

ISSUES PROGRAMS LIST

There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by Station WOHZ, WRIE, WXKC, WXTA, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 3/1/21 to 3/31/21. This listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance.

Agency/Representative	Program/Date/Time/Duration	Description of issues covered
1. Kristen Huber, Volunteer Services Coordinator, Child Grief Specialist, Highmark Caring Place	North Coast Views Sunday, March 07, 2021 6:00am - 30 min	1. HEALTH/GRIEF Learned that the Highmark Caring Place was started by a former Executive Director who experienced a family loss – and realized there was nowhere for his teenaged son to get help with his grieving. You don’t have to have Highmark Insurance to participate in this FREE program. It is geared toward children up to 18 – and their families, who have experienced a loss and are grieving. They have had to do their programs virtually during COVID, and they have been successful. In fact, they have added a program for those 18 – 30 with no children – just to be able to reach out to more people, since so many are hurting now. Learned that some people don’t reach out, because they either think their children are OK, or they are afraid it will be too sad of an experience, not realizing that kids find out that they are not alone in their experiences and feelings. They & their families get support & encouragement, facilitated by trained adult volunteers. The Caring Place also provides educational programs, consultation services, presentations and resources for schools and other professionals in the community who work with children. 30m
1. Shona Eakin. Chief Executive Officer, Voices for Independence	North Coast Views Sunday, March 14, 2021 6:00am - 30 min	1. HEALTH/DISABILITY ASSISTANCE/ Recognized Shona during Women in History Month – she has been a trailblazer since she was a child and has to overcome challenges with how people/institutions/businesses think about and treat individuals with disabilities. Heard how all of those experiences made her want to be an advocate and be involved in programs that would assure no one else had to go through what she did, leading her to VFI. Talked about how their services have had to change during this pandemic – they have a much larger online presence and will probably have a hybrid in person/virtual model moving forward. Talked about some of their programs & reminded folks that if they have had an injury that caused a disability to please reach out 30m.
1. Rubye Jenkins-Husband, Women in History Moth Feature	North Coast Views Sunday, March 21, 2021 6:00am - 30 min	1. CULTURE – Learned that Ms. Jenkins-Husbands has been involved with helping/serving the community ever since she was a child in Mississippi. Her family moved here in the 70’s, to be closer to her sister, and Ms Jenkins-Husband worked on setting up the JFK Center. She worked on funding, as well as worked with the children and youth, to show them that they had many opportunities to look forward to. She was the 1 st African American woman to serve on Erie City Council. Learned about the projects she was involved with, including her passion to help those touched by Sickle Cell Anemia, which she still does today, through the JFK center. Talked about the challenges they face through the pandemic – and how to reach out for help. 10m

<p>2.Chuck Turner, Operations Manager, Veterans Miracle Center Erie</p>		<p>2. POVERTY/VETERANS - Learned that this program actually started when the John Kowalsak, Director of the center, visited a friend in Albany, NY who started a center there to assist vets who needed hygiene products, clothing, household products and more, with a free store. Heard how, John started this program here in Erie that runs completely separate from the Albany center, but does help in the tristate area. They work with the VA Homeless Care Team, The Liberty House and other programs to get assistance to our veterans, active military and their families. Learned that they help in any way they can, but, they do have some criteria to assist vets by linking them to services and/or giving them supplies that they need. Heard that they get some support from Walmart (as well as donations) to help with their main program – but, also with a program called Good 360 with Walmart – where non-profits can buy items from the VMS at a large discount, which helps the non-profit by paying less than they would usually have to pay...proceeds go to help rent for VMC. Talked about how to give back, by attending fundraisers, by donating goods or money, or by giving time by volunteering. 20m</p>
<p>1. Sister Annette Marshall, Executive Director, Inner City Neighborhood Art House</p>	<p>North Coast Views Sunday, March 28, 2021 6:00am - 30 min</p>	<p>1. CULTURE/EDUCATION – We wanted to honor Sister Annette, during Women in History Month. We learned that she originally joined the Benedictine Sisters when she was only 17, and even though she was so young, she wanted to be around a community of likeminded women, who wanted to help the community; to be of service, & make a difference in the world- while honoring God. Learned that the Benedictine Sisters actually came to the U.S. from Bavaria – and landed in the same neighborhood where they are now (9th & 10th between Holland and Parade mostly) to help German immigrant children. We talked about the different programs and ministries that are now also on that block, from Kids Café & the Emmaus Soup Kitchen, an Art Center, St Benedict Education Center, (helping adults on welfare) – the Child Development Center, Benet Vision and many more. We talked about her life as a teacher, and then on Earth Force - & how she came to be involved with the Art House, (which started when some schools closed – to help children grow up and move themselves out of the situation of poverty or family problems – they needed an inner spark and accomplishment, to see they are worthwhile people - development of their own creativity – a chance to see beauty, develop beauty in themselves and to give them a safe place to be after school. 30m</p>

We have also rotated PSA announcements that may have highlighted the following:

Family Services, Big Brothers, Big Sisters – it is easy and takes very little time to be a mentor & impact the life of a child just by being yourself

Erie County Library- not just books –music, movies, language instruction and more – most of it free, online or stop by

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration –Talk – They Listen

SafeNet - Domestic Violence Services

Lucy's 1st Step – free assistance / counseling for parents who have lost a child

NAMI – group classes and support groups to assist individuals and family members dealing with mental health challenges

Erie VA Medical Center –reminding veterans and their families about services – specific info for women – PTSD and other services

Therapy Dogs United- get your dogs involved with therapy services for children & adults– contact if your business wants a visit from a therapy dog

Safe Harbor/Safe Line- how to get help for sadness or bullying issues – for teens and adults – help info if you are feeling suicidal

SafeNet – with help for domestic violence or victim of any violent act

Parkinson Partners – Support and Information

United Way – Be A Caring Adult – simple suggestions on how to make a difference in a child/youth - United Way – Imagination Library – 2-1-1 / Community Schools

Voices for Independence – Support for those with physical challenges

Cody's Wheels of Hope – contact info to get children with a life threatening illness wheeled toys

Alzheimer's Association – help available to families and care givers

Linked by Pink – Assistance for Breast Cancer patients and their families

American Heart & Stroke Association - Go Red for Women (risk of heart disease)

American Cancer Society – where to reach out for help

EUMA - Erie United Methodist Alliance – Helping homeless families

Crime Victim Center – Help for those affected by violent crimes

Highmark Caring Place – FREE assistance for grieving children, adolescents and their families (you do not have to have Highmark to take advantage)

Kinship Care – Support for people raising someone else’s child (grandparents, etc)

Gaudenzia – Help with addiction

Early Connections – helping with education for the little ones

Erie Humane Society – help for stray & neglected animals

A.N.N.A. Shelter – info on how to adopt or help rescued animals

Autism Society – support and resources for families with those on the spectrum

American Cancer Society – variety of programs available to community

Habitat for Humanity – restore for donations or to shop

SOS 4 Kidz – to assist children with needs for school and self esteem

Emma’s Footprint – help for those who have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss

Veterans Miracle Center – help for homeless & underserved vets/military & their families

Safe Journey – with help for domestic violence

Junior Achievement – how to get involved with working with students for career guidance

American Lung Association – information about lung health

Release the Pressure Coalition – how to control blood pressure

AARP – ideas for saving for retirement

Salvation Army – how to get or give help