our residents by providing education and training.
- E. **Housing:** Housing prices in Maine and New Hampshire are higher than they have ever been, creating a crisis. Non-profit organizations in Maine and New Hampshire addressing the need include: Habitat for Humanity, The Iris Network, Ronald McDonald House Charities and Safe Voices.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Time(s) aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Related Issue	Description of Program & Issue Discussed
10/01/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing	Amy Nucci, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, explained what their Re-Store accepts for donations, brought us up to date on two home builds that are going on and discussed their Aging in Place Program.
10/08/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Employment, Education	Jesse Taylor, Community Outreach Coordinator for Workforce Solutions, discussed their many programs for job seekers that include: Occupational Training, Career Advisors, Life Navigators and more.
10/15/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Environment, Conservation, Transportation	Jon Kachmar, Executive Director of Portland Trails, shared that their organization manages a network of

					Maine trails that are used not only for recreation, but also for transportation; by connecting thousands of residents across Greater Portland.
10/22/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Vision Loss, Education, Housing, Employment	Dr. David Barnwell, President/Ex. Dir. Of The Iris Network, discussed the many low vision services they offer to the visually impaired and blind. Some services include: adaptive tools and training, pre-vocational training, learning accessible technology and the Iris Park Apartments for the visually impaired.
10/29/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing, Food Insecurity, Health and Welfare, Community Development	Capt. Michael Harper, Corps Officer and Coordinator for The Salvation Army of Greater Portland, spoke of the upcoming red Kettle Campaign and how they continue to support those in need.
11/05/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Health, Education	Dr. David Bueno, Medical Dir. At Core Physicians Primary Care, explained that nurse practitioners are stepping into the role of primary care providers. With a shortage of PCPs, nurse practitioners fill the need, and are highly trained.
11/12/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Mental Health	Mary Bristol, Dir. Of Programs for The Center for Grieving Children, shared program information and the need for volunteers and financial support for the Center. CFGC serves so many, and continues to help families heal after the mass shooting in Lewiston, Maine.
11/19/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Education, Public Safety	Suzanne Dawson, Ex. Dir. of Safe Kids Maine, explained the organization's programs that are aimed at preventing childhood injuries such as drownings, falls, burns and poisoning.
11/26/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Employment, Education, Intellectual Disabilities	Whitney Wildes, Program Dir. for PSL Services/Strive, discussed the programs they offer to support those with intellectual disabilities. Their mission is to help individuals achieve the life they want to live, with dignity and respect.
12/03/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Veteran's Issues, Mental Health	Paul House, Founder and Exec. Dir. of House in the Woods, spoke of the organization's mission to help veterans heal through fellowship and time outdoors hunting, snowshoeing, hiking and more.

12/10/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Housing, Child Welfare, Health	Ian Tovell, Marketing Dir. for Ronald McDonald House Charities, spoke about their upcoming fundraiser that supports their Ronald McDonald Houses; where they provide food, lodging and support to families who have children receiving hospital care locally.
12/17/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Education	Jen Kyllonen, Co-Founder of The Pink Feather Foundation, explained that students who have, or are currently experiencing abuse, homelessness, or trauma, have difficulty accessing basic needs; like feminine products, socks, underwear, and clothes for school. PFF provides all these things at no cost, which improves school attendance and self-esteem.
12/24/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Human Trafficking, Housing, Education, Child Welfare, Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse	Elise Johansen, Ex, Dir. of Safe Voices, explained that the organization offers one-on-one safety planning, support, court advocacy, housing, transportation and more to victims of domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking.
12/31/2023	6a	:30	Perspectives	Human Trafficking, Housing, Education, Child Welfare, Domestic Abuse, Sexual Abuse	Jane McBride Co-Founder of Friends of Thai Daughters, which is based in Maine, discussed that the organization provides education and safety to girls at risk for human trafficking.