

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WAKL(FM)  
Third Quarter 2023 (July-September)  
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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 July 1-September 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. TEENS & VARIOUS ISSUES
2. SAFETY & SECURITY
3. FOOD NEEDS / HUNGER
4. DRUGS / ADDICTION
5. HOMELESS

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description of Program</b>
Disaster Relief	Closer Look	Jul 2	7:00 pm	26 minutes	<p><b>Convoy of Hope Springs Into Action: 2023 Update</b></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> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>

Drugs / Teens	Closer Look	Jul 9	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Kids Fooled By Fentanyl, Rx Fakes</b>  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><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-kids-fooled-by-fentanyl-rx-fakes-4151">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-kids-fooled-by-fentanyl-rx-fakes-4151</a></p>
Drugs Addictions	Closer Look	Jul 23	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p><b>Parents Of Addicted Loved Ones Turn To PAL Groups For Support</b>  One of your kids is on drugs. Getting in trouble. Calling you over and over bail them out. You don't know what to do. PAL Groups bring people together to swap stories and share strategies -- online or in-person. "<i>When we found PAL we're like okay, we're not alone, there's other people who've been down this road.</i>" Monika Kelly reports.</p>

Business Development	Closer Look	Jul 16	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Small-Business Mentors Offer Free Advice Through SCORE</b></p> <p>Your idea for a great small business needs a good plan. If you already opened your shop you may be stumped on how to grow. SCORE mentors offer free, one-on-one advice for turning a profit. “What we have seen is that when someone meets with a mentor for 3 hours or more, they are 5x more likely to increase their revenue and stay in business.” Billie Wright reports.</p> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Food Needs Hunger	Closer Look	Jul 30	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>“Share The Wealth Of Your Dirt” Through AmpleHarvest.org</b></p> <p>AmpleHarvest.org is nationally recognized for successfully recruiting backyard gardeners to fight food insecurity. The site lists 8,000 local pantries which accept donations of fresh fruits and veggies. The non-profit also works to involve pastors and churches nationwide through the Faith Fights Food Waste campaign and recently added a program to feed malnourished people on Native American reservations. Marya Morgan reports. [Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>

Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	Aug 6	7:00 pm	16 minutes	<p><b>Free Brand-New 'Threads' For Teens In Foster Care</b></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><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/home-improvement/closer-look-free-brandnew-threads-for-teens-in-foster-care-4736</a></p>
Foster Care Teens	Closer Look	Aug 20	7:15 pm	14 minutes	<p><b>Closer Look: Teens Aged-Out Of Foster Care Get Help From 'Dream Makers'</b></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>

Mental Health Teens	Closer Look	Sep 10	7:00 pm	13 minutes	<p><b>Like CPR, Get Trained In Youth 'Mental First Aid'</b></p> <p>How do you approach a teen without getting a door slammed in your face? “A trusted adult is what a youth needs more than anything,” says Lori Butterworth of AIM, which strongly recommends all adults get certified in Youth Mental Health First Aid. She compares it to CPR. “What if we worked really hard to raise the probability that when a child or teen has a mental health crisis that there is someone there to help them and save their life?” Kindra Ponzio reports.</p> <p><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/hot-topx/closer-look--like-cpr-get-trained-in-youth-mental-first-aid-6294</a></p>
Teens & Human Trafficking	Closer Look	Sep 10	7:14 pm	15 minutes	<p><b>Teens Chatting On Social Media Vulnerable To Human Traffickers</b></p> <p>“Just so you know, some kids that are trafficked actually aren’t taken from their home - they still live at their house.” How does this happen? Social media chats. Expert tricksters spend months -- or even years -- lying to build friendship. Your good and smart kid may believe their online friend is their age “by the time they went to meet this person, it wasn’t who they thought they were.” Once the youth is tricked into sexually explicit activities they may be too afraid to tell you. Felipe Aguilar reports.</p> <p><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-teens-chatting-on-social-media-vulnerable-to-human-traffickers-6293</a></p>

Teens Unplanned Pregnancy	Closer Look	Sep 17	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Young Girls Pregnant And Scared Turn To StandUpGirl.com</b></p> <p>Dawn-Marie Perez, executive director of <a href="http://StandUpGirl.com">StandUpGirl.com</a> 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>
Animal Care	Closer Look	Aug 6	7:17 pm	13 minutes	<p><b>Retired Racehorses Cool Hooves At Old Friends Farm, Kentucky</b></p> <p>Nearly 200 elderly horses get free hay and healthcare at Old Friends Farm in Georgetown. Residents have included 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><a href="https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-retired-racehorses-cool-hooves-at-old-friends-farm-kentucky-4738">https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/health-and-safety/closer-look-retired-racehorses-cool-hooves-at-old-friends-farm-kentucky-4738</a></p>

Safety & Security	Closer Look	Aug 13	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Closer Look: Be Safer At Work Or Church, Thoughts On Security</b></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>
Cyber Security	Closer Look	Aug 27	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>Closer Look: Don't Click That Link! Be CyberSmart</b></p> <p>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>



<p>Health Childhood Obesity</p>	<p>Closer Look</p>	<p>Aug 20</p>	<p>7:00 pm</p>	<p>15 minutes</p>	<p><b>Closer Look: Tackle Childhood Obesity At Home, Church And School</b>  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 <a href="#">nearly doubled during the pandemic</a>. 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 (<a href="#">FRAC</a>). “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>
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Economy Inflation	Closer Look	Sep 3	7:00 pm	28 minutes	<p><b>Food Prices, Fight Inflation From Your Fridge</b></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? 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> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>
Food Needs Hunger	Closer Look	Sep 24	7:00 pm	29 minutes	<p><b>“Share The Wealth Of Your Dirt” Through AmpleHarvest.org</b></p> <p>AmpleHarvest.org is nationally recognized for successfully recruiting backyard gardeners to fight food insecurity. The site lists 8,000 local pantries which accept donations of fresh fruits and veggies. The non-profit also works to involve pastors and churches nationwide through the Faith Fights Food Waste campaign and recently added a program to feed malnourished people on Native American reservations. Marya Morgan reports.</p> <p>[Educational Media Foundation - All Rights Reserved]</p>

Poverty Hunger	Closer Look	Jul 2	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Straight Street Ministries</b></p> <p>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	Sep 24	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Atlanta Community Food Bank</b></p> <p>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>

Animal Control	Closer Look	Jul 9 Aug 20	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Gainesville Hall County Animal Shelter</b>  Jack Church spoke with Trey Garcia, Animal Services Director the Hall County Animal Shelter in Gainesville, Georgia. Garcia talked about how the shelter offers adoption as well as foster care options for individuals and families looking to bring a pet into their life. Right now the shelter is operating at near capacity but continues to see a strong demand for pets. Garcia also talked about the Community Cat Program which addresses the issue of undomesticated-feral cats living on their own in the area. The goal of the program is to reduce the number of undomesticated/feral cats entering the Hall County shelter system while, in turn, increasing the live release numbers for undomesticated/feral cats through free/low-cost spay/neuter.</p>
City Growth Sprawl	Closer Look	Jul 16	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Hall County Chamber of Commerce</b>  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	Jul 23 Aug 13	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency</b>  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>
Homeless	Closer Look	Jul 30	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Clinton Sanctuary Ministry</b>  Ron Turner talks with Leslie Prince, Board President of Clifton Sanctuary Ministry a faith based shelter for homeless men serving Metro Atlanta. Prince discusses why there may be discrepancies in counting the homeless population and how many go uncounted. Price talks about their approach to helping the homeless population improve their lives and move out of their situation to a more productive, stable life by offering their Success Training Program. Clifton Sanctuary Ministry is the oldest faith-based shelter in Atlanta stemming from local church leaders trying to determine their responsibility to fulfilling the command, “feed the hungry, clothe the poor”. They can be contacted at (<a href="https://www.cliftonsanctuary.com/">https://www.cliftonsanctuary.com/</a>)</p>

Homeless	Closer Look	Sep 10	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<b>City of Refuge</b> Ron Turner talks with Bruce Deel, CEO of City of Refuge. Deel discusses how they help the homeless population break out of the repeated pattern of living crisis to crisis. Deel talks about the collaborative effort amongst participating organizations that cover all the needs of the less fortunate to help them bring order back into their lives and help plug them back into society. Deel explains the importance of each program available for their guests, from healthcare to job training that can help overcome the challenge of the cost of living in Metro Atlanta. Mentorship programs help fatherless children break the cycle of poverty, bringing hope to their future. Their private school on campus covers pre-school to scholarship funding that helps students pay for college. They can be contacted at ( <a href="https://www.cityofrefugeatl.org">https://www.cityofrefugeatl.org</a> )
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Drugs Addictions	Closer Look	Aug 6 Sep 17	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>Georgia Council for Recovery</b>  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.  (<a href="https://gasubstanceabuse.org">https://gasubstanceabuse.org</a>).</p>
Immigration Race	Closer Look	Aug 27	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<p><b>New American Pathways</b>  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>

Child Safety	Closer Look	Sep 3	7:30 pm	20 minutes	<b>Safe Kids Georgia</b> Phil O'Bryan talks with Amanda Battle, State Coordinator with Safe Kids Georgia, about safety concerns in five basic areas which include home injuries, car and road industries, sports injuries, water safety and fire safety.
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