

Issues Programs List

Quarterly Issues Programs List

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January 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Section I. Issues

The stations have identified the following topics as significant issues facing our community in this quarter:

- A. **Health:** Residents of Maine and New Hampshire benefit greatly from organizations such as Healthy Smiles and The American Heart Association, that provide education, programming and services that keep us healthy.
- B. **Child Welfare:** The children of New Hampshire and Maine depend upon non-profit programs for advocacy, counseling, education, housing, healthcare and so much more. Organizations such as Hardy Girls, Healthy Women and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine, provide services to address these needs.
- C. **Environment:** Keeping items out of our waste stream and protecting our natural resources is accomplished through the efforts of non-profit organizations such as Ruth's Reusable Resources and Give IT Get IT.
- D. **Education/Employment:** Maine and New Hampshire are very lucky to have organizations such as: Give IT Get IT, Portland Schools, Mt. Washington STEM Expo and the U.S.M. Tourism Program that improve the quality of life for our residents by providing education and training.
- E. **Housing:** Housing prices in Maine and New Hampshire are higher than they have ever been, creating a crisis. Non-profit organizations in Maine and New Hampshire addressing this need include Neighborworks.

Section II. Responsive Programs

Date(s) Aired	Time(s) aired	Duration (Minutes)	Program Name	Related Issue	Description of Program & Issue Discussed
01/07/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Economy, Education	Tracy Michaud, Associate Professor of Tourism and Hospitality at the University of Southern Maine, spoke about scholarships that are available, and that 1 out of 5 people are employed in the THOR industries.
01/14/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Environment, Education	Lisa Thomas-Willey, Assistant to the Ex. Dir. at Ruth's Reusable Resources, discussed their mission of providing students with necessary materials and supplies in an environmentally conscious way.
01/21/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education, Housing	Robert Tourigney, Executive Director of Neighborworks, spoke of the desperate need not only for affordable housing, but also for financial education, so that people can buy

					their own homes. Their mission is to revitalize communities and create personal empowerment.
01/28/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education, Environment	Jim Darroch, Development Specialist for Give IT Get IT, spoke about the importance of digital inclusion and digital equity. They refurbish used computers and devices then provide the recycled devices to those who otherwise couldn't afford them.
02/04/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Mental Health	Susan Stearns, Exec. Dir. of N.A.M.I. N.H., shared that they provided mental health services such as statewide support groups, peer-to-peer programs, advocacy and much more to nearly 44,000 Granite Staters over the past fiscal year.
02/11/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Economy, Welfare	Lisa Dufault, Executive Director of Valley Promotions, explained that healthy non-profits provide an economic benefit to their communities, and discussed how we can best support them through volunteering and making monetary or material donations.
02/18/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Health, Education	Cindy Leavit, Ex. Dir. for Healthy Smiles, shared that this organization provides dental services in non-traditional spaces such as schools and shelters to expand dental care to the underserved.
02/25/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education, Child Welfare	Andrea Weisman Summers, Ex. Dir. of the Foundation for Portland Public Schools, discussed the foundation's fundraising mission that is so important to the success of Portland Schools, as well as upcoming spring events.
03/03/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Health, Welfare	Mike Norton, South Portland Firefighter, shared that the Checking for Charity event raises funds for many local non-profits and is organized by South Portland Firefighters.
03/10/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education	Emily Calderwood, Coordinator of the 2nd Annual Mt. Washington Valley Youth STEM Expo, spoke of the organization's mission to provide students with mentors and the resources to research and design STEM projects.
03/17/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Education, Health	Ashley Deeb, Member of the Executive Leadership Team for the American Heart Assoc., spoke about their upcoming fundraiser and luncheon that supports their Go Red for Women initiative that educates women about heart disease.
03/24/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Education	Kelly McKennel, Ex. Dir. of Hardy Girls Healthy Women, explained that their organization provides girls with workshops that address stereotypes, body image, media messages and social change to empower them.

03/31/2024	6a	:30	Perspectives	Child Welfare, Education	Brian Elow, CEO of The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southern Maine, shared future plans for the clubs and spoke about their important programming that provides a safe and enriching after- school experience for students.
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