

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WAKL(FM)
Second Quarter 2023 (April- June)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WAKL(FM), GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA, for the period of April 1 – June 30, 2023. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which the issues appear does not reflect any priority or significance. All times are Pacific Daylight Time.

1. MILITARY / VETERANS
2. SPECIAL NEEDS
3. SAFETY & SECURITY
4. FOSTER CARE / FAMILY
5. HUNGER / FOOD NEEDS
6. MENTAL HEALTH

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Military Veterans	Closer Look	April 2 May 28	7:00 pm	17 minutes	<p>Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road</p> <p>No arms? No legs? No problem! “Whether you’re an amputee, double amputee, triple amputee, you’re paralyzed, our skydiving, our scuba, our car races -- they are all adaptive capable.” In fact, the leaders and trainers at RR events are themselves disabled vets. “Our skydiving program manager, he’s an 82nd airborne guy, double amputee.” Participation in these events can bring a soldier camaraderie and a renewed sense of purpose towards mental health and healing. Kindra Ponzio reports.</p>
Special Needs	Closer Look	April 2 May 28	7:18	14 minutes	<p>Iowa Mom Helps Kids With Special Needs Play Sports, Have Fun</p> <p>Jack suffered six strokes when he was just 8 years old, which left his left him with cognitive delays, partial paralysis and ‘limited ability to play.’ Can Play gives kids like Jack “a place that they can come, be themselves, learn about their bodies and what their bodies can do.” Rafael Sierra reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/positive-people/iowa-mom-helps-kids-with-special-needs-play-sports-have-fun-podcast-34872?preview=true</p>

Safety & Security	Closer Look	April 16	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Be Safer At Work Or Church, Thoughts On Security</p> <p>You see trouble, you hear it - now believe it. "Trust your intuition...you know when a situation is different," says Hector Alvarez, an expert in workplace security with more than 25 years of experience in threat assessment. "One of your best bets for surviving these incidents is thinking about it before it happens." Preparation is key says Mindi Russell, exec. dir. of the Law Enforcement Chaplaincy of Sacramento. "Instead of, 'it will never happen here,' have the mindset that if something happens, this is what we'll do." Bob Dittman reports.</p>
Drugs	Closer Look	April 23	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Kids Fooled By Fentanyl, Rx Fakes</p> <p>Kids are getting pills that look like Xanax or Percocet online or in the locker room. Often laced with fentanyl, these deadly drugs can be 100x stronger than morphine. "It's terrifying," says Pat Aussem of the Partnership to End Addiction. Ed Ternan, co-founder of Song for Charlie lost his college-aged son to one pill and now helps other parents warn their children. "We still say 'just say no' but we spell it K. N. O. W. because many of these young victims are dying from taking a substance they didn't ask for." Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-kids-fooled-by-fentanyl-rx-fakes-4151</p>

Cyber Security	Closer Look	April 30	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart Spam on social media. Emails that shout 'click here!' from an inbox full of tricks. Modern cybercriminals commit considerable time and talent to hacking your life. "If you have a gut feeling, if you have an instinct that something isn't right here - please listen to that." Don't click! Monika Kelly talks with Gavina Avila of the Better Business Bureau and Darren Mott, retired FBI agent and expert on cybersecurity.</p>
Children Health	Closer Look	May 7	7:00 pm	15 minutes	<p>Tackle Childhood Obesity At Home, Church And School Millions of American kids suffer words like chubby or chunky - or fat - to describe their young bodies. The COVID-19 lockdowns only worsened already alarming levels of childhood obesity, as the CDC found the BMI (body mass index) in children ages 2-19 years old increase nearly doubled during the pandemic. Excess weight weakens growing muscles and joints and can lead to juvenile diabetes or even trigger life-threatening asthma "Prevention is what we really want, right?" says Geri Henchy, Director of Nutrition Policy at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). "We want kids to be in environments that are not obesogenic; where they're gonna get healthy meals, where there isn't a lot of junk food, where they have activities -- that's really gonna make a difference for kids."</p>

Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	May 7	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<p>Teens Aged-Out Of Foster Care Get Help From 'Dream Makers'</p> <p>Without family and often lacking lifeskills, former foster kids become homeless adults by the thousands, turning to drugs and crime on the streets just to survive. "Every statistic you hear that is going bad in the United States, a lot of them link back to the foster care system and those kids just not being taken care of." Dream Makers steps in to link aged-out foster kids with practical assistance by connecting them with the generosity of strangers. "It totally up to the community to fulfill the dream." The young adult with a need fills out an application to ask for things that teens with families could easily get from a mom or dad: like money for work clothes, or a laptop for school, or maybe a used car - but Melton says the most common dream request from these youth by far is - food.</p>
Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	May 14	7:00 pm	16 minutes	<p>Free Brand-New 'Threads' For Teens In Foster Care</p> <p>Children in foster care often arrive at a new placement with just the clothes on their backs. Cathy Hamilton founded San Antonio Threads to give brand-new clothes to older youth(12yrs-21yrs) who have no family to take them shopping. "I've had kids say things like 'old clothes have bad memories, new clothes have good memories -- thank you for the fresh start.'" Bob Dittman reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736</p>

Animal Health and Care	Closer Look	May 14	7:16 pm	13 minutes	<p>Retired Racehorses Cool Hooves At Old Friends Farm, Kentucky</p> <p>Nearly 200 elderly horses get free hay and healthcare at Old Friends Farm in Georgetown. Current residents include famous thoroughbreds Silver Charm and Touch Gold, but also others not-famous but whose owners could no longer care for them. "We owe it to them," says farm founder and caretaker Michael Blowen. "These horses are to Kentucky what the automobile is to Detroit." Jack Church reports.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-retired-racehorses-cool-hooves-at-old-friends-farm-kentucky-4738</p>
Food Needs Natural Disasters	Closer Look	May 21	7:00 pm	26 minutes	<p>Convoy of Hope Springs Into Action: 2023 Update</p> <p>Convoy has been very busy so far this year. Devastating tornado outbreaks slammed several U.S. states. "Convoy is now working long-term to get people what they need -- appliances, furniture, roofs -- whatever it is." The ministry sent aid and comfort when twin earthquakes in Turkey and Syria drove 2.6 million people into tents near the rubble of their homes. Convoy continues to care for war refugees in Ukraine and those who have fled to neighboring countries. Convoy is also committed to an ongoing effort to feed children in global famine. The Children's Feeding program provides meals in 33 countries for more than 500k+ hungry kids.</p>

Inflation & Food Costs	Closer Look	June 4	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p>Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</p> <p>Food costs more these days. COVID-19 shutdowns drove up the price of labor, fertilizer and fuel needed to move crops from farms to factories to stores and eventually to your kitchen. What can you do? Should you panic buy? Comparison shop? K-LOVE's Billie Wright checks in with Assoc Prof. Joe Balagtas at Purdue University and Jordan Page, lifestyle blogger and mom of 8 for proven tips on cutting your grocery bill.</p>
Mental Health	Closer Look	Jun 11	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Pastor Burnout, Caring For Your Leader's Soul</p> <p>Surveys in 2021 found a sharp rise in the number of church leaders who have seriously considered leaving full-time ministry, citing debilitating stress, anxiety or depression. K-LOVE's Rafael Sierra talks with Savannah Kimberlin of Barna Group and K-LOVE's Pastor Randy who says rest and other self-care should be a <i>guilt-free</i> part of your life as a spiritual leader. [Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>

Mental Health Addictions	Closer Look	Jun 18	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p>Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery</p> <p>Gambling addiction is a leading cause of suicide in the United States. The thrill of the bet buries vulnerable gamblers deep in debts matched only by their secret shame. But stats prove you can win recovery, as 2 outta 3 people who seek treatment are able to stop. Rafael Sierra talks with Derek Longmeier of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Keith Whyte of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Need to talk? Call the National Problem Gambling Helpline: (800) 522-4700.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518</p>
Parenting Fathers	Closer Look	Jun 18	7:14 pm	16 minutes	<p>Faith Of Her Father - Baby Jessica's Dad</p> <p>The unlikely rescue of Baby Jessica from a well back in 1987 remains one of the world's most watched news stories of all time. There were "multiple miracles," says her father Chip McClure, "more than you can count...God's hand was evident." In the days and months after, the family received thousands of calls and truckloads of mail from all over the world, people in personal distress who were encouraged by the McClure's faith and the good news of Jessica's rescue. K-LOVE's Jack Church talks to Chip.</p> <p>https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/faith-matters/closer-look-faith-of-her-father-baby-jessica-s-dad-3520</p>

Teen Pregnancy	Closer Look	Jun 25	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p>Young Girls Pregnant And Scared Turn To StandUpGirl.com</p> <p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of StandUpGirl.com says their site stands ready to help. “Our mission is to have these girls be able to find life-affirming information through us - - and then we connect them with pregnancy centers in their neighborhood.” Quick response is essential. “If you go google the word ‘abortion’ right now there are millions of websites that are gonna come up. Our goal is to have StandUpGirl show up on that <i>first page</i> of their google search.”</p> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Drugs Addictions	Closer Look	Apr 2	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Georgia Council for Recovery</p> <p>Ron Turner talks with Jeff Breedlove, Chief of Communications and Policy at the Georgia Council for Recovery serving Gainesville/metro Atlanta. Breedlove discusses prevention, treatment and recovery as well as the CARES program for peers. Assisting professional healthcare workers in providing a more personalized approach to those suffering from substance use disorder. Breedlove shares his own personal struggle with addiction and how Jesus Christ helped in his recovery - he challenges other believers to take a faith-based approach to helping those who suffer from substance use disorder. (https://gasubstanceabuse.org).</p>

Mental Health Childhood Trauma	Closer Look	Apr 16	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Atlanta Draw Change Jack Church spoke with Jennie Lobato, founder of Draw Change in Atlanta, Georgia. Lobato talked about how she started DrawChange back in 2009 to provide therapy and healing for children thru the use of art. Lobato shared that in her childhood there were some traumatic events where she found a safe and healing environment thru art. Later as an adult while working for an Atlanta ad agency she decided to leave the corporate world and follow her passion by starting Draw Change. The program has now served over 10 thousand children and has expanded into other cities around the United States as well as internationally.</p>
Special Needs	Closer Look	Apr 23 May 21	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Aim to Be3 Jack Church spoke with Marianne Thomas, founder of Aim to be3. Aim to be3 was formed in Gainesville, Georgia to help those with special needs become more engaged and empowered in their lives thru work, community service and faith. Thomas talked about how there are a number of programs for school age children and teens but once they reach adulthood, services are few and far between. Thomas who has a special needs sister saw this first hand and started Aim to be3. The program has served over 200 individuals and continues to grow thru several initiatives including micro businesses and community service.</p>

Special Needs	Closer Look	Jun 11	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Bobby Dodd Institute Ron Turner talks with Todd Hermon, Vice President of Development and Community Relations at Bobby Dodd Institute Atlanta. Hermon discusses how Bobby Dodd Institute helps all individuals with disabilities find purpose and inclusion through training and employment placement throughout Metro Atlanta. Hermon talks about not only providing services to those with disabilities, but their families as well which includes planning for the future and ongoing training and support. According to Hermon, there are no limitations to the disabilities they can assist with. They can be contacted at (https://bobbydodd.org/)</p>
Poverty Hunger	Closer Look	Apr 30 May 28	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Straight Street Ministries Jack Church spoke with Joel Rose, Director for Straight Street Ministry in Gainesville, Georgia. Straight Street Ministry has several programs aimed at helping those suffering in poverty. Rose talked about the Back Pack Love program where Straight Street provides bags of food to school children each Friday that they can take home to their family. Rose said families often face weekends with little or no food and the Back Pack Love program is designed to provide enough food for five meals over the weekend. The program is estimated to benefit as many as 900 families each week.</p>

Food Needs Hunger	Closer Look	Jun 4	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Atlanta Community Food Bank Monika Kelly speaks to Kenny Hill, Chief Supply Chain Officer, Atlanta Community Food Bank about the fact that more than 600,000 Georgians--1 in 9 people in the state-- are food insecure. The food bank served more than 79 million meals in fiscal year 2022 and plan to continue that trend in fiscal year 2023. They have more than 700 partner agencies that make sure that the donated food (from retailers, the U.S. government and private donations) get to places like food pantries, child care centers, community kitchens and people who are generally in need. Listen to find out some of the ways that Kenny says God shows up at the Food Bank.</p>
Immigration Race	Closer Look	May 7	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>New American Pathways Monika Kelly spoke to Paedia Mixon, CEO of New American Pathways, a non-profit organization based in Atlanta, Georgia which is designed to help new immigrants find a pathway to housing, schools, health care, jobs and community involvement. New American Pathways is there from the moment the new family arrives at the airport and is there to support these families in their transition into a successful new life in the United States. Volunteers are a huge part of the organization and help with after-school programs, language support, voter registration and more.</p>

City Growth Sprawl	Closer Look	May 14 Jun 25	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Hall County Chamber of Commerce Jack Church spoke with Tim Evans, Vice President for Economic Development with the Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce locate in Gainesville, Georgia. Evans talked about the growth of Hall County which now exceeds 215 thousand people due in part to people relocating to the region for job opportunities combined with excellent outdoor amenities offered by the region. Evans discussed several areas impacting job growth including plans for a shipping center being built connecting Gainesville and Hall County with the port of Savannah. The project is expected to be completed sometime in 2024.</p>
Jobs Unemployment	Closer Look	Jun 18	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p>Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency Jack Church spoke with Dana Inman, President and CEO for the Atlanta Center for Self Sufficiency in Atlanta, Georgia. Inman talked about how the center was established to help provide workforce readiness, job placement, and life stabilization services to homeless and financially vulnerable men and women. The center also focuses on veterans who may be living on the streets or couch surfing and need assistance in re-entering the work force using skills obtained in the military or helping them develop new skills thru a wide array of training partnerships the center has with other agencies in the region.</p>