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Financial assistance	Community Connection: Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation	1/26/22-4/26/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 18 times	60 seconds	The Greater Lynchburg Community Foundation has been investing in the community for fifty years and providing grants to nonprofits and educational scholarships.
Nonprofit	Community Connection: Rivanna Conservation Alliance	2/11/22-4/11/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 8 times	60 seconds	The Rivanna Conservation Alliance is a non-profit based in Charlottesville. They work with the community to conserve the Rivanna River and the streams and rivers that flow into it through water quality monitoring, restoration, education, and advocacy. If you love the Rivanna, or are looking for a way to help care for your local environment, the Rivanna Conservation Alliance invites you to volunteer! From cleaning up waterways and planting native trees, to educating kids about conservation and monitoring the quality of streams, there is something for everyone.
Nonprofit event	Community Connection: CodeVA	2/13/22-4/13/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 9 times	60 seconds	CodeVA is a nonprofit based in Richmond that provides student programs and statewide teacher training for K-12 computer science education. On Thursday, April 14th, they will be hosting their 4th annual Betting Big on Tech, an annual event bringing together industry leaders and community supporters for an evening of casino games, derby races, food and drink, and a robotics competition. Proceeds from this fundraiser support CodeVA's mission to bring equitable computer science education to every Virginia student.
Horse race	Community Connection: Foxfield Spring Races	2/14/22-4/29/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 23 times	60 seconds	Foxfield Racing is located in Albemarle County and now, under new local management, they have become a non-profit. Foxfield welcomes new and returning attendees to their annual Spring Race, happening on Saturday, April 30th. With large group tent options, parking spaces on the rail, Vendor Village and the New Orange Entertainment park, friends and families will have plenty to do between the steeplechase races. Their spring philanthropic partner is Camp Holiday Trails, located in Albemarle County. Proceeds from the race will go towards Camp Holiday Trails and all that they do to support the community while bringing children with medical illnesses to camp. Foxfield Racing is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.
Education	Hear Together: Descendants of Enslaved Communities at UVA	2/22/22-Present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 59 times	90 seconds	The Descendants of Enslaved Communities at University of Virginia work to uncover previously unknown ancestries of members within the community through research, education, and preservation. Their office collects oral histories and educational resources, along with offering tours of the Memorial to Enslaved Laborers near the Rotunda. In the past, guests of the memorial have provided ledgers and documents to the organization to assist their efforts to uncover more about themselves and identify the histories of their ancestors. DeTeasa Brown Gathers, Carolyn Mitchell Dillard, and Cauline Yates are all founding members of Descendants of Enslaved Communities at UVA. You can listen to their stories at the audio link below and learn more about the organization here.
Nonprofit event	Community Connection: Descendants of Enslaved Communities	2/2/22-2/27/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 52 times	60 seconds	Descendants of Enslaved Communities at the University of Virginia is a nonprofit organization established in 2020. Their mission is to research and reclaim the narrative, to honor the legacies of enslaved and free Black communities and their descendants, and to achieve restorative justice for communities rooted at the University of Virginia and surrounding regions. The organization is hosting "Market Mondays" at the old Monticello Dairy building every Monday for the entire month of February. For more information about the organization and to support their mission, visit their website.
Ales for Animals	Community Connection: Hope's Legacy Equine Center	2/23/22-4/8/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 6 times	60 seconds	Hope's Legacy Equine Center welcomes everyone to Ales for Animals on Saturday, April 9th at Blue Mountain Barrel House in Arrington. From noon – 5pm, guests are encouraged to bring their families to enjoy live music, meet animals of all types and sizes, check out farm equipment from Kubota of Lynchburg, and enjoy food and ales from The Barrel House. Proceeds from this event benefit Hope's Legacy Equine Center, Almost Home Pet Adoption Center, and Rockfish Wildlife Sanctuary. This event is designed to benefit these three animal oriented nonprofits. For tickets or to learn more, go online to Eventbrite and search Ales for Animals -- or find the event on Facebook by searching for Blue Mountain Barrel House or Hope's Legacy.

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Child assistance	Community Connection: Stepping Stone	2/25/22-4/25/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 16 times	60 seconds	Stepping Stone is a nonprofit located just a few blocks off of the Downtown Mall in Charlottesville. Stepping Stone provides children age newborn to three from under-resourced families in the Charlottesville/Albemarle region with the items they need to ensure a healthy, safe start to life. The items they provide include diapers/wipes, new and gently used baby clothes, strollers, car seats, and pack 'n' plays. And, of course, books! Community partners let them know what their families need, and they rely on the donation of new and nearly new items to fill their orders. They build inventory of these essentials through individual giving and grassroots community drives. Teams of volunteers help them to achieve their mission. While some individuals sort, clean, and bundle items according to the orders received from local partners, another team of volunteers delivers them to parents, caregivers, and children. Families struggling to pay rent, utilities, and grocery bills often can't afford the basics their children need every day. By focusing on an underserved demographic and age range, Stepping Stone aims to make sure the most vulnerable members of the community start life on the right foot.
Nonprofit event	Community Connection: RVA Beard League	2/25/22-4/22/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 15 times	60 seconds	The RVA Beard League, founded in 2011, is a social volunteer organization in Richmond improving their hometown through the three C's of community service, charitable fundraising, and camaraderie. On April 23rd at the Canal Club in Richmond, they will be hosting the Mid-Atlantic Beard & 'Stache Championships 008, a charity facial hair competition to benefit Shine For Scott, a non-profit that helps the increasing number of young adults diagnosed with colorectal cancer. The Mid-Atlantic Beard & 'Stache Championships consists of 15 different facial hair categories representing a diverse array of styles and lengths, and two devoted to fake beards so that everyone — including ladies, kids, and the (in)voluntarily clean shaven — can compete!
Donation	Community Connection: Refurnished Charlottesville	2/28/22-4/28/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 18 times	60 seconds	Refurnished is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that works to re-home gently used furniture to those in need in the community. The organization does everything from picking up furniture from donors to dropping it off directly in recipient's homes.
Fundraiser walk	Community Connection: SPCA Bow-WOW-Walk	3/2/22-4/22/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 17 times	60 seconds	The Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA is a nonprofit in Charlottesville working to advance the compassionate treatment of animals by providing sheltering, medical care, and behavioral services for dogs and cats; promoting permanent, caring homes; and furthering education and outreach. The animal shelter is hosting their 9th Annual bow-WOW-walk on Saturday, April 23rd! This K-9 2.5K supports the animals and lifesaving programs at the Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA. The 2022 walk kicks off at Boar's Head Resort and will feature human and doggie entertainment, canine competitions, and treats for humans and pups. Registration begins at 9:00 am. The walk will start at 10:30, followed by post-walk festivities from 11:30am-1pm.
Anniversary	Community Connection: Wildrock	3/2/22-4/22/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	60 seconds	Wildrock in Crozet is a nonprofit that promotes nature play for health and happiness. Wildrock invites you to join them for their 5th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 23rd. There will be seed planting, free play on the playscape, hiking tours, art in nature and more activities.
Disabilities	Hear Together: Valley Associates for Independent Living	3/2/22-Present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 74 times	90 seconds	In 1988, there were five families that came together who had children who had developmental disabilities, who looked around the community at that time, and wanted more independent opportunities for their young people. Fast forward to the year 2000, and VAIL then officially became what is known as a Center for Independent Living. Today, VAIL serves over 500 individuals annually in direct service. They work with people with developmental, physical, and sensory disabilities. They talk about overcoming barriers, attitudinal as well as physical. They see independence as a basic human civil right. For this Hear Together profile, we spoke with Executive Director Gayl Brunk. You can listen at the audio link below and learn more on VAIL's website.

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Enrollment	Community Connection: C-Street Cooperative Preschool	3/3/22-5/3/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 24 times	60 seconds	C-Street Cooperative Preschool in Charlottesville is a nonprofit that has been helping preschoolers learn through creative play for 50 years. They are also a co-op preschool, which means that parents actively participate in their child's education. C-Street kids spend their mornings exploring the carefully crafted environment inside the classroom and enjoying lots of outside time rain or shine. The school is currently accepting applications for enrollment and have scholarships available.
Health	Hear Together: Fit2Give	3/4/2022-Present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 70 times	90 seconds	Ricky Martin has worked in the fitness industry for more than 30 years. He co-created Fitness Warriors through Sportsbackers, a program that offers free group fitness classes to underserved communities in Richmond. Now, Martin has founded a new nonprofit, Fit2Give, which provides in-home personal training to help those who were extremely isolated during the pandemic stay mentally and physically healthy. Certified through the University of Virginia and the CDC, Fit2Give has also launched a diabetes prevention program to level the playing field around health disparities in Central Virginia's low income populations.
Donation	Community Connection: DePaul Community Resources	3/4/22-4/19/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	60 seconds	DePaul Community Resources is a nonprofit in Harrisonburg that helps serve children in foster care and individuals living with a developmental disability. They are participating in this year's Great Community Give on April 20th, and they regularly host online information sessions where you can learn more about becoming a foster parent or how you can help individuals with developmental disabilities. For more information, you can go to their website, depaulcr.org or follow them on Facebook.
Conservation	Community Connection: Appalachian Conservation Corps	3/4/22-5/4/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 24 times	60 seconds	The Appalachian Conservation Corps in Harrisonburg is currently accepting applications for their summer conservation crew opportunities. These paid positions, which are open for youth and young adult crews and internships, will build trails, work to restore critical habitats, and build accessibility to our public lands. No previous outdoor experience is required. You can learn more about how to join and support the Appalachian Conservation Corps and view the full position descriptions at their website, www.appalachiancc.org or you can find them on most social media platforms at @appalachian_cc .
Literacy	Community Connection: Skyline Literacy	3/19/22-4/19/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	60 seconds	Skyline Literacy is an adult education program that serves members of the community with English classes, citizenship preparation, and basic literacy. They help folks with reading and writing skills. You can make a difference in the life of a parent, family, or someone trying to support themselves. The Great Community Give is an initiative of the Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. It's a sunrise to sunset giving day that promotes charitable giving to donate to your favorite local nonprofits. The Great Community Give will take place this year on April 20th, from 6:30 am to 8:00 pm. All donations this day will be through greatcommunitygive.org and are tax-deductible. Whatever you donate, it adds up to an incredible day of support for literacy that meets needs, and builds a community that we all enjoy.
Race	Community Connection: VCU Massey Cancer Center	3/24/22-4/23/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 17 times	60 seconds	VCU Massey Cancer Center has been fighting cancer for 17 years by raising funds and awareness for cancer research. Massey is a national cancer institute designated cancer center and the only one in the Richmond area. NCI designation means Massey is a leader in the national fight against cancer and in driving in cancer research, prevention, and care. Guests are invited to join the cancer center for the Massey challenge as part of the annual Monument Avenue 10k on Saturday, April 23rd. This is a family friendly and empowering way to combine being active with fighting cancer. One in three women and one in two men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes, but they are making progress and more and more people are not only surviving, but thriving, in the process. Register for the Massey challenge, and join or donate to a team online.

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Earth Day	Community Connection: Climate Action Alliance of the Valley	3/4/22-4/21/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 15 times	60 seconds	The Climate Action Alliance of the Valley (CAAV) is a non-profit in Harrisonburg/Rockingham County that serves the Shenandoah Valley through our educational offerings and advocacy. Their mission is to limit the impact of humans on Earth's Climate and Minimize the effects of climate change in order to protect the future of our planet. The theme for Earth Day this year - Friday, April 22nd - is "Invest in Our Planet". They invite you to join CAAV for a documentary film screening at the JMU Planetarium during Earth Week. For more information on the date and time of the film -- and to learn more about CAAV -- you can visit their website, climateactionallianceofthevalley.org .
Affordable housing	Community Connection: Central Valley Habitat for Humanity	3/4/22-4/22/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	60 seconds	Central Valley Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit in Bridgewater that partners with low-income families in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to build homes, communities, and hope through affordable homeownership. They are hosting the Grand Opening of Harrisonburg's first Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Saturday, April 23rd. Proceeds from the ReStore help their organization build safe, decent, and affordable housing for local, low-income families. They invite you to join for a day of celebratory events, with food trucks, art opportunities for children and adults, a college vs. college furniture flip competition, and more.
Nonprofit event	Community Connection: Virginia Capital Trail Foundation	3/6/22-5/6/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 27 times	60 seconds	The Virginia Capital Trail Foundation is a nonprofit in Richmond that oversees the 52-mile Virginia Capital Trail, promotes outdoor recreation and active-transportation, and advocates for continued trail development in the region. On Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th they are hosting their CapCenter Cap2Cap Bike Ride presented by Dominion Energy on the Virginia Capital Trail. Ride the Virginia Capital Trail and enjoy a Post-Ride Party at Chickahominy Riverfront Park on Friday or at Dorey Park on Saturday -- or do both days to complete the Cap2Cap Two Day Challenge. Riders will be supported by fully stocked Rest Stops, and will receive a Cap2Cap t-shirt, water bottle, drawstring bag, lunch, beverage ticket, and more!
Elderly services	Community Connection: Valley Program for Aging Services	3/11/22-5/11/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 32 times	60 seconds	Valley Program for Aging Services is a nonprofit serving the counties of Augusta, Bath, Highland, Rockbridge, Rockingham and the cities that lie within. They empower adults 60 years and older with the resources and opportunities that they need to lead engaged lives. For more information, you can go to their website.
Lou Gherig's Disease	Community Connection: ALS Association	3/11/22-5/13/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 35 times	60 seconds	The ALS Association is a nonprofit that envisions a world without ALS. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis - also known as Lou Gehrig Disease -- is 100% fatal with no known cause or cure. They are hosting the Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS to provide hope on the horizon on Saturday, May 14th at Pro Re Nata Brewery in Crozet. They invite cyclists to join for 100km, 50km, 25km & 10km family routes -- non-cyclists are also welcome. There will be BBQ and a special brew on tap. Proceeds from the event will go towards the ALS Association, the highest non-profit funder of ALS research in the world outside of the U.S. Federal Government. For more information on donating, participating, or volunteering, you can go to their website, or you can follow them on Instagram at @blueridgealsride .
Market Monday	Community Connection: Twice Is Nice	4/1/22-4/30/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 22 times	60 seconds	Twice Is Nice is a nonprofit in Charlottesville with a mission to benefit seniors in need while promoting sustainability through the resale of donated men's and women's clothing, furniture, and household items. They value helping seniors, practicing sustainability through recycling and reducing waste, being socially impactful and inclusive, and providing quality products with competitive and affordable prices. As one of their missions to help promote sustainability, gently used items that are no longer wanted or needed can be brought to either of their two locations on Preston Avenue. Twice Is Nice is excited to be co-hosting "Market Mondays" at The Dairy Market in Charlottesville for the month of April. Guests can visit them on site at the Dairy Market on each Monday throughout the month between 11-2 and 4-6. Learn about ways to get involved and how to donate by visiting their website or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

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Relay race	Community Connection: Lexington Rotary Club	4/1/22-5/6/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 26 times	60 seconds	The Rotary Club of Lexington-Sunrise is presenting the 45th annual Lexington Road and River Relay on Saturday, May 7th for team and solo participants in Lexington and Rockbridge County. This 6 mile, 4 leg event kicks off at 10 a.m. and includes running legs, a bicycle leg and a canoe/kayak leg. Proceeds from this event go towards groups that help children and adults in the community avoid food and health insecurity. The Rotary Club also supports literacy initiatives and various other nonprofit organizations that provide valuable resources for the community.
Sale	Community Connection: Wall Opportunities and Wishes (WOW)	4/6/22-5/6/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 20 times	60 seconds	Wall Opportunities and Wishes, otherwise known as WOW, is a non-profit agency meeting the needs of Virginians with developmental and/or mental health disabilities that cannot be met in any other way. WOW is hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday, May 7th from 8 am to 1 pm at the Dillard Road Office Complex in Madison Heights. Individuals will be offering homemade, unique crafts such as birdhouses, accessories, and home décor. Gently used medical equipment and yard sale items will also be available. Find out more on their website or by emailing wownonprofit@gmail.com.
Festival	Community Connection: Crozet Arts and Crafts Festival	4/6/22-5/6/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 19 times	60 seconds	The Crozet Arts and Crafts Festival invites guests to bring their whole family out to Crozet Park on Mother's Day Weekend, May 7th and 8th, for the 42nd Annual Crozet Spring Arts and Crafts Festival. There will be 120 artists, live music all weekend including a performance by The Judy Chops, food trucks, special treats just for Moms, a kids area, and more. Four legged friends are welcome, too. All proceeds from their event benefit non-profit and community owned Claudius Crozet Park.
Art	Community Connection: IX Art Park Foundation	4/16/22-5/26/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 33 times	60 seconds	The IX Art Park Foundation invites the public to immerse themselves in art for three days at the IX Art Park in downtown Charlottesville from Friday, May 27th through Sunday, May 29th for the Charlottesville Arts Festival. To celebrate community, diversity and creativity, the park is bringing in 60 visual arts vendors from all over the East Coast to exhibit and offer demonstrations and workshops that aim to spark individual creativity. There will also be live music, fire dancers, craft beer, and food. Guests are welcome to join the park for the kickoff on Friday, May 27 at 6pm, when the Global Roots Project unveils the America Connects National Mural – which features 1500 mosaic tiles painted by people across the US for one unified design placed in Charlottesville.
Fundraiser	Community Connection: Better Housing Coalition	4/1/22-4/17/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 13 times	60 seconds	Better Housing Coalition is raising awareness of the need for affordable housing in the region and welcomes guests to join them for Stay at Home RVA, a week long non-event gala from April 18th through 24th. Here's how it works: guests stay home and donate what they would have spent going to a gala, sharing their support for more affordable housing in the community on social media. As thanks, participants will receive a virtual "swag bag" with dinner and cocktail recipes curated by local chefs. All donations are fully tax deductible and their tool kit has everything necessary to spread the word.
Culture	Culture Connection: March 28th - April 3rd	3/27/22-4/3/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 2 times	90 seconds	Beverly Street Studio school in Staunton will be showing the work of their members with a special gallery display on view until April 17th. In Charlottesville, The Black and White multimedia exhibit will be on view at The Center at Belvedere, now through April 27th. Art Works in Richmond will be highlighting the work of Dawnette Renee in her exhibit titled "Revival" through April 16th.
Culture	Culture Connection: April 4th - April 10th	4/4/22-4/10/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 7 times	90 seconds	In Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery is showing an exhibit titled "Pathways" by Francisco Donoso in their main gallery through the end of May. Riverview Artspace in downtown Lynchburg is currently displaying a series of ink prints by artist Jill Jensen through April 21st. In Richmond, Lilian Kreutzberger's exhibit titled "look and feel" is on view at 1708 Gallery until April 24th.

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Domestic abuse	Community Connection: First Step VA	4/1/22-6/1/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 46 times	60 seconds	First Step: A Response to Domestic Violence provides crisis intervention and support services to survivors of domestic violence and their children in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Their services include: 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency transportation and shelter, legal advocacy and court accompaniment, case management, information and referral, individual counseling, search and location of affordable housing, rental assistance, and public awareness. They have trained staff members available 24 hours a day to assist survivors. All of First Step's services are confidential. First Step's mission is empowering survivors to break the cycle of violence and abuse in their lives. Their vision is a community free of abuse. For more information, you can visit their website.
Music	Community Connection: Rocktown Beer & Music Festival	3/11/22-4/15/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	60 seconds	Rocktown Beer & Music Festival is back! Presented by Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance, they love craft beer and independent music and their mission is to make Downtown Harrisonburg a vibrant location for the arts. They are hosting Rocktown Fest on April 16th at 3:00pm at the Farmer's Market Pavilion. They will have over 70 craft beers from Harrisonburg's own Brothers Craft Brewing and Pale Fire Brewing Co. and others, as well as live music from The Nude Party and Abby Bryant and The Echoes.
5k Fundraiser	Community Connection: Jones Gardens	4/6/22-4/30/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 15 times	60 seconds	Jones Gardens is a nonprofit based in Staunton with the mission of beautifying local communities and increasing affordable access to fresh produce through the creation of community garden parks. Jones Gardens is hosting their first annual Nourishing Strides 5k Fundraiser on Saturday, May 21st at 9am at Montgomery Hall Park in Staunton. Walkers and runners are welcome to join them through the trails and fields of Montgomery Hall, followed by an after race celebration and medal hand-outs. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go towards the operations of Jones Gardens. For more information, you can visit their website at jonesgarden.org .
Auction	Community Connection: ARCH	4/6/22-4/24/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 11 times	60 seconds	Artistic Remedies for Creative Hearts, or ARCH, was founded in 2021 to help people strengthen their mental health and access their resiliency through creative expression. ARCH classes teach art-making as a viable tool for self-awareness and positive social interaction. This May, they're hosting a silent auction to benefit the Beryl Solla Art Educational Scholarship Fund for ARCH. There will be artwork by local artists Chicho Lorenzo and Sigrid Eilertson, experiences like horseback riding, and wearable art pieces made right here in Central Virginia. The online auction will be available for preview on Monday, April 25th and bidding begins on May 1st. Guests are invited to view these items in person for 2 days only at Starr Hill Brewery and Taproom in Crozet where they will be displayed on Mother's Day weekend: Saturday, May 7th, and Sunday, May 8th. Beryl was WNRN's Culture Monkey – a well-loved member of the Charlottesville art community. She believed that art belongs to everyone and that artists of all experience levels are part of a supportive greater community. ARCH believes that, too. Proceeds from this event will allow those with financial need to take ARCH classes, participate in their programs, and find their place in a supportive community. Learn more about their mission and this event on the Artistic Remedies for Creative Hearts website.
Dance	Community Connection: Halestone Dance Studio	4/8/22-4/29/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	60 seconds	Halestone is a nonprofit dance studio that aims to enrich the Rockbridge area by providing access to quality dance experience and education in nurturing environments. They aim to empower individuals and communities to make, perform, and experience original dance as a theoretical, technical, and expressive art. Halestone Dance Studio is a place where anybody and everybody can dance. The dance studio is hosting their annual spring production at Boxerwood Nature Center, in Lexington. Home, Nature and Land, will be on Saturday, April 30th at 1pm and 6pm, and Sunday, May 1st at 3pm. For more information, go to their website, halestone.com/2022-spring-recital .
Culture	Culture Connection: April 11th - April 17th	4/11/22-4/17/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	90 seconds	The Visual Arts Center in Richmond presents "Mira, Miru", 2022 annual resident exhibition through April 24th. The Virginia Botanical Artists exhibit will be on view in the Staunton Augusta Art Center until May 14th. Outside of Charlottesville, the Arts Center in Orange will be showing an exhibit titled "Young Visions 2022", spotlighting the work of orange county school students until May 14th.

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Irish Music	Community Connection: BRIMS	4/11/22-4/30/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 13 times	60 seconds	The Blue Ridge Irish Music School (BRIMS) offers classes for all ages and skill levels in Irish music, dance and song. On Sunday, May 1st BRIMS and Thistlerock farm present the first annual Mayday Beltane Celebration. This festive family event will include performances by BRIMS students of all ages and special guests Alex Caton and Pat Egan; activities for the entire family including pony rides, a Maypole, crafts and an opportunity to find out about more BRIMS spring classes.
Reading	Community Connection: Massanutten Regional Library	4/7/22-5/14/2022	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 27 times	60 seconds	Founded in 1928, Massanutten Regional Library is an engaged community partner providing programs and services that aim to bring people together, foster creativity, and encourage lifelong learning. Residents of Harrisonburg, Page County, and Rockingham County – and adjacent counties – can obtain a library card to start exploring their collection of books, research materials, audio and eBooks, DVDs, programs and more. They offer seven branch locations in the Valley to serve you, so you'll find MRL in Bridgewater, Broadway, Elkton, Grottoes, Harrisonburg, Luray, and Shenandoah.
Peer Recovery	Hear Together: Strength in Peers	4/15/22-present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 61 times	90 seconds	Grounded in lived experience from their peer recovery specialists, Strength in Peers helps those in the community struggling with substance use, mental health, and trauma-related challenges. By centering treatment around each individual's unique situation and needs, they help participants thrive by emphasizing their autonomy and goals. Serving Harrisonburg and Rockingham, Page, and Shenandoah Counties, Strength in Peers provides customized recovery programs, and helps connect individuals to community-based services to help with housing, employment, health care, and other challenges. We spoke with executive director Nicky Fadley for this Hear Together profile. You can listen at the audio link below, and learn more about Strength in Peers on their website.
Reading	Community Connection: Massanutten Regional Library	5/15/22-7/30/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 38 times	60 seconds	Serving the city of Harrisonburg and Page and Rockingham Counties, Massanutten Regional Library is presenting their annual Summer Reading Program – a chance to join with others and celebrate the joy of reading. Themed "Oceans of Possibilities," the Summer Reading Program is for readers of all ages and runs from Monday, June 6th through Sunday, July 31st. They invite you to sign up and track your reading alongside MRL this summer and participate in our local programs and events, which are each designed to foster a love of reading and literacy skills. You can learn more about the Summer Reading Program at any of MRL's seven library branches or online at their website.
RampsRVA collaboration	Community Connection: About Time Music Festival	4/12/22-4/28/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 9 times	60 seconds	The About Time Musical Festival is a nonprofit organization that brings people together for worthy causes. This year, their nonprofit partner is RampsRVA, a Central Virginia organization that provides home modular ramps for individuals needing access to medical appointments and equality of access. They are hosting a weekend festival April 29th and 30th at the Ed Allen campground, with music by The Dirty Grass Players, the Hashbury Collective, and more! For more information, find the About Time Music Festival on Facebook.
Family Fun	Community Connection: Fit4Kids	4/21/22-5/21/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 27 times	60 seconds	Greater Richmond Fit4Kids is a nonprofit in the Richmond area that is dedicated to improving children's health and wellness through physical activity and health eating. They are hosting a Family Fun Day at Forest Hill Park in Richmond on Sunday, May 22nd from 3-5pm. Attendees can join in superhero-themed activities and games encouraging family fun, outdoor play, and wellness. There will also be superhero snacks and takeaways! Fit4Kids invites you to bring the whole family to join in the excitement and celebrate your inner superhero. You can learn more about Fit4Kids' Family Fun Day by going to their website and searching for "Family Fun Day".

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LGBTQ+ support	Community Connection: Friendly City Safe Space	4/21/22-6/21/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 52 times	60 seconds	The Friendly City Safe Space is a nonprofit in Harrisonburg that offers community, education, and resources for LGBTQ+ people and aspiring allies of all ages, and racial and ethnic identities in Harrisonburg and surrounding counties in an effort to build a community where LGBTQ+ people thrive. Their drop-in hours are Wednesday to Friday from 4-8 and Saturday from 11-7 in their downtown Harrisonburg space. You can stop by and meet their volunteers, get a tour of the space, or simply enjoy free tea, coffee, and snacks. The space includes a queer library, mindfulness room, and plenty of space for studying and spending time both alone and in the community.
Homelessness	Community Connection: Valley Open Doors	4/22/22-6/22/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 52 times	60 seconds	Valley Open Doors' mission is to engage the community of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County in partnership to provide shelter, compassionate support, and access to services for people experiencing homelessness. In 2007, members of the Interfaith Association recognized a need for a homeless shelter in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham area that would be low-barrier and available to those who are not eligible to stay at other shelters. This low-barrier philosophy means that all who are homeless and over the age of 18 are welcome in our shelter when they have nowhere else to go. They want to open doors for their clients to provide them with resources that will help to end the cycle of chronic homelessness. They provide overnight shelter to individuals 18 years and older on a first come first serve basis. Open Doors also partners with other local community stakeholders to help provide guests with access to case management, social and health services, and referral programs for permanent housing.
Coollest Pet Competition	Community Connection: Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Tutoring Network	5/1/22-5/31/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 30 times	60 seconds	The Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Tutoring Network is a nonprofit that supports the needs of students in the community. They strive to address the increased learning and achievement gap in education brought on by the pandemic. To help families who cannot afford private tutoring, the network offers academic support to students K-12 [at no cost], including assistance with homework assignments, test preparation and the reinforcement of skills needed for success in the classroom. Along with the Shenandoah Valley Kiwanis Club, the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Tutoring Network is hosting a contest to find the Coolest Pet in the Shenandoah Valley throughout the month of May. All pet owners are invited to enter their pets in the contest. Proceeds will go towards helping the SAW Tutoring Network expand its offering to students in need of academic assistance. Find more information and contest rules online or by checking out the Shenandoah Valley Kiwanis Club on Facebook.
Block Party	Community Connection: The Front Porch	4/23/22-5/13/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 17 times	60 seconds	The Front Porch is a nonprofit dedicated to connecting everyone through music. The public is invited to attend their Annual Block Party on Saturday, May 14th from 4-9 pm. There'll be Instruments and Vinyl for purchase, Kids Activities, and live music, including a performance by their outreach hometown choir. Food and beverages will also be available. More information can be found on their website.
Tim O'Brien	Community Connection: The Front Porch	5/15/22-6/7/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 21 times	60 seconds	The Front Porch is a nonprofit dedicated to connecting everyone through music. Guests are invited to two evenings with renowned guitarist and songwriter Tim O'Brien on Wednesday, June 8th Thursday, June 9th. More information can be found online at frontporchville.org.
Ukraine	Community Connection: Rotary Club Richmond	4/26/22-5/26/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 25 times	60 seconds	The Rotary Club of Richmond is a community service nonprofit founded in 1913 with a commitment to improving the community through providing grants to nonprofit organizations and volunteering hours to serve those in need. As a member of Rotary International, they are hosting a campaign in support of ShelterBox, who provides shelter and other essential items to 4.6 million Ukrainian refugees who have fled the fighting both inside and outside their country. To learn more about how you can help the people of Ukraine, go to their website.

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Parking Lot Party	Community Connection: Richmond Performing Arts Alliance	4/26/22-5/6/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 6 times	60 seconds	Richmond Performing Arts Alliance's Associates Board is hosting its third annual Parking Lot Party on Saturday, May 7th from 3-7 PM. You, your friends, and family are invited to join them at the Dominion Energy Center parking lot for an afternoon and evening of bands, brews and bites! Bands include – headliner Trunk Show Band presented by Yes, And! Theatrical Co., with additional performances by CND Band and Prabir Trio. You can enjoy arts activities and experiences with Host of Sparrows Aerial Circus, Richmond Urban Dance, Studio Two Three, and The Sage Nest. Proceeds from this event benefit RPAA's BrightLights Education Initiatives. For more information, you can visit their event website.
Make Your Own Impact	Community Connection: Community Climate Collaborative	5/1/22-8/1/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 49 times	60 seconds	The Community Climate Collaborative is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that aims to elevate climate action, policy, advocacy, and equity at the community level. Area residents are invited to join in their new Make Your Own Impact campaign in an effort to reduce carbon footprints and have a positive impact on the community. After joining, you'll receive a downloadable guide of LEARN it, VOICE it, DO it actions to reduce emissions; access to an online community of changemakers (in a platform called Circle) for support; and more -- in order to help make the community a better, more sustainable and just place to live, work and play! The campaign will run throughout 2022 with events both online and in-person. For more information, go to their website.
Summer Kickoff	Community Connection: Shalom Farms	4/26/22-5/20/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 22 times	60 seconds	Shalom Farms is a nonprofit in Richmond working together to build healthy communities by growing and sharing healthy food. They are excited to welcome folks out to their Powhatan Farm on Saturday, May 21st from 1 - 4 pm for their annual Summer Kickoff Celebration. This family-friendly event will feature local food trucks, craft beverages, live music, and activities for folks of all ages, including farm tours, cooking demonstrations, and a kid-friendly scavenger hunt. Proceeds from the Summer Kickoff will support Shalom Farms' food access and education programs throughout Richmond. You can learn more about Shalom Farms and the Summer Kickoff on their website.
String Concert	Community Connection: Three Notch'd Baroque Ensemble	4/26/22-5/19/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 18 times	60 seconds	Three Notch'd Road: The Virginia Baroque Ensemble is a nonprofit based in Charlottesville that seeks to enrich the culture of Central Virginia through historically-informed performances that reveal the beauty of early music. They are presenting the fourth concert of their season, "Hope and Recovery," in Staunton, Richmond, and Charlottesville the weekend of May 20th through 22nd. The program will include Ludwig van Beethoven's famous late string quartet Opus 132 paired with a reading by Kenneth A. Myers of T. S. Eliot's iconic poems Four Quartets. For more information you can go to their website.
Market Mondays	Community Connection: Loaves & Fishes	5/1/22-5/29/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 26 times	60 seconds	Loaves & Fishes is Charlottesville's largest free food resource for low-wealth community members. Loaves & Fishes gives out a 10-day supply of nutritious food for each household member at every visit, can accommodate a range of cultural and dietary needs, and people can visit two times each month. In 2021, they provided 2 million pounds of food to more than 50,000 individuals from Charlottesville and all surrounding counties. Loaves & Fishes is co-hosting "Market Mondays" at The Dairy Market in Charlottesville throughout the month of May. They will be on site at Dairy Market Mondays throughout May between 11am-1pm and 6-8 pm, sharing what they do, showing examples of the food they give out, and ways to get involved. You also can learn more on their website, or by following them on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.
Culture	Culture Connection: April 18th - April 24th	4/18/22-4/24/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	90 seconds	The McGuffey Art Center in Charlottesville is displaying the multi-media work of Zoe Edgecomb, titled "Outflow", in the First Floor Hallway Gallery- North through the 1st of May. The Carole and Marcus Weinstein Jewish Community Center in Richmond is hosting a virtual showing of the exhibit "Celebrate Good Times!", a tribute to the members of the JCC for the past 75 years. This photography exhibit will be available on their website until April 29th. The Lynchburg Art Club and Gallery permanent collection spotlights artwork dating back to 1895 all the way to the present. The collection is open to the public and more information can be found in their gallery reference book.

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Culture	Culture Connection: April 25th - May 1st	4/25/22-5/1/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	90 seconds	In Harrisonburg, Arts Council of the Valley will be showing the work of two nature photographers and one photographer who interprets a modern version of the "dance with death" until April 29th. In Charlottesville, the University of Virginia Studio Art Department's Ruffin Gallery is showing their 4th and 5th Year student Thesis Exhibitions each week until May 6th. Art Space in Richmond will be showing a satellite exhibition titled "We Thought COVID Would Be Over By Now" through May 1st. More information can be found on their website.
Culture	Culture Connection: May 2nd - May 8th	5/2/22-5/8/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	90 seconds	The Looking Glass, Virginia's first immersive art experience, is open to the public at the IX Art Park in Charlottesville. Creative nights are hosted on Thursdays from 6 to 10pm. In Richmond, The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts is displaying the work of Tsherin Sherpa, a Tibetan American artist, through October 16th in the Evans Court Gallery. The exhibit is titled "Spirits". At the Maier Museum at Randolph College in Lynchburg, the modern and contemporary selections from the President's permanent collection will be on display from April 26th to May 29th.
Child care	Community Connection: Rotary Strawberry Festival	5/5/22-5/20/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 9 times	60 seconds	The Rotary Club of Rockingham County is hosting the 5th annual Rotary Strawberry Festival in Harrisonburg on May 21st from 11am to 4pm in the City Hall parking lot. This is a family-friendly event and is open to the public. They will be raising funds through the sale of a variety of Strawberry-based desserts, and will also have live music, food trucks, and games! The proceeds raised will provide support to those in need of assistance with child care costs in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. The event is organized by a collaborative effort of the Rotary Clubs of Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Bridgewater and Harrisonburg-Massanutten.
Culture	Culture Connection: May 9th - May 15th	5/9/22-5/15/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	90 seconds	The University of Lynchburg is hosting their undergraduate and local high school art show on May 17th in the Dillard Lobby Gallery. The Staunton Augusta Art Center, in collaboration with various mental health organizations, is presenting a series called "Art: A Voice" until the end of May in honor of mental health awareness month. In Charlottesville, the Fralin Museum of Art at the University of Virginia is showing an exhibit titled "Open Window" by artist Emilio Sanchez until June 19th.
Culture	Culture Connection: May 16th - May 22nd	5/16/22-5/22/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	90 seconds	At Art Works in Richmond, the natural and interpretive series "Outside Your Door" by Mike Bily will be showing through May 21st. In Charlottesville, Second Street Gallery is showing the work of hard-line abstract painter Christina Flowers titled "Community Lost and Found". Located on the campus of Washington & Lee in Lexington, the Staniar Gallery highlights Kathleen Olson's "Retrospective" until May 26th. As a retired professor of art at Washington & Lee, Kathleen has curated an immersive experience for her students, traveling with them to Italy during spring semesters for creative inspiration and art and culture appreciation.
James River Batteau Festival	Community Connection: Virginia Canals & Navigations Society	5/18/22-6/18/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 29 times	60 seconds	The Virginia Canals & Navigations Society is presenting the 37th annual James River Batteau Festival, an 8-day 120-mile journey on the James River from Lynchburg to Maidens Landing. The festival runs from Saturday June 18th through Saturday, June 25th with food available at each stop. They invite you to join them for this historical reenactment event at the stop in Scottsville on Wednesday, June 22nd. You can see the batteaus, enjoy food and music, and learn about the historical significance of these 18th century tobacco boats. You can learn more, including vendor information, online at vacanals.org.
Corn-a-ment	Community Connection: Lynchburg Beacon of Hope	5/9/22-5/20/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 9 times	60 seconds	Lynchburg Beacon of Hope invites you to join them at their 8th annual Corn-a-ment corn hole tournament, held Saturday May 21 at Oakwood Country Club. Guests can enjoy the 'thrill of the toss' all while supporting Lynchburg Beacon of Hope, their Stay Close Go Far Scholarships, and the incredible students of Lynchburg City Schools. To learn more about Team sponsorships, spectator tickets, raffle tickets, and much more, you can visit their website.

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Memorial Ride	Community Connection: YMCA of Central Virginia	5/9/22-5/21/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 10 times	60 seconds	The YMCA of the Central Virginia invites you to join your friends and fellow cyclists in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Central Virginia on Sunday, May 22nd for the 13th annual Storming of Thunder Ridge – The John Bell Memorial ride. This event offers fellowship and challenge for every cyclist's ability with a choice of five route lengths, to allow you to ride your bicycle at your own pace along well-marked, scenic country roads. Registration helps fund various community outreach programs at the YMCA of Central Virginia. You can find more information on their website.
Culture	Culture Connection: May 23rd - May 29th	5/23/22-5/29/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	90 seconds	At the Beverley Street Studio School in Staunton, d'Ann de Simone's series titled "biotikos" is on view now until June 12th, with a closing reception on June 10th. Henrico County Public School Center for Arts, outside of Richmond, is displaying their Senior Visual Arts Showcase at Art Works on May 27th. In Charlottesville, The Bridge Progressive Arts Institute is showing an exhibit titled "Nosotros" through May 30th. This is a series of paintings of connection by Kris Bowmaster and Chicho Lorenzo. More information can be found online.
Fitness	Community Connection: Project Yoga Richmond	5/18/22-8/18/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 37 times	60 seconds	Project Yoga Richmond is a nonprofit dedicated to making yoga affordable and accessible to everyone. They believe yoga has the power to heal and strengthen individuals and, in turn, transform whole communities. Project Yoga Richmond offers pay-what-you-can yoga classes as well as outreach programs that serve youth, teens, seniors, children and adults with disabilities, individuals in recovery, incarcerated men and women, domestic violence and human trafficking survivors, and more. They invite you to join for weekly pop-up yoga classes all across Richmond. This fall season they're offering weekly classes in Church Hill, Scott's Addition, The Museum District, Manchester, Carytown, The Fan, Glenside, and more. You can register online at projectyogarichmond.org/classes . Any donations will go toward their outreach programs, helping to expand access to the healing power of yoga.
Music	Community Connection: Wilton House Museum	5/18/22-6/11/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 21 times	60 seconds	Wilton House Museum is a historic house museum in Richmond that tells a truly Virginian story from the 18th century to the modern day. This year, they are back to hosting Jammin' on the James, an outdoor summer concert series. The 3 concerts will take place on the second Saturday of June, July, and August with music starting at 6:00 pm. They welcome you to join on Saturday, June 11th for Paulo Franco & The Freightliners; on Saturday, July 9th for The Whiskey Rebellion; and on Saturday, August 13th for Poisoned Dwarf. Proceeds benefit the historic house and its preservation.
Music	Community Connection: Wintergreen Music Festival	5/18/22-7/5/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 34 times	60 seconds	The Wintergreen Music Festival runs Wednesday, July 6th through Sunday, July 31st at Wintergreen Resort and neighboring wineries and cideries — including Valley Road Vineyards, Bold Rock Hard Cider, and Veritas Vineyards & Winery. During the Festival, you and your family can spend mornings getting to know the music and their Festival Artists in podcast-style coffee talks. We welcome you to spend afternoons hiking, golfing, playing tennis, checking out a rehearsal or masterclass, or spending time at one of their partner wineries or cideries. Almost every evening in July, you can enjoy chamber music, jazz, bluegrass, tango, or full symphony orchestra in the open-air performance venue perched on the mountaintop. Audiences can experience the Festival for a day, a weekend, or the entire month of July.
Cancer	Community Connection: VCU Massey Cancer Center	5/18/22-6/14/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 23 times	60 seconds	The VCU Massey Cancer Center in Richmond is a leader in the national fight against cancer and in driving cancer research, prevention and care to fight women's, and all, cancers. Women and Wellness has a 27-year history of women empowering women in the cancer fight and has raised \$5 million to advance research and clinical trials that deliver tomorrow's treatments to cancer patients today. They invite you to join for this year's Women and Wellness event at The Jefferson Hotel in downtown Richmond on Wednesday, June 15th, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. You can enjoy a cocktail reception, research updates, and the opportunity to mingle (with social distancing measures in place), while helping to fight cancer. One in three women and one in two men will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. But, we are making progress.

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Ukraine benefit	Community Connection: Blue Ridge Irish Music School	5/18/22-6/9/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 20 times	60 seconds	The Blue Ridge Irish Music School (BRIMS) is excited to announce 2 upcoming concerts! On Friday, June 10th, they're partnering with Thistlerock Farm to present a benefit concert for Ukraine featuring a performance by the Celtic rock band Scythian. On Wednesday, June 15th, BRIMS presents Irish music with guitarist and singer John Doyle and accordion player and singer Mick McAuley at Potter's Craft Cider.
Youth empowerment	Community Connection: Girls on the Run of Central VA	6/1/22-8/1/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 24 times	60 seconds	Girls on the Run Central Virginia and Blue Ridge is currently in their 16th year of bringing this life-changing program to the girls in our communities, and have served well over 11,000 participants. With your help, they look forward to helping even more girls reach their limitless potential this year and beyond. GOTR also hopes to be back in more schools in the fall and will be in need of volunteer coaches. Their coaches lead small teams of 8-15 girls through lessons over a period of ten weeks that nurture physical and emotional health while training to complete a 5K. The fall season will begin in early September. If you are interested in bringing Girls on the Run to your location, volunteering as a coach, or registering a girl for one of their programs, you can visit: girlsontheruncenva.org .
Pet rescue and adoption	Community Connection: RHSPCA	5/20/22-7/2/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 27 times	60 seconds	The Rockingham Harrisonburg SPCA is a local nonprofit and serving the people and the homeless pets for the larger Rockingham-Harrisonburg community. Each year, they take in over 2,500 dogs and cats, making them the Valley's busiest animal rescue or shelter. Their mission is to create a community free of pet homelessness and animal suffering through adoption and advocacy. They would like to invite you to Summer Jam, Sunday, July 3rd, at the Massanutten Resort. Gates open at 5pm. The event will feature live music, kids' activities, beer & wine, food trucks, and fireworks at 10 pm! All proceeds from the event benefit the Rockingham/Harrisonburg SPCA. To purchase tickets, or learn more about RHSPCA's volunteer and foster opportunities, you can visit their website at rhspca.org .
LGBTQ support	Hear Together: Shenandoah LGBTQ Center	5/20/22-present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 33 times	90 seconds	Built on a model of community collaboration, the Shenandoah LGBTQ Center has centered the voices of LGBTQ people in the valley since its inception. From the initial community listening conversations in 2018 came a wide variety of support services, including peer support groups, affirming healthcare referral, a queer resource library, and many more. For this Hear Together profile, we spoke with executive director AnhThu Nguyen, who is committed to expanding the center's support network throughout the Shenandoah Valley, to address the unique challenges faced by LGBTQ people across the communities of the commonwealth. You can listen at the audio link below, and learn more about the Shenandoah LGBTQ Center at their website.
Ashland Strawberry Faire	Community Connection: Ashland Strawberry Faire	5/25/22-6/10/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 13 times	60 seconds	The Ashland Strawberry Faire is hosting their 40th Anniversary on Saturday, June 11th from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Guests are invited to bring their family out to the historic campus of Randolph-Macon College, in Ashland. The Faire will kick off at 9:30 am with a "Strawberry Kids" Parade for all ages. Guests can enjoy a trolley ride to the campus and visit the Motor Mile, Kid Zone, BARKing Lot, and Pet Pageant. There will be music and activities on two stages, and over 300 vendors, including Arts & Crafts, Hanover County businesses, and non-profit groups. Proceeds go towards scholarships for Hanover County Public School students and grants-for-work for the non-profit groups who help them run their non-profit Faire.
15th Anniversary	Community Connection: Blue Sky Fund	5/25/22-7/6/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 28 times	60 seconds	Blue Sky Fund is a nonprofit in Richmond that aims to provide transformative outdoor experiences for youth in the City of Richmond that increase their access to nature, enhance academic performance, and strengthen key resilience skills. They welcome you to join them for their 15th anniversary celebration at Starr Hill Beer Hall & Rooftop in Scott's Addition on Thursday, July 7th at 5PM. In 2007, Blue Sky was born out of a passion to connect children from low-income areas to the life-changing experience of learning outdoors. Since then, BSF programming has evolved into three core programs offering a continuum of nature-based activities that advance racial equity in the outdoors for approximately 2,800 students each school year. You can learn more about their 15th anniversary event on their website, blueskyfund.org .

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Fearless Fest	Community Connecton: Richmond Young Writers	5/25/22-6/11/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 15 times	60 seconds	Richmond Young Writers is hosting the second annual Fearless Fest on Sunday, June 12th, in collaboration with five of their fellow Richmond nonprofits: Project Yoga Richmond, OpenSpace Education, Studio Two Three, RVA Sk8 Club, and the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton. Designed to help youth ages 12-18 explore what fearlessness means to them, this event will feature writing, yoga, skateboarding, and art-making stations, along with other learning experiences, including an observational beehive. Lunch and a t-shirt or tote bag on which to screen print the Fearless Fest logo will be provided. You can find more information and register online at richmondyoungwriters.com .
Fae Festival	Community Connecton: IX Art Park	5/27/22-6/16/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 20 times	60 seconds	Ix Art Park is hosting The Fae Festival, Charlottesville's first urban Renaissance Festival on Friday, June 17th and Saturday, June 18th. Ix will be transformed into an otherworldly medieval village with mythical creatures, fairy folk, music, workshops, and more. Festival goers are encouraged to dress in their finest costumes, don their elf ears, fairy wings, cloaks, and other fae attire. Over 50 vendors will share their wares in the medieval market and will offer a huge array of unique handmade crafts and artworks, herbal remedies, witchy wares, and more. Face painting, henna tattoos, tarot and palm readings will all be available along with live demonstrations and workshops that will teach visitors how to create everything from masks and macrame jewelry to brooms and herb sachets. The festival is open to all ages from noon to 10pm on Friday, June 17 and from 8am to 10pm on Saturday, June 18. This event supports the non-profit Ix Art Park Foundation and guests are also invited to explore the The Looking Glass immersive art museum. More information is available at ixartpark.org .
Culture	Culture Connection: May 30th - June 12th	5/30/22-6/12/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 11 times	90 seconds	In Charlottesville, the KlugE-Ruhe Aboriginal Art Collection at the University of Virginia is displaying a selection of prints by the Boomalli cooperative of Australia through June 19th. In Richmond, the work of Gideon Appah is on display at the Institute for Contemporary Art at Virginia Commonwealth University. The series is titled "Forgotten, Nudes, Landscapes" and is showing through June 19th. In Lynchburg, Riverviews Art Space is showing a series titled "HAGS and Other Starratives" by artist Bunny Goodjohn until June 16th. Bunny uses repurposed fabric and needle work to reclaim the idea of what it means to be a woman in modern America.
Culture	Culture Connection: June 13th - June 26th	6/13/22-6/26/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	90 seconds	In Waynesboro, Shenandoah Valley Art Center is displaying the 43rd Annual Virginia Watercolor Society exhibition until September 27th. The University of Richmond is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Joel and Lila Harnett Print Study Center with an exhibit titled "Two Decades" through July 7th in the Modlin Center for the Arts Atrium and Booker Hall at the University. In Charlottesville, The Center at Belvedere is showing work by three members of the Bozart Fine Art Collective through June 30th.
Culture	Culture Connection: June 27th - July 10th	6/27/22-7/10/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 2 times	90 seconds	Until August 22nd, the Folk Art Society of America in Richmond is showing the work of Ben Wilson, an artist who sees beauty in trash and creates tiny masterpieces by painting old chewing gum that is stuck to the ground. In Harrisonburg, the Virginia Quilt Museum is showing a 182 piece series titled "Endangered Species" until July 15th. In Charlottesville, the University of Virginia Fralin Art Museum is showing Early 20th century photography and fine arts collections until July 24th.
Animal shelter	Community Connection: HOWS Project	5/26/22-7/1/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 25 times	60 seconds	HOWS Project is a local volunteer-based nonprofit, created in 2008, to address an overlooked need to help improve the lives and well-being of outside dogs in Charlottesville and surrounding counties. They are always looking for compassionate dog-loving folks to help us with their mission. For more information, they welcome you to go to their website; their Volunteer page shows not only volunteer options, but at the top of the page - where it says "Sign Up Here to Volunteer" - you can click to see dates for various volunteer opportunities. There are lots of ways to improve the lives of dogs living outside most or all of the day.

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Tool lending	Community Connection: Cville Tool Library	6/7/22-7/10/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 16 times	60 seconds	The Cville Tool Library is a nonprofit lending library designed to empower the Charlottesville community with tools. As a tool library member, you can borrow tools just like you would borrow books from the library. You can take care of the things on your to-do list without the expense of purchasing tools for one time use, and there's no need to figure out how to store them, either. They welcome you to borrow the tools you need for your home projects from their location in Woolen Mills and you can return them when you're done. You can learn more online at cvilletoolibrary.com .
Employment and volunteer opportunities	Community Connection: Boys and Girls Club of Harrisonburg-Rockingham	6/1/22-9/1/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 16 times	60 seconds	The Boys and Girls Club of Harrisonburg-Rockingham work in your communities to enable young people to reach their full potential, as productive, caring, responsible citizens. The clubs serve youth ages 5 to 18, providing a safe and enriching place to belong. They have volunteer and employment opportunities year-round. You can be that person who assists in leading quality programs, that person who enriches lives. You can be that caring adult every child needs. You can learn more online at bgchr.org — work or volunteer.
Youth grieving	Community Connection: Kids' Haven Lynchburg	6/6/22-7/12/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 17 times	60 seconds	Kids' Haven: A Center for Grieving Children is a nonprofit in Lynchburg dedicated to serving the unique needs of grieving children and their families through support and education. They're presenting the second annual Grief Support Summer Camp from Monday, July 13th through Wednesday, July 15th at St. John's Episcopal Church in Lynchburg. They invite children who are grieving the death of a caregiver to attend, ages 5-12. They want to provide an opportunity for youth to increase levels of hope, enhance self-esteem, and understand that they are not alone. This camp is made possible by the Greater Lynchburg Community foundation. You can learn more online at kidshavenlynchburg.org .
Theater	Community Connection: Building Bridges Productions	6/6/22-7/28/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 16 times	60 seconds	Building Bridges Productions, Inc. is a nonprofit in Lynchburg that provides performing arts experiences to the underserved youth in our community. They're hosting Story Maker's Theater Camp for middle and high school students at the Academy Center of the Arts Warehouse Theatre. They welcome you to join for the final production on Friday, July 29 at 1:00 pm. You can find more information online at academycenter.org or their Facebook page.
Foster care	Hear Together: UMFS Foster Care	6/8/22-present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 17 times	90 seconds	For 120 years, UMFS Foster Care has worked relentlessly to help children, teens, and families thrive in their communities. Their trained staff collaborates with foster parents and families to overcome the challenges of traumatic childhoods to create homes that are safe and welcoming. There are about 4,800 youth in foster care across Virginia, with 1,800 of them open for adoption. Over the past year, they've noticed a 54 percent drop in foster parent approval, and UMFS is working to empower flexible, caring adults who want to serve children but might be unsure of how foster care can work. We spoke with foster parent recruiter Katie Solvig for this Hear Together profile. You can listen at the audio link below and learn more about their services and becoming a foster parent at UMFS.org.
	Community Connection: VSDB	6/8/22-8/8/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	60 seconds	The Virginia School for the Deaf and the Blind (VSDB) in Staunton provides a superior education for students who are deaf/hard of hearing/blind/vision impaired/ deafblind, and deaf or blind with other disabilities. VSDB is now accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Their comprehensive, state-aligned education programs serve students on their campus from ages 2 through 21 with residential and day options. At VSDB, students are "one of many" instead of being the only one, allowing students to grow, do, and become capable adults who succeed in post- secondary education, in the workforce, and as citizens in their communities. They invite you to explore their website at vsdb.k12.va.us to learn more about their unique educational programs, extra-curricular activities, Admissions process, and how to begin the referral process with your local school district.

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Cancer	Community Connection: Swim Across America	6/8/22-8/26/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 14 times	60 seconds	Swim Across America funds cancer research, clinical trials and patient programs by hosting swim events across the country. On Saturday, August 27th, they are proud to partner with the VCU Massey Cancer Center to host the fourth annual, family friendly, swim - OR float - event along the James River. This year's swim has special meaning to event director Jay Peluso, as his sister Michele was recently diagnosed with Stage 3 Ovarian Cancer. Instead of shaving heads in solidarity, Michelle issued a challenge: to find and wear a crazy wig. She wants to laugh, she said. She is going to need to laugh. The idea was born to host a Crazy Wig Night at the Richmond Flying Squirrels, where her son, Chris, plays -- to help raise awareness -- and hopefully, the spirits of those fighting cancer. To learn more about Swim Across America and the Squirrels Crazy Wig event, you can visit The Richmond event page or simply Google Swim Across America Richmond. Massey is committed to making a future without cancer possible - one event. And one crazy wig and one laugh at a time - if that's what it takes.
Breast cancer	Community Connection: VA Breast Cancer Foundation	6/8/22-8/8/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 15 times	60 seconds	The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation knows that breast cancer can be life-changing, and they're here to help. They now offer personalized Resource Coordination for all Virginians in need. While your health providers are focused on your medical care, VBCF can help identify supportive community resources to assist you on your breast cancer journey. To learn more, you can call 800-345-8223 or email help@vbfc.org to share your needs. The Virginia Breast Cancer Foundation aims to connect and empower Virginia's breast cancer community. To find help for yourself or a loved one, request free breast health educational materials to share in your local community, and explore ways you can help, you can go online to vbfc.org.
Historic preservation	Community Connection: Historic Dumfries VA	6/8/22-6/24/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 10 times	60 seconds	Historic Dumfries Virginia is a nonprofit membership organization that preserves and promotes the history of Dumfries and operates The Weems-Botts Museum. They are hosting their monthly virtual short story club, The Weems-Botts Bibliophiles, on Saturday, June 25 at 10am, featuring the Women of Weird Tales, early 20th century female horror and fiction writers. You can learn more on their website, historicdumfriesva.org .
Education	Community Connection: City of Promise	6/9/22-6/27/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 13 times	60 seconds	City of Promise is celebrating 10 years as a resource hub in the 10th & Page, Westhaven, and Starr Hill neighborhoods of Charlottesville. Their mission is to end generational poverty through education. Their dual-generation strategy includes individual coaching, after school activities and exposure to colleges and careers, so that children AND their parents can reach their promise. They're co-hosting "Market Mondays" at The Dairy Market in Charlottesville for the month of June where you can enjoy a meal and contribute to their mission. You can also learn more at cityofpromise.org , or by following them on Facebook and Instagram.
Summer camp	Community Connection: The Front Porch	6/9/22-6/26/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 13 times	60 seconds	The Front Porch is a nonprofit in Charlottesville dedicated to connecting everyone through music. They are hosting Kids Summer Camps, where children ages 4 through ten will sing, learn songs, create art, play games, and spend time outside. They're offering 6 weeks of camp, each week with a different theme, beginning on June 20th. More information can be found on their website. The Front Porch is a proud financial supporter of WNRN.

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Black history	Hear Together: Jefferson School African American Heritage Center	6/15/22-present	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 12 times	90 seconds	The Jefferson School is one of two remaining buildings from what was once Vinegar Hill—a 20-acre predominantly Black neighborhood in the heart of Charlottesville that was bulldozed in the '60s after being seized through eminent domain. It started as the only Black school in Charlottesville, only to be decommissioned when schools were desegregated. The alumni of the original school wanted a place that would celebrate the building's history, and by extension the Black history of Charlottesville, and the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center (JSAAHC) opened in 2013. Along with a permanent picture gallery that tells the story of Vinegar Hill, the JSAAHC offers rotating contemporary art exhibitions featuring artists of the diaspora, lectures, a film and theater program, as well as six annual public celebrations. It is also home to the Isabella Gibbons Local History and Digital Humanities Center, which researches the history of Albemarle County and the surrounding region from enslavement through the present. "There is a Vinegar Hill in every single city in America." We spoke with Leslie M. Scott Jones, assistant curator of education and public programs at JSAAHC, for this Hear Together profile. You can listen to the full segment at the audio link below and learn more about the Jefferson School at their website.
Foreign aid	Community Connection: ACE Liberia	6/15/22-6/30/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 10 times	60 seconds	Africa Community Exchange, or ACE Liberia, is a nonprofit in Richmond that trains and develops teachers in Liberia, a country recovering from a 14-year civil war. On July 1st, they're hosting their 9th annual Projekt for Progress at the Broadberry in Richmond, featuring funk guitar legend DJ Williams and his band the DJ Williams Projekt. Their work is meant to normalize the lives of youth in Liberia and most importantly, give them hope for brighter futures. Like 8th grader Karinia, who plans to be a teacher and 10th grader Jamesetta, who hopes to be a doctor. To learn more about this year's Projekt for Progress and more about their work, you can visit aceliberia.org .
Historical preservation	Community Connection: Rockfish Valley Foundation	6/14/22-7/2/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 10 times	60 seconds	The Rockfish Valley Foundation is presenting the fifth annual Old Wintergreen Days Outdoor festival on Sunday, July 3rd from 11 AM to 4 PM. They invite you to bring your entire family to Old Wintergreen at the Rockfish Valley Foundation Park on Route 151 in Nelson County. You can visit their Natural History Center, watch old-time crafts and music, and hear about Old Wintergreen's history. Donations will go to the Rockfish Valley Foundation for the upkeep of its trails and park. For more information, you can email peter@rockfishvalley.com . Charlottesville's annual independence day fireworks have always been funded by individuals and businesses in the community, and any additional money raised this year goes to support the work of CARS. For more information, you can go to the Events tab on their website at rescue1.org .
Volunteer EMS	Community Connection: Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad	6/14/22-7/2/22	Throughout the day. Aired approximately 11 times	60 seconds	The Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad (CARS) is a nonprofit in Charlottesville that has been providing volunteer rescue EMT service to our community since 1960. At any given time, CARS has over 110 active volunteers, who collectively donate over 60,000 hours of service. They are partnering with the Charlottesville Fireworks Group to bring the July 4th fireworks to Charlottesville this year. The fireworks will be shot off from Carter's Mountain so that anyone in the community who can see the antennas on the mountain can create their own viewing party.