

SHOW #	FEED DATE	MUSICAL GUESTS	INTERVIEW	TOPIC	AWARD WINNERS	AWARD TOPIC
1427	7/2/2014	Blitzen Trapper / Sea Wolf			Denise Bitz <i>Brother Wolf Animal Rescue</i> (North Carolina)	As a traveling nurse for over a decade, Denise Bitz lived in many various towns all over the United States. An avid animal lover, she would also volunteer at local animals shelters in her spare time. When Denise took a nursing assignment in Asheville, North Carolina, she began volunteering at an animal shelter there. Unlike the previous shelters she volunteered for, this one was euthanizing thousands of healthy animals every year simply because they didn't have enough space. Denise decided there had to be a better way, so she founded Brother Wolf Animal Rescue to take in animals who would otherwise be put down, care for them and find them loving homes. With the help of around 3,000 volunteers, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue has saved the lives of close to 14,000 pets since 2007.
1428	7/9/2014	RERUN 1 - Wood Brothers / Gretchen Peters			Barbara Van Dahlen <i>Give An Hour</i> (Washington D.C.)	Problem: Post Traumatic Strees among veterans. Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen was a professional child psychologist in 2005 when she saw a news report about veterans and active service men and women suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Her father was a career military man and so she knew first-hand the impacts of war on soldiers and their families. She felt compelled to help and was certain other health care professionals would offer this potentially life saving care, too. Give an Hour was born and today the program is available in every state and has provided over 50,000 hours of free care to military personnel involved in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. Length: 7:58@18:11.
1429	7/16/2014	RERUN 1 - The Head and The Heart / Gregory Alan Isakov			Sister Mary Alice Murphy <i>Homeless Prevention</i> (Colorado)	Problem: Homelessness. Sister Mary Alice has a long history of working to improve the lives of those fallen on hard times. Her decades of work through the church have given her a birds-eye view of the costs of homelessness and poverty to individuals and society as a whole. When she saw more families struggling on the brink of losing their homes, she was determined that there had to be a way to provide emergency support in a smart and meaningful way to actually stop people from sliding deeper into poverty. To date the organization she spearheaded, The Homelessness Prevention Initiative, has helped nearly 20,000 people get their lives back in order. Length: 9:21@17:25.

1430	7/23/2014	Los Lobos / Damien Jurado		Erica Mackie <i>Grid Alternatives</i> (California)	Erica Mackie and Tim Sears worked together for several years at an energy consulting company, traveling around the U.S to help businesses save money and cut energy costs. After a while, they both felt that something was missing in this work; they each wanted to do something more meaningful, something that was not just about helping a corporation's bottom line, but that would make a real difference in people's lives. Erica and Tim wanted to find a way to both help people and help the environment in a tangible way, so they decided to team up and start GRID Alternatives in 2004. GRID Alternatives is a non-profit, volunteer-driven grassroots program bringing solar energy to low-income families. With the help of over 15,000 volunteers, GRID Alternatives has installed solar panels on 4,000 homes in 5 states, impacting 16,000 people and offsetting 340,000 tons of greenhouse gasses from entering the atmosphere.
1431	7/30/2014	RERUN 1 - Martin Sexton/ The Milk Carton Kids	NONE	Bill Ayres <i>WHYHunger</i> (NY)	Problem: Rampant poverty and hunger. WhyHunger looks at the root causes of hunger and empowers grassroots organizations all over the world to provide people with food, job-training programs, nutrition education, community economic development, healthcare, youth programming, and leadership development. WhyHunger is a global organization that has provided nearly 7 million meals for children in need in 17 countries; aided more than 10 million families, children, and veterans gain access to nutritious food; assisted 8,400+ organizations around the world; and referred more than 4,300 low-income families to a site in their community to receive meals, among many other accomplishments. Length: 7:24 @16:35.
1432	8/6/2014	Rodney Crowell	NONE	Dale Katechis <i>OB CAN'd Aid Foundation</i> (CO)	Dale Katechis, a successful brewery owner, wanted to find a way to give back to his local community. When the front range region of Colorado experienced severe flooding in September of 2013, many people lost everything. Dale's business and home are located in some of the hardest hit areas and when he saw the extent of the damage, Dale decided to help his devastated community rebuild. That September, Dale started a grassroots nonprofit effort, seeded it with over \$100,000 of his own money, and began raising more through his customers and vendors to help the people impacted by the flood. Through donations and a matching grant from Dale's brewery, the Oskar Blues CAN'd Aid Foundation has given individuals, families, small businesses and organizations close to one million dollars to help them get back on their feet. Length: 6:33 @ 18:30
1433	8/13/2014	RERUN 1 - Ro	NONE	Annie Okerlin <i>Exalted Warrior Foundation</i> (FL)	Annie Okerlin of Tampa, Florida opened her own yoga studio and began teaching yoga classes after she received her teacher certification in 1999. In 2006, one of her first students suggested she work with an amputee he met at Walter Reed medical center in Washington DC who he thought would benefit from yoga. This student, Tom Steffens, is a decorated Navy Seal commander and yoga convert who was working with amputees at Walter Reed and thought Annie's style of teaching would be relaxing and beneficial for wounded veterans. Annie founded the Exalted Warrior Foundation when she began teaching yoga at Walter Reed in 2006. Today, she works with veterans with both seen and unseen injuries to cultivate relaxation techniques, supplement physical therapy, and facilitate a receptive and understanding community of support. Since 2006, the Exalted Warrior Foundation has worked with more than 12,000 veterans at 8 hospitals and medical centers around the country. Length: 8:52 @ 14:05

1434	8/20/2014	William Fitzsimmons / Gungor	NONE	Gary Becks <i>Rescue Task Force</i> (CA)	Gary Becks was a Marine medic in Vietnam before becoming a fire fighter in San Bernardino, California. In the 1980's, he joined up with a medical mission to Honduras to put his medical skills to use. Gary was so shocked by the primitive conditions in the jungle villages of Honduras that he decided to quit his job as a fire fighter and dedicate his life to bringing medical and literacy resources to third world countries. Founded in 1988, Rescue Task Force now has four permanent medical clinics in Honduras that act as key access points for day-long mobile medical clinics into extreme remote jungle areas, women's literacy projects in Afghanistan that have graduated over 7000 women, as well as programs in Cambodia to promote youth literacy for victims of human trafficking and wheelchair donations for victims of land mines. In addition to these main programs, Rescue Task Force does more specific disaster relief missions worldwide. With the help of hundreds of volunteers, Rescue Task Force has provided aid to more than 150,000 people through medical and dental care, literacy projects, and wheelchair donations. Length: 6:20 @ 23:13
1435	8/27/2014	Donna the Bu	NONE	Bunny & Bob Slough <i>Dysartville Food Pantry</i> (NC)	After retiring and moving from Pennsylvania to Nebo, North Carolina in 2006, Bunny and Bob Slough wanted to find a way to meet new people in their community, so they joined a local church. This was right around the time the economy took a turn for the worst, and Bunny began to notice that prices at the grocery store were on the rise and her dollars couldn't go as far as they used to. Living in a small town with high unemployment, Bunny and Bob knew there must be people in their community who were struggling to feed their families. With the help of volunteers and fellow church members, Bunny and Bob opened the Dysartsville Food Pantry in 2009 to provide free, fresh food families who need it. Since they opened, the Dysartsville Food Pantry has impacted over 700 families and given away over half a million pounds of food. Length: 8:35 @ 20:17
1436	9/3/2014	RERUN 1 - Judy Collins / Ari Hest	NONE	Judy Collins <i>Lifetime eChievement Award</i> (NY)	Judy Collins has long thrilled audiences worldwide with her unique blend of interpretive folksongs and contemporary themes. Her impressive career has spanned more than 50 years and mirrored the social and political forces that have shaped our country. In the 1960's and 70's, Collins was involved in numerous civil rights rallies, protests and marches, including traveling to Mississippi to help African Americans register to vote. She performed at rallies protesting the Vietnam War and was arrested several times for her activism. Judy is a UNICEF Special Representative for the Performing Arts and has written numerous songs reflecting her political beliefs. Length: 10:28 @ 36:21
1437	9/10/2014	RERUN 1 - Pic	NONE	Dr. Rick Hodes <i>Ethiopian JDC</i> (Ethiopia)	For over 25 years, Dr. Rick Hodes has lived and worked in Ethiopia as the Medical Director for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). Over the years, he has been in charge of the health of 60,000 Ethiopian Jews returning to Israel, ministering to the critically ill in refugee camps, serving two self-started medical clinics, administering medicine on the fly in small villages, and working with kids at Mother Teresa's Mission- a home for the sick and destitute. He now primarily works with three "orphan diseases": heart disease, spine disease, and cancer. His work in Ethiopia has led him to adopt five children, treat 1047 spinal patients, 460 heart patients, and 50 cancer patients. He has treated more than 1500 patients, and saved tens of thousands of lives through his public health word, adoptions, surgeries, and medical care. Length: 9:25 @ 20:21

1438	9/17/2014	San Fermin / Je	NONE	Ruston Seaman <i>New Vision Renewable Energy (W. VA)</i>	A few years ago, Ruston Seaman noticed that one of his neighbors in Philippi, West Virginia had built solar panels for his home – out of old shower doors! Ruston was so inspired by this that he started thinking about the many ways solar power could help the people in his small, rural town in Appalachia cut their energy costs. He teamed up with his neighbor to teach others how to build their own solar panels. Not long after, Ruston travelled to Kenya on a volunteer trip and gave some portable solar lights to the local people there, many of whom had never seen electricity before. These simple solar lights – made from small solar panels, LED lights, and a battery pack – made a significant difference for the people’s quality of life, allowing them to work, study, and gather after dark. In 2009, Ruston founded New Vision Renewable Energy to teach people in the U.S to build their own solar panels, and also to send portable solar lights to third world countries. With the help of close to 700 at-risk youth volunteers, New Vision Renewable Energy has provided close to 2,000 solar lights for people in 30 countries, providing light for nearly 8,000 people every night. Length: 11:37 @ 15:57
1439	9/24/2014	RERUN 1 - Da	NONE	Dan Lill, Bill D'Anza <i>R Community Bikes (NY)</i>	Problem: Lack of free bike repair and services in the community. In 2001 Dan and Bill began a weekly bike repair clinic in the St. Joe’s House of Hospitality parking lot, and also started giving bikes away to those who didn’t have one. They realized there was a real need in this underserved Rochester community for bikes and bike repairs, so in 2008 they founded R Community Bikes. For many in this neighborhood, bicycles are the only form of transportation to school and work, and the bike shop also provides a place for community. Since they started, R Community Bikes has given away well over 10,000 bikes and repaired close to 9,000. Length: 6:35 @ 19:13.