

fourth quarter issues

1. fighting crime through crimestoppers
2. how to deal with child grief
3. building confidence in youth through public speaking
4. how to keep siblings together when in foster care
5. feeding those in need through meal delivery
6. fighting litter in Rio Rancho
7. preventing pollution in the Rio Grande
8. the need for a healthy urban forest
9. providing services through giving
10. how to address hunger in the state.
11. how families can handle dementia
12. urban transportation options, such as bike-sharing

Oct 14/15 :30 minute show hosted by Pat Allen. Guests were Rob Duren and Sonya Marquez with Crimestoppers in Albuquerque. We discussed the history of the program and how it works. Also promoted the upcoming Cops 4 Kids event in December during which law enforcement officers escort selected children to the store where they're given a gift certificate for clothing and one toy.

Oct 21/22 :30 minute show hosted by Pat Allen. The topic was the Children's Grief Center, with executive director Jade Richardson Bock. We talked about the work the CGC does in helping families, especially children, deal with grief. We discussed the Camp Corazon, a camp held twice a year for children dealing with loss.

Oct 28/29 :30 minute show hosted by Pat Allen. Guests included Fred Trussell and Jim White, both with the Optimist Club of Albuquerque. The discussion centered on the work of the club, it's history and mission. We also discussed their Oratorical Competition. It's a public speaking event through which students up to the age of 18 can win scholarship money from the Optimists.

Nov 4/5 :30 minute show with Amy Kindrick and Abby Eden with El Ranchito de los Ninos in Los Lunas. We talked about their house raffle givaway as well as the work done at El Ranchito, housing siblings that face separation in foster care.

Nov 11/12 :30 minute show with Meals on Wheels promoting their Gingerbread Enchantment event. Executive Director Shauna Frost was my guest, along with Lynda Lyle, master gingerbread house builder.

Nov 18/19 :30 minute show with Koryn Misbach and Connie Peterson, both with the city of Rio Rancho Parks and Rec Department. We discussed the department's Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful" campaign as well as other issues facing the City, such as illegal dumping and litter.

Nov 25/26 30 minute interview with Dave Gatterman, a environmental services director for the Southern Sandoval County Arroyo Flood Control Authority. It's part of the Stormwater Quality Team that is educating the public on how to keep the Rio Grande River clean. We talked about how everything left to the elements can end up in the river, including pet waste and household hazardous waste. This show originally aired earlier this year.

Dec 2/3 :30 minute show hosted by Pat Allen with guests from Tree New Mexico. Suzanne Probart, Executive Director, and Betta Eisenberg, Program and Nursery Manager. We discussed the importance of trees in urban areas and their benefits to the environment.

Dec 9/10 :30 minute show with Gary Doll and Terry Armstrong from Goodwill Industries of New Mexico. We discussed the work Goodwill does and the job training it provides. We also talked about the need for donations and how the end of the year is a very busy time for them.

Dec 16/17 : :30 minute show with Sonya Warwick with Roadrunner Food Bank in Albuquerque. The program covered the issue of hunger in the state and how Roadrunner helps keep food pantries statewide stocked for their clients.

Dec 23/24 :30 minute show with Chris Chaffin with the ALZ Association OF New Mexico. Also Tina de la Luz the association's program director. Issues included the treatment and diagnosis of ALZ.

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Dec 30/31 :30 minute show with Terry doyle, the Executive Director for Rio Metro and Valarie Hermanson, the transportation planner for The Mid-region Council of Governments. The program discussed the Ride Share system and plans for its expansion. Also talked about the New Mexico Railrunner Express Train.