

AUDACY RADIO GROUP
ISSUES AND PROGRAMS REPORT
FOR
STATION WSCR-AM
FOURTH QUARTER, 2023
OCTOBER 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

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**WSCR 670 THE SCORE
PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY ISSUES**

1. Score Values: (Sundays, 6:00am – Duration: 30:00)
Locally produced interview show discussing local charitable causes and events.
2. At Issue: (Sundays, 6:30am – Duration: 30:00)
Locally produced interview show featuring top newsmakers discussing state and community issues.

**ISSUES OF CONCERN TO CHICAGO
ADDRESSED IN RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING IN THE
FOURTH QUARTER 2023**

1. Business and Job Development: Creating an economic climate that supports small business and entrepreneurs. Provide assistance to develop new businesses and jobs in distressed economic areas.
2. Crime and Violence: Support of community policing efforts in Chicago, efforts to reduce gang activity and the spread of gangs into the suburbs, ensuring that the police department operates legally and with respect the communities it serves.
3. Transportation: Maintenance, improvement and safety of Chicago's transportation system, including the airports, commuter rail service, and highway development.
4. Neighborhood and Suburban Development: Efforts within the City of Chicago to promote neighborhood cohesion, economic opportunities and housing. Infrastructure concerns.
5. Civil Rights: Enforcing legal rights and developing respect for different races and ethnic groups as well as religious differences; gay and lesbian issues; immigration issues.
6. Family Issues: Helping to maintain stable families; parental education; finding permanent homes for children in state care.
7. Health Care: Providing adequate facilities for health care, particularly indigent care; providing affordable health care and access to services. Dealing with the Covid-19 crisis.
8. Politics and Voter Information: Helping voters make personal election decisions by giving insights into those that are running for offices in upcoming elections.

Elected officials discuss what they are doing in government.

9. Women: Issues impacting women, particularly biases, equal pay, economic security and domestic violence.

10. School Reform and Education: Efforts to improve student performance and achievement, making sure teachers are performing well in the classroom and general educational issues in Chicago and the suburbs.

I. BUSINESS AND JOB DEVELOPMENT

November 26, 2023

Guest: Steve Bernas, the president/CEO of Better Business Bureau Chicago & Northern Illinois.

19 minutes of 29-minute program

Bernas shared insight on the scams that his organization wants consumers to be aware of.

II. CRIME AND VIOLENCE

III. TRANSPORTATION

IV. NEIGHBORHOOD AND SUBURBAN DEVELOPMENT

Score Values October 1, 2023

Guest: Man-Yee Lee, the director of communications of the Greater Chicago Food Depository

15 minutes of 29 minute program

Talked about how the organization is fighting hunger.

Score Values October 1, 2023

Guest: Brad Erickson, the founder of Inner City Education,

15 minutes of 29 minute program

Talked about how his organization provides children of low-income communities with tutoring and equipment/coaching to excel in school and play hockey.

Score Values October 8, 2023

Guest: Josh Liss, announcer for Chicago Marathon

20 minutes of 29 minute program

Discussed the impact of the event on non-profit organizations

Score Values October 8, 2023

Guest: Cortland Hickey of the Jonquil Park Council

9 minutes of 29 minute program

Discussed where the proceeds for the Lincoln Park Wine Fest go

Score Values October 15, 2023

Guest: Michael Crowley, the president & CEO of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago.

18 minutes of 29 minute program

Discussed the impact of the Clubs of youth.

Score Values October 15, 2023

Guest: Lauren Scheibe, the Autism Speaks Walk director

9 minutes of 29-minute program

Previewed the event

Score Values November 12, 2023

Lizzy Carroll and Hannah Misar of Lead With Love

18 minutes of 29 minute program

Discussing a non-profit organization that puts love into action to combat the social injustices that youth face relating to mental health, physical health, education and exposure within South Side Chicago's priority communities

Score Values November 12, 2023

Angela Munguía of AMPT: Advancing Nonprofits

9 minutes of 29 minute program

Discussed Project Elevate, a six-week capacity building event for local Black and Latine-led nonprofit organizations that AMPT partnered with the Chicago Bulls and Pepsi to put on.

Score Values November 19, 2023

30 Minutes of Audacy's I'm Listening program devoted to veteran affairs.

Score Values November 26, 2023

Guest: Kenya Mercer of Ladies of Virtue

8 minutes of 29-minute program

Discussed her organization's plans for Giving Tuesday.

Score Values December 3, 2023

Brenda Langstraat Bui of the Chicago Public Library Foundation

18 minutes of 29-minute program

Discusses the impact that the organization has on literacy in the city.

Score Values December 3, 2023

Maureen Halligan of Marillac St. Vincent Family Services.

10 minutes of 29-minute program

On the organization's gift drive.

Score Values December 10, 2023

Michael Nameche, the executive director of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

17 minutes of 29 - minute program

Score Values December 17, 2023

Haley Ebling - Executive Director of Betsy's Blankets

15 minutes of 30 minute program

Discussing her mission of providing bedding to those in need

At Issue

December 17, 2023

TOPIC: Helping feed people with the Greater Chicago Food Depository
Guest: Kate Maehr, head of the Greater Chicago Food Depository
Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore sits down with Kate Maehr, the Executive Director & CEO of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, to discuss what they do for the city, who they help and more. The head of Chicago's major food bank says the City's Migrant Crisis is putting an added strain on their resources, but they are providing lots of aid.

Score Values December 24, 2023

Sherry Skalko - Founder of Reduce Waste Chicago

17 minutes of 30 minute program

On their collection of broken Christmas lights

V. CIVIL RIGHTS

At Issue

October 22, 2023

TOPIC: Discussing the Justice, Equity, & Opportunity Initiative with Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton

Guests: Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore sits down with Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton to discuss an important initiative for Illinois and Chicago. The Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative, focuses on community healing, transformative justice & more.

VI. FAMILY ISSUES

At Issue

October 8, 2023

TOPIC: How the Girls Like Me project helps spotlight International Day of the Girl in Chicago

Guests: Heidi Pearson - Director of Strategic Communications & Partnerships for Girls Like Me & Toussaint Werner - illustrator & a graphic designer with daughters in Girls Like Me programs.

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

October 11th is International Day of the Girl. Girls Like Me, an organization based in Chicago, will be hosting their annual observance at the South Shore Cultural Center. WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore is joined by Heidi Pearson & Toussaint Werner to discuss the Day of the Girl, what it means, the Girls Like Me organization & more.

Score Values December 24, 2023

Victor Armstrong, Social Worker, American Foundation for Suicide prevention

11 minutes of 29-minute program

On Childhood suicide prevention

VII. HEALTH CARE

Score Values October 22, 2023

30 minutes of Audacy's I'm Listening Program on Children's Mental Health.

Score Values October 29, 2023

Jarrett Payton - WGN

8 minute of 29-minute program

On his battle with suicidal thoughts due to the pain of playing football

Score Values November 5, 2023

Nic Weisher of the Weish4Ever Foundation

20 Minutes of the 28 minute program

Discussed the organization created in his late brother Andrew's legacy that supports families with a loved one battling cancer

At Issue

November 26, 2023

TOPIC: A spotlight on 2-1-1 Metro Services Chicago for Charities: Season of Giving

Guests: Sean Garrett - the President & CEO of United Way of Metropolitan Chicago, Julie Wilen - the Program Director at Pritzker Foundation & Desni Holmes - a Resource Navigator for 2-1-1 Metro Services

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

Every year, At Issue shines a spotlight onto non-profits for the holiday season. This year, WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore is joined by Sean Garrett, Julie Wilen & Desni Holmes to discuss 2-1-1 Metro Services Chicago. With so many people in need, United Way and Local officials remind residents that they can dial 2-1-1 to find and access Social Services in the Chicago area. This initiative includes facilitating connections to healthcare providers, mental health professionals and civic services that residents might not have awareness about day to day.

Score Values December 10, 2023

Janae Rhodes, the nurse supervisor for the University of Chicago Medicine's Family Connects

9 minutes of 29-minute program

On the new program to support birthing mothers postpartum

Score Values December 17, 2023

Dr. Christine Moutier

12 minutes of 30 minute program

On Childhood mental health

VIII. VOTER INFORMATION AND POLITICS

At Issue

October 15, 2023

TOPIC: A conversation with Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias

Guests: Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore shares a conversation he had with Illinois Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias in partnership with the Lincoln Forum & the Union League Club. After being sworn in earlier this year, Giannoulias discusses the services & initiatives such as the importance of immediate voter registration when applying for real ID at DMV facilities in the state. He also discussed the new features and services of the Secretary of State's office and much more.

At Issue

October 29, 2023

TOPIC: Discussing Cook County's proposed new budget with Toni Preckwinkle

Guests: Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle's latest budget does NOT include new taxes, but DOES continue some groundbreaking programs to help people in need. Preckwinkle talks to WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore about those programs and more.

At Issue

November 5, 2023

TOPIC: What happens if the city does not get enough funds to help ease the migrant crisis?

Guests: Civic Federation President Sarah Wetmore

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

Some Chicago City Council members are asking what will happen if the City does NOT get enough funds from Federal and State officials to help ease the migrant crisis here. The Civic Federation has some thoughts on the matter, but no answers. WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore talks with Civic Federation President Sarah Wetmore about if officials here are disappointed by Washington and Springfield, ways to evaluate various alternative taxes & more.

At Issue

November 12, 2023

TOPIC: Does the CTA need a Chief Equity & Engagement Officer?

Guests: Chicago Transit Authority's first ever Chief Equity & Engagement Officer Denise Baretto

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore talks with the CTA's first ever Chief Equity & Engagement Officer Denise Baretto about the need for a position like this, what the job entails & more.

At Issue

December 3, 2023

TOPIC: Balancing Political Issues in Illinois

Guests: Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson & Illinois State Representative Toni McCombie

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

WBBM Political Editor Craig Dellimore dives into a conversation about how political leaders in Illinois tackle certain topics, whether they mean to discuss them or not. Dellimore discusses some remarks by Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson & Illinois State Representative Toni McCombie and how they reflect the political landscape in Illinois.

At Issue

December 10, 2023

TOPIC: A conversation with Inspector General Deborah Witzburg

Guest: Inspector General Deborah Witzburg

Length: 30 minutes out of a 30-minute program

Inspector General Deborah Witzburg says her office's investigations into possible wrongdoing are secret. But they often look at the government's responses to public needs in real time. And she says such scrutiny is underway. Witzburg says as part of their policies on transparency in City Government, her office is monitoring how the City is spending money and managing the continuing flow of migrants into Chicago. Witzburg says Chicagoans have a right to know how decisions are being made and where the money is going. But, she says it's too early to reach any conclusions about how well the Administration is delivering the services it should.

IX. WOMEN

X. SCHOOL REFORM AND EDUCATION

Score Values October 29, 2023

Dawn Melchiorre - Executive Director of Cradles to Crayons

17 minutes of 29-minute program

On the organization's goal of helping give children the resources they need to succeed.