

# People & Perspectives

Airs Sundays at 6 AM  
Program length: 20 minutes

**Date: October 2, 2016**

**Issue:** Humane Society. Amy talked about the Humane Society and all of the services they provide beyond housing homeless pets. As always, the organization is in need of items like cat litter, paper towels, etc. The Humane Society is raising money through a few events like the Move-It Challenge, Healthy Pet Healthy You and the Fur Ball Gala.

**Guest:** Amy Kaunas, Executive Director of the Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area

**Date: October 9, 2016**

**Issue:** Sweet Pea. The death of a baby is tragic. Sweet Pea is an organization that reaches out to anyone grieving over the death of a baby or child. The death of a baby can also be very difficult on other children. They witness their parents wrestling with overwhelming grief, and struggle with their own feelings of sadness and confusion. These children deserve a day just to be carefree children, playing with their parents in the sunshine and having fun, and that is what Sweet Pea's annual picnic is all about.

**Guest:** Stephanie Cole, Founder/President, Sweet Pea Project; Beth Gauthier, Event Organizer

**Date: October 16, 2016**

**Issue:** RSV & Fire Safety. One of the season's biggest threats to babies is Respiratory Syncytial Virus, or RSV. During RSV Awareness Month, advocates are trying to inform people about the signs and symptoms of RSV and ways to protect your children. Kari shared her personal story about RSV and how her son died after contracting the disease. October is National Fire Prevention Awareness Month. Dave talked about ways to prevent a house fire disaster, fire extinguishers, and overall fire safety advice.

**Guest:** Dr. Gregory Sysyn and Kari Judson, mother; Dave White, home improvement expert

**Date: October 23, 2016**

**Issue:** Veteran Open House. Hospice of Central PA is holding an Open House for Veterans on November 3, 2016. Hospice of Central PA has several programs including some directed towards veterans. It offers a We Honor Vets program and a vet-to-vet volunteer program which allows veterans at the end of their lives to connect with another veteran. Many times veterans want to unburden themselves before they die, and often feel like they can only talk to another veteran.

**Guest:** Fred Anderson and Stephanie Schaeffer, Hospice of Central PA

**Date: October 30, 2016**

**Issue:** Preparing your home for elderly parents. Jennifer uses her expertise to elaborate on the topic of caregiving and how it can change your life. There are many choices a person faces when considering moving an elderly parent into the home. Jennifer explains why it is not always the best choice, but for those who do decide to move in an elderly parent, there are important ways to prepare your home and your family.

**Guest: Jennifer Fitzpatrick, geriatric expert and author**

**Date: November 6, 2016**

**Issue:** Goodwill. Goodwill Keystone Area is a non-profit organization that serves 22 central and southeastern counties in PA including Dauphin, Cumberland, Lebanon, Perry, Lancaster and York. Last year, Goodwill Keystone Area kept 11 million pounds of clothing out of landfills. Goodwill is more than a store, it uses the sale of donated goods in the stores to fund programs offering job and life skills training to people in the community.

**Guest: Jennifer Ross, Senior Director of Marketing & Public Relations, Goodwill Keystone Area**

**Date: November 13, 2016**

**Issue:** Children's Cancer Recovery. CCRF is a locally based non-profit improving the mental, social, and emotional well-being of children with cancer and their families. It is their goal to create smiles, inspire hope, and rediscover childhood during possibly the most devastating time a family can face. Jocelyn talked about the toys needed for their Toy Drive and where to donate.

**Guest: Jocelyn Davis, Executive Director, CCRF**

**Date: November 20, 2016**

**Issue:** Bethesda Mission. The Bethesda Mission serves 3000 hot meals a week and houses many people in need, but its underlying mission is recovery. There is a men's shelter and a women's shelter that often runs over capacity. The annual food drive seeks to collect 75,000 pounds of non-perishable food to be distributed to local food pantries and directly to people in need. There is an extra need this year for turkeys because Giant stopped its free turkey program which many people donated to Bethesda in the past.

**Guest: Chuck Wingate, Executive Director, Bethesda Mission**

**Date: November 27, 2016**

**Issue:** Free to Breathe. Dave is a 7-year lung cancer survivor who has participated in the Central PA Breathe Free event for 4 years. Dave is speaking about his struggle to bring awareness to lung cancer. Early detection and more research funding can save lives. Free to Breathe is the only lung cancer advocacy organization founded by doctors and researchers working together with survivors and advocates to double lung cancer survival by 2022.

**Guest: Dave Robinson, Central PA Free to Breathe committee member and cancer survivor**

**Date: December 4, 2016**

**Issue:** Salvation Army. Kathy talked about the need during the holidays, the Red Kettle Campaign and ways to volunteer. She also spoke about the ongoing need throughout the year. The Salvation Army offers an after-school program and programs during the summer. There are also computer classes, nutrition and anger-management courses.

**Guest: Kathy Anderson-Martin, Director of Resource Development, Salvation Army**

**Date: December 11, 2016**

**Issue:** National Runaway Switchboard. The NRS serves as the federally-designated national communication system for homeless and runaway youth. Over the past three years there has been a 50% increase in calls from homeless youth, 48% increase in calls from kids on the street for more than six months and an increase in calls from kids wanting to discuss GLBTQ issues. We talked about how parents and communities can get involved to help curb this issue.

**Guest: Dr. Gary Harper, Professor, Department of Psychology, DePaul University and Board Member with the NRS**

**Date: December 18, 2016**

**Issue:** Organ Donation. Dwendy talked about the need for organ donations and how anyone can register to be a donor. John is a heart transplant recipient. He talked about his journey and why it's important to donate your organs. Ashley donated a kidney to her father and spoke about being a living donor and what it meant to her, her father and entire family.

**Guest: Dwendy Johnson, Community Relations, Donate Life PA, John Mudge, heart transplant recipient, Ashley Duross, living kidney donor**

**Date: December 25, 2016**

**Issue:** Holiday Heart Attacks. According to the American Heart Association, heart attack-related deaths are 5% more likely around Christmas and New Year's than any other time of year. Dr. Plutzky shared some of the risks specific to this time of year, some of the warning signs and tips to lower your chances of having a holiday heart attack.

**Guest: Dr. Jorge Plutzky, cardiologist**