**what’s IN**

*It is an honor! In 2022, Connecticut Public was thrilled to receive a CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant. This generous grant from CT Humanities is made possible with funding from Connecticut’s Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the Office of the Arts and the State Legislature.*

We’re proud to partner with others who share a mission to amplify the diverse voices and stories throughout Connecticut’s cultural sector, and contribute to a stronger and more engaged community. This grant helped support our arts and culture journalism, community storytelling and educational resources including:

- outreach to students, families and educators through Curious Families learning resources and community engagement with local organizations serving children;
- production and distribution of our television program, *Where Art Thou?*, featuring compelling content that highlights the exciting work of the State’s arts and humanities organizations and the creative people within our communities; and
- production and distribution of StoryCorps CT which serves as a vehicle for people to tell their own inspiring stories and to share those stories with our weekly audience of 1.0 million viewers and listeners.

We are deeply grateful to CT Humanities, DECD, the Office of the Arts and the Connecticut Legislature for their leadership in funding our state’s cultural sector, and for supporting Connecticut Public.

Deidre M. Tavera, Chief Development Officer

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Are you looking for ways to make tax-savvy gifts as 2022 comes to a close?

Many are. While we cannot advise you, we can provide some tips from TIAA to get you started thinking about how to make your yearend philanthropy work for you and the organizations you support. Visit ctpublic.org/tax to read 5 Tax-Savvy Charitable Giving Strategies
People believe these news media... are closer to their communities, know their communities better, and focus on things that matter to people... these local sources are critical for enabling people to see and hear different perspectives, understand different people's lived experiences, engage in discussions about how to address hard issues, and see and celebrate positive achievements.

In poll after poll, public media is considered a trustworthy, bi-partisan source of information. With journalists focused on local reporting and stories, public media plays a unique role in sharing information that has resonance on a local level. In a recent report, Civic Virus: Why Polarization is a Misdiagnosis from The Harwood Institute and Kettering Foundation, the importance of local media is noted below.

At Connecticut Public we take that role seriously. We see ourselves as a reimagined public square – providing a place, space and platforms for sharing information, for inspiring dialogue and for advancing civility.

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This fall we advanced this vision by presenting *Election 22: Straight to the Point – Counterpoint* in collaboration with the League of Women Voters of Connecticut, a series of live, broadcasted political debates between the key candidates in advance of the midterm November 2022 elections. Moderated by Connecticut Public journalists, each debate took place at a college or university campus throughout our state and was broadcast and streamed across Connecticut Public platforms. In addition, to encourage participation, we reached out to over 250 libraries, educational institutions and community-based organizations to encourage debate watch parties and provided a special toolkit for that purpose to the over 90 people who signed up to host.

You are invited to a

**LEADERSHIP DONOR ROUNDTABLE**

**Election 22 Reflections**

**November 15, 2022  1:30-2:30pm**

Join us on Zoom for conversation and insights about the Connecticut Public candidate debates and elections coverage from an insider perspective.

**RSVP** to Lisa Wrubleski by November 11th at lwrubleski@ctpublic.org

You will hear from:

**Mark Contreras**
President and CEO

**Tim Rasmussen**
Chief Content Officer

**Lauren Komrosky**
Chief Digital Officer

**John Henry Smith**
Host, *All Things Considered*

**Frankie Graziano**
Producer and Host

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**INprofile**

**Debjani Das** is excited to join Connecticut Public as the Business Development Manager for the New England News Collaborative. She is a proud New Englander and passionate about the environment. She looks forward to leveraging the NENC name and providing an attractive platform for likeminded organizations to showcase their brand.

**Sujata Srinivasan** is senior health reporter at Connecticut Public, and senior producer at *Where We Live*. She covers health and the economics of healthcare, and is passionate about innovation, access, equity, and the socio-economics of health. In her 20-plus years in journalism, she’s worked for CNBC-TV 18 in India, the Indian edition of *Forbes*, Connecticut Health Investigative Team, and was previously a business reporter at Connecticut Public.
Connecticut Public is committed to the ongoing work to advance civility through journalism and storytelling and by presenting special programs that provide opportunities for the residents of Connecticut to learn with and from each other about important topics affecting our communities. This emerging **Civility Initiative** is taking form with events and activities such as these:

CT Public promotes the concepts of [civil dialogue](http://ctpublic.org/cutline) and [connecting people](http://ctpublic.org/audacious) to foster understanding through several of our programs including our Cutline series [ctpublic.org/cutline](http://ctpublic.org/cutline) as well as talk shows such as Audacious [ctpublic.org/audacious](http://ctpublic.org/audacious) and Disrupted [ctpublic.org/disrupted](http://ctpublic.org/disrupted).

We worked with the Connecticut chapter of [Braver Angels](http://ct.braverangels.org) to sponsor a program in conjunction with The Rell Center for Public Service. The free moderated event was called *Moving Beyond Polarization: Making Politics Work* and was structured so that participants could hear from both sides of the aisle about ideas for rebuilding our political culture in the spirit of trust, citizenship and goodwill.

**Let’s hope the braver angels among us insist on a return to civility in our public discourse and honor the sacrifices of those who perished more than 77 years ago to save democracy.**

Excerpt from an Op-Ed published by the Hearst Connecticut Newspapers on September 22, 2022 penned by Mark G. Contreras, President & CEO, Connecticut Public

Thank you

In another very challenging news year, Connecticut Public leadership donors and granting partners helped raise a little over **$3.1 M in fiscal year 2021-2022**. We are humbled and grateful for your generosity. Our storytelling, programming, news, information, investigative and collaborative journalism, internships and entertainment keep going strong because of you.