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1st Grade Winner Saanvi J. of Groton, Connecticut.

### WRITING OUR OWN STORY

For 25 years, we've challenged children in kindergarten through 5th grade from all over the country to write and illustrate an original story. This year we had inspirational stories about snow people, a mysterious magician, a family trying to lower their carbon footprint, a battle of the dips (Salsa vs. Guac) and an adventure under the sea. The NHPBS WRITERS CONTEST has sparked the imaginations of over 16,000 children!

In June, our studios were filled with winners, parents, siblings and grandparents for the NHPBS WRITERS CONTEST awards ceremony, and we took it one step further and streamed the ceremony on Facebook LIVE. Grandparents, aunts and uncles as far away as Seattle, Washington, and even India, were able to celebrate the budding young writers from afar.

Just like these incredible writers and artists, New Hampshire PBS strives to tell the stories of New Hampshire and the world around us. Through full-length programs, immersive experiences and hands-on resources, NHPBS has grown into a digital multi-media service for the Granite State.

So we may engage with our viewers wherever they are, we continue to broaden the ways that we deliver our content: on-air, online, on social media, on YouTube TV, on-demand, in classrooms and in the community.

Our story continues to evolve and grow as we navigate the ever-changing digital landscape. But as we know, any great story starts with an idea, and our idea to serve the public interest and improve the quality of life for everyone in the Granite State will guide us for years to come.

Peter A. Frid NHPBS President & CEO









### NHPBS HIKES FOR A CAUSE

Wearing orange t-shirts and carrying frying pans, spatulas and hiking sticks, participants in the Chefs on the Rise program kicked off the 14th season of WINDOWS TO THE WILD for a cause.

WINDOWS TO THE WILD host Willem Lange joined 25 chefs on a hike to the summit of Mount Major to raise awareness of hunger in the Granite State. Armed with eggs and statistics, the chefs shared that one out of every ten New Hampshire residents is food insecure and doesn't know where their next meal will come from. "We serve about 12 million meals from our 435 partner agencies each year to families in need," says New Hampshire Food Bank Executive Director Eileen Groll Liponis.

Liponis and chef Jayson McCarter recruited the chefs to participate in the hike as a way to encourage them to help reduce food insecurity in their communities.

The WINDOWS TO THE WILD crew filmed the chefs cranking up their portable stoves and dishing out gourmet egg-based meals that are offered to patrons from their restaurant menus. The proceeds from the sale of these mountaintop dishes went to the New Hampshire Food Bank.

The WINDOWS TO THE WILD Hiking for Hunger episode won first place for feature story at the 2019 New Hampshire Association of Broadcasters' Granite Mike Awards.

You can watch Hiking for Hunger and all of the WINDOWS TO THE WILD episodes online at **nhpbs.org/windows**.

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### NHPBS EXPLORES NORTHERN NH TOWN

OUR HOMETOWN: LITTLETON delved into the history of this Grafton County town that sits just north of the notches and has two rivers the Ammonoosuc and the Connecticut — flowing through it.

New Hampshire author and storyteller Rebecca Rule hosted the show and set the scene, "Littleton is a town that is in the middle of nowhere, yet in the middle of everything."

Rule explains that Littleton has faced plenty of challenges, "Through perserverance and smart long-term planning, this vibrant town has a bright future."

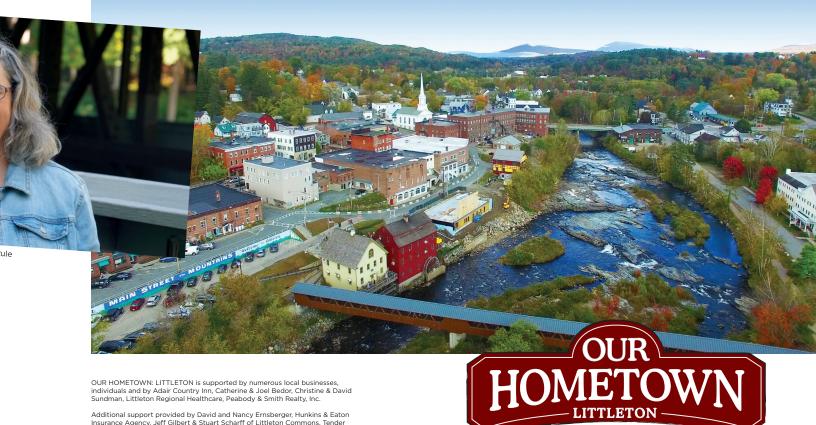
OUR HOMETOWN: LITTLETON features stories told by those who live in, love and know their town. Storytellers shared their accounts of how an Olympian was made, one business with a sweet story to tell another business with a bit of spirit, the Uber of the 1800's and one man's lasting vision and how the train tracks led him to Littleton.

New Hampshire PBS held an advanced screening of the half-hour show at the Littleton Opera House and showcased snippets from all 45 stories. Community members celebrated their stories and how OUR HOMETOWN: LITTLETON shed light on the town's past and present.

The NHPRS OUR HOMETOWN series aims to create a historical archive of life in New Hampshire's towns and cities — one story at a time — from the people who know them best and can be found online at nhpbs.org/hometown.



OUR HOMETOWN host Rebecca R



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Host Jon Cannon celebrates along with Coach Jay Fogarty and the 2019 GSC Champions from Plymouth High School.

### NHPBS CHAMPIONS A NEW HOST

Jon Cannon started on his path to game show host as a high school junior playing for the Belmont High GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE (GSC) team. He recalls seeing Jim Jeannotte, the longtime and much loved host of GSC, and thinking to himself "that's what I want to do."

After high school, Cannon attended UNH. While there, he was a work-study student at what was then New Hampshire Public Television and had the opportunity to work as a camera operator and floor director for GSC.

Following graduation, Cannon taught social studies for three years. Then the call came! Jon was selected to join the Jeopardy! Clue Crew, a team of roving correspondents who traveled the world producing video clues for the Jeopardy! show.

Four years, a dozen countries and 25 states later, Cannon returned to his roots in New Hampshire and became a social studies teacher at Bedford High. But he just couldn't let go of his game show past, so in 2010, he formed the Bedford High GSC team and became the team's coach.

Cannon is now the third host of GSC since its premiere in 1984. He follows in the footsteps of Tom Bergeron and Jim Jeannotte, who hosted the show from 1985 until his retirement in 2018. He has big shoes to fill, but Cannon is more than up to the challenge.

You can watch all the GRANITE STATE CHALLENGE episodes online at nhpbs.org/gsc.



# **EDUCATION**

### NHPBS AIMS HIGH ON CONSERVATION

Volunteers make conservation possible. In the New Hampshire PBS production, LIGHTHAWK: DESTINATION CONSERVATION, host Willem Lange meets a group of pilots who volunteer their planes, fuel and time to conservation projects across North America.

In northern New Hampshire, Audubon biologists bushwhack through boreal forests to try and solve the mystery of why rusty blackbirds are dying. LightHawk pilots take to the skies to locate birds that have flown off the radar.

In California's Pinnacles National Park, LightHawk volunteer pilot Bill Rush helps monitor the health of the endangered California condor population. "Being a volunteer pilot for LightHawk gives me an opportunity to learn a lot about conservation from some of the world's leading expert scientists," says Rush.

And in northern Mexico, our cameras fly along with LightHawk pilots to get a birds-eye view of a river delta that's gone dry. We tell the story of how volunteers work to restore water to the Colorado River Delta where a once-thriving ecosystem is now a desert.

"One thing that's great about working in conservation is seeing people coming together around a common cause with their own skill set and taking on something that seems insurmountable for one individual to achieve," says Esther Duke, the Western program director for LightHawk.

LIGHTHAWK: DESTINATION CONSERVATION can be seen online anytime at nhpbs.org/lighthawk.









### NHPBS SHARES SOLUTIONS FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

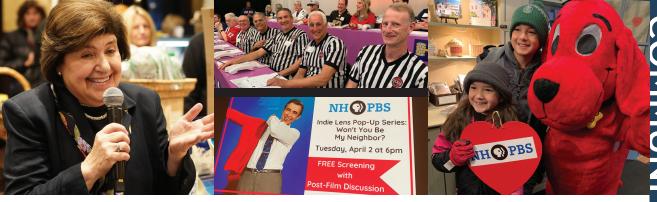
Nearly every community deals with the challenges of substance use disorder. The problem might seem unbeatable, but young people throughout New Hampshire are fighting back.

Students armed with knowledge gained from experiences in their own communities show how small changes in behavior, like the proper disposal of unused prescriptions, can lead to big improvements. In the NHPBS production, ROADS TO RECOVERY II, teenagers from all over New Hampshire shared stories of solutions drawing on hope, education and empowerment.

Host Jennifer Rooks led a discussion at Laconia High School exploring the grassroots efforts in New Hampshire with guests from Dover Youth2Youth, students from Laconia High School, Youth Leadership Through Adventure and Makin' It Happen.

The ROADS TO RECOVERY II website offers resources and stories that can empower teenagers to take the fight against substance misuse into their schools and neighborhoods. For more information go to nhpbs.org/recovery.

Support for ROADS TO RECOVERY II is provided by Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health and Bank of New Hampshire.



### NHPBS INFORMS AND ENGAGES

In every corner of the Granite State, you'll find New Hampshire PBS celebrating with our neighbors and creating environments where people are inspired to learn. As passionate community connectors, NHPBS has the power to foster thoughtful discussions and civic engagement using our content as an outreach tool.

### NHPBS LOCAL EVENTS

- BritWit Club Tea, NHPBS Studios, Durham
- Ciao Italia Dinner with Mary Ann Esposito, Tuscan Kitchen, Portsmouth
- Discover Scotland with Willem Lange, Scotland
- Discover Wild NH Day, New Hampshire Fish & Game, Concord
- Ethan Bortnick Concert, Rochester Opera House, Rochester
- God Knows Where I Am Screening, Red River Theatres, Concord
- Granite State Challenge Super Sunday, Manchester Community College, Manchester
- Indie Lens Pop Up Screenings & Discussions, Red River Theatres, Concord and Franklin Pierce University, Rindge
- Kids Con NE, Nashua
- Les Misérables Screening, NHPBS Studios, Durham

- NH Maker & Food Fest, Dover
- NHPBS Puppy Love Skating Party,
   Strawberv Banke Museum. Portsmouth
- NHPBS Spring Auction, NHPBS Studios, Durham
- NHPBS Writers Contest, NHPBS Studios, Durham
- Our Hometown: Littleton Screening, Littleton
- Passport Craft Beer & Food Pairing,
   Strawbery Banke Museum, Portsmouth
- Windows to the Wild: Hiking For Hunger Screening,
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- Won't You Be My Neighbor Screening, Red River Theatres, Concord

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