

COMMUNITY ISSUES PROGRAM LIST- WAIW
Fourth Quarter 2023 (October-December)
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The following is a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by WAIW, WINCHESTER, VA for the period of October 1st-December 31st. 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. Addiction
2. Special needs
3. Health
4. PTSD
5. Foster Care
6. Convoy of Hope

Issue	Program	Date	Time	Duration	Description of Program
Addiction	Closer Look	10/22/2023	7:00pm	12:55	<p>Closer Look: Gambling, Suicide Risk and Addiction Recovery 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. https://www.klove.com/news/closer-look/dollars-and-sense/closer-look-gambling-suicide-risk-and-addiction-recovery-3518</p>
Vets	Closer Look	10/29/2023	7:00pm	17:41	<p>Closer Look: Disabled Vets Skydive, Drive Racecars with Ranger Road 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>

Obesity	Closer Look	11/5/2023	7:00pm	14:46	<p>Closer Look: Tackle Childhood Obesity At Home, Church And School</p> <p>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>
PTSD	Closer Look	11/12/2023	7:00pm	15:12	<p>Closer Look: Fishing For Combat Vets, Outdoor Adventures Rebuild Trust</p> <p>Fishing poles and fresh air can do a heart good, especially if that heart saw war.</p> <p>Heroes on the Water takes soldiers up a creek with paddles or pedals. “Kayak fishing really helps veterans who are struggling with PTSD,” notes Zack Clift. H.O.W. surveys show 88% of participants say the free expedition gave them confidence to develop new relationships and a whopping 98% say it helped them relax. Kindra Ponzio reports.</p> <p>WildOps invites combat vets on free epic outdoor adventures to the mountains or the wilderness. “We seek the isolated veteran – a big chunk of them that don’t wanna be found,” says founder Jeff Morris. “We work hard to give them the experience if a lifetime -- and they come to life out in the wild.” Monika Kelly reports.</p>

Foster Care	Closer Look	11/5/2023	7:00pm	14:05	<p>Closer Look: 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>
FreshFarm	PSA	November 20-December 4, 2023	15 seconds	112 spots, 8 times each day	<p>FRESHFARM operates over 25 farmers markets and farm stands in the DC Metro Area, and promotes affordable access to fresh, healthy food with their FreshMatch program. Accepting SNAP/EBT, WIC, and Senior FMNP checks. Learn more at freshfarm dot org slash freshmatch.</p>
Thrive DC	October 31-November 14, 2023	PSA	15 seconds	112 spots, 8 times each day	<p>No one has to be homeless or hungry. Thrive DC provides free services including meals and groceries, seasonal clothing, showers, and personal hygiene supplies, They also offer mental health and substance use counseling. Learn more at thrive dc dot org</p>

Washington DC Communio	Local News	7/2/2023	7:30pm	n/a	Jack Church spoke with J.P. DeGance, Founder and President of Alexandria based Communio. The non-profit consults with churches equipping them to evangelize through the renewal of healthy relationships, marriages, and the family. DeGance cited a Communio Nationwide Study on Faith and Relationships revealing that the collapse in marriage and the resulting decline in resident fatherhood may offer the best explanation for the decline of Christianity in the United States. These conclusions are drawn from the results of a nationwide survey of 19,000 Sunday church attendees conducted during worship in 112 evangelical, Protestant, and Catholic congregations in 13 different states.
