

WPRO-FM/92 PRO-FM Public Service Report

Fourth Quarter 2023 (October 1 to December 31)

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Here are the surveys of community leaders on the issues most important to RI:

Mental Illness, expanding programs for the mentally ill, prescription drug prices, construction headaches in the area, the condition of the roads, cost of living, life threatening illnesses and the mental toll on families, access for needy to programs to help pay bills, holiday giving, volunteering, energy prices, affordable housing for economically challenged, opium and fentanyl abuse growth in youth, after-school programs for youth to avoid drugs, elderly housing and raises that do not cover cost of living increase.

CUMULUS COMMUNITY: ALL shows Air Sunday Mornings, 6:30am

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| Oct 1ST | Amy Pontes, Host. Beth Lamarre, Executive Director for NAMI RI. The role Nami plays in our community, the NAMI Walk for mental illness and creating awareness for mental issues. |
| Oct 8TH | Bekah Berger, Host. Linda Dziobek of Partnership to Reduce Cancer in Rhode Island. Big upcoming event at the Crowne Plaza called a cancer summit, what that entails, who is involved and how to attend or offer services. |
| Oct 15th | Jess Schiano, Host. Carla Mulhern, Executive Director of The Izzy Foundation. Focusing on the Izzy's which is an Izzy Izspirers event on Dec 3 (emceed by Jess of WPRO-FM) and all of the fundraising efforts. |
| Oct 22nd | Repeat of Oct 15 show |
| Oct 29th | Nick Guiliano, Host. Mary-Kate O'Leary of A Wish Come True. 20 th Anniversary Polar Plunge helping children with life threatening illness, effects on family and raising funds to help families. |
| Nov 5th | Mike DeSilva, Host. Ryan Loiselle from Friend's Way who talked about serving local children 3 to 18 years who have suffered a significant loss of a loved one. They help the entire family with bereavement services through counselling, art therapy, group functions and more with behavioral therapy with authorized clinicians. |
| Nov 12th | Repeat of November 5 show |
| Nov 19th | Amy Pontes, Host. Rhode Island Community Food Bank. Their holiday needs as well as how to volunteer to help feed the needy on Thanksgiving. Other fundraising events. |

- Nov 26th** Bekah Berger, Host. Pam Verklan of Children's Friend. Wish list for families in need for the holidays, annual Toy Drive event with Cumulus Media and volunteering.
- Dec 3rd** Repeat of Nov 26 show
- Dec 10th** Nick Guiliano, Host. Mary-Kate O'Leary of A Wish Come True. 20th Anniversary Polar Plunge helping children with life threatening illness, effects on family and raising funds to help families.
- Dec 17th** Vic Edwards, Host. Nike Kirkwood, Chairman of RI Good Neighborhood Energy Fund. Providing assistance to pay heating bills, what energy companies offer this service and who in RI is eligible plus how to request assistance.
- Dec 24th** Updated content on Polar Plunge and 2024 programs. Nick Guiliano, Host. Mary-Kate O'Leary of A Wish Come True. 20th Anniversary Polar Plunge helping children with life threatening illness, effects on family and raising funds to help families.
- Dec 31st** Update on 2024 programs to help keep needy warm plus warming center information.
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Rhode Island's AMAZING WOMEN OCTOBER 2023

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- Oct 1st** **JENNIFER HAWKINS** is the CEO of One Neighborhood Builders, a nonprofit community development leader. We discuss where affordable housing is being built in Rhode Island, mixed income social housing, and how short-term rentals have impacted the housing stock for year-round renters.
- Oct 8th** **HELENA BUONANNO FOULKES** stormed onto the political scene in 2022 with formidable Democratic Gubernatorial Campaign in Rhode Island. She discusses lessons learned from that campaign, her current work on public education with several towns, and her decision to run again for Governor in 2026.
- Oct 15th** Rosie the Riveter is the most iconic image of working women. There are many skilled tradeswomen today. **ANITA BRUNO** started ***Rhode Island Women in The Trades*** in 2019. This non-profit organizes, educates, and trains women for employment empowerment.

- Oct 22nd** We are all getting older and all of us want to ‘age in place’. In the next six years, over a third of the population will be 55+. **CAROLINE GANGJI**, executive director of the **VILLAGE COMMON of RHODE ISLAND** discusses which communities have established a ‘village’ for people to age in place, and why it is the future.
- Oct 29th** **ANNO CANO MORALES**, Vice President for External Relations, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Rhode Island College, discusses the future of Rhode Island College, RIC as a Hispanic Serving Institution, and the importance of a secondary education in today’s marketplace.
- Nov 5th** **KRISTEN WILLIAMS**, executive director, of RIVERZEDGE ARTS in Woonsocket discusses the economic engine of the art community in this state. She highlights the programs at RIVERZEDGE ARTS that paid, work-based learning for teens in the state.
- Nov 12th** Coastal management of the 420 miles of coastline really matters in the Ocean State. **PAULA BONTEMPI**, Dean of URI School of Oceanography, discusses the importance of the Blue Economy in our state, coastal resiliency, and the lure of Narragansett Bay.
- Nov 19th** The Narragansett Indians have been in Rhode Island for over 30,000 years. Tribal Council member, **LOREN SPEARS**, discusses the history and culture of the Narragansett Indians and the future of the Indigenous people.
- Nov 26th** You may not think twice about your next family meal, but 11% of Rhode Island households are food insecure. **LISA ROTH BLACKMAN**, chief philanthropy officer at the Rhode Island Food Bank, discusses health equity, community farms, and the important role the RI Food Bank plays in supplying local food pantries.
- Dec 3rd** Athletic competition is a doorway to self-confidence and success. University of Rhode Island women’s basketball coach, **TAMMI REISS**, talks about coaching young women to be the best in the conference, excel in academics, and learn the game’s life lessons for
- Dec 10th** Homelessness and affordable housing are top-of-mind policy issues in Rhode Island. **KAREN SANTILLI**, CEO Crossroads RI, discusses new projects for the unhoused, and what the state needs to do to mitigate the housing shortage.
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Dec 31st **VALERIE TUTSON** is an award-winning storyteller, who performs at schools, conferences, and festivals singing songs and telling the stories of Black history and African tradition. She is a Brown University graduate with a Master's in theater art and a BA in her self- designed major *Storytelling as a Communications Art*.

ONGOING PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS: Weekly posting at lite105.com and across social platforms of the local RISPCA pet of the week up for adoption as well as 15 live mentions a week.

Q4 PSAs LITE 105 hosts record PSAs that run 1x per daypart/5x a day

Oct: Tomorrow Fund, NAMI Mental Health & solicit for local events.

Nov: PPAC Food Drive, Attleboro YMCA 5k charity run, and local solicit for organizations to send info on upcoming events and fundraisers.

Dec: Rhode Island Food Pantry, RI Blood Bank, Warm Hands*

October AM Host Heather Gersten emceed the Annual Gloria Gemma Waterfire event and Pink Party in downtown Providence with breast cancer survivors and their families, raising awareness and donations for continued research.

Midday Host Amy Pontes emceed the Oct 7 NAMI Walk to benefit local mental health services.

November For 2 weeks LITE solicited families to enter their veterans to be saluted on the air November 10th in honor of Veterans Day. Out of 10 salutes, 1 veteran was randomly chosen to receive \$1,500 donation from a local builder.

AM Hosts Heather & Matty interviewed local firefighters and promoted the 2024 Calendar to benefit The Izzy Foundation on air and across social platforms

December In conjunction with local Centerville Bank WWLI asked listeners to submit stories of local families in need with Gifts That Give Back. 5 were chosen to receive holiday funds and toys/gifts. The bank was so moved by the stories of need that they helped 7 other local families for the holidays.

*Warm Hands, Warm Hearts ran in Dec, asking listeners to drop off new gloves, hats, scarves and coats for needy kids this winter at 5 locations in Southern New England.

AM Host Heather Gersten and Midday Host Amy Pontes aired a 2-hour special on December 15 from 6-8pm – Santa Talks to Kids – which included poignant stories from children suffering illness and how local Children's Wish can help these families in their time of need, giving them support and a sense of normalcy in trying time.

Heather Gersten also oversaw and worked her community Waltham Show Choir Tree Sale and Fundraiser Dec 1 & 2