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StoryCorps Announces 2024 One Small Step Radio Station Hubs: Seven Public Media Stations Nationwide Selected to Foster Connection Across Political Divides

2024 Hubs Include Central Florida Public Media (Orlando, FL), WGVU (Grand Rapids, MI), WJFF (Northeast PA/NY), KUNR (Reno, NV), Vermont Public (Colchester, VT), WTIP (Grand Marais, MN), and WERU (Blue Hill, ME)

Brooklyn, NY, May 30, 2024—StoryCorps, the national nonprofit dedicated to helping us believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all, one story at a time, today announces a new roster of One Small Step Radio Station Hubs. One Small Step brings pairs of strangers with different political beliefs to record a conversation about their lives—not politics—and in the process, rediscover their shared humanity. StoryCorps will provide this cohort of public radio stations with training and production assistance, engaging them to carry out One Small Step interviews and produce and distribute One Small Step recordings.

The 2024 One Small Step Radio Station Hubs include three new stations—Central Florida Public Media (Orlando, FL), WGVU (Grand Rapids, MI), and WJFF (Northeast PA/NY)—and four stations returning to the program to expand the footprint and impact of One Small Step locally: KUNR (Reno, NV), Vermont Public (Colchester, VT), WTIP (Grand Marais, MN), and WERU (Blue Hill, ME). More Information about recording dates and locations in these communities can be found here.

StoryCorps’ One Small Step and the Radio Station Hubs are made possible by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.
“The One Small Step Radio Station Hubs program is a crucial part of StoryCorps' initiative to mend our country's divisions and remind us that we have more in common than we think," said Dave Isay, Founder and President of StoryCorps. "We're grateful to these seven stations for joining us in this urgent work, and to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for making it possible. Together, we can help Americans see one another as human beings again."

“CPB is proud to help StoryCorps expand its One Small Step initiative, which fosters understanding and respect among people with opposing views," said Patricia Harrison, president and CEO of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). "In these divided times, One Small Step helps strengthen our civil society. Public radio stations are crucial to preserving the social fabric in their communities and are instrumental in continuing the success of One Small Step."

With support from CPB, the three new One Small Step Station Hubs join 29 other public media stations that have partnered with One Small Step since 2018.

Through the One Small Step Radio Station Hubs project, two members of each participating station are trained by StoryCorps staff to facilitate and record conversations between community residents with different political beliefs. The stations also receive program support and a customized set of professional recording equipment for in-person recording, as well as access to StoryCorps' remote recording platform, which can be used to host conversations virtually. Stations will team up with a variety of community organizations to spread the word about the initiative, and will collaborate with StoryCorps to match participants and record conversations through the end of the year. The project includes a series of public listening events, streamed online, and select interviews will be shared across each station's media platforms.

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StoryCorps thanks these donors for their commitment to this project and to bridging divides in America.

**About One Small Step**
Piloted in 2017 and launched in 2021, One Small Step is an effort to remind the country of the humanity in all of us, even those with whom we disagree. The initiative brings strangers with different political views together to record a 50-minute conversation—not to debate politics, but to learn who we are as people. Audio recordings of each interview are archived at the Library of Congress and by StoryCorps. To date, approximately 5,000 people across the U.S. have participated in a One Small Step conversation. Listen to One Small Step interviews here, and learn more at takeonesmallstep.org.

**About StoryCorps**

Founded in 2003, StoryCorps is a national nonprofit dedicated to helping us believe in each other by illuminating the humanity and possibility in us all, one story at a time. The organization has given over 655,000 people, in all 50 states, the chance to record interviews about their lives. StoryCorps helps people believe in each other by illuminating the possibility and humanity in all of us—one story at a time. The award-winning organization preserves the recordings in its archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered, and shares select stories with the public through StoryCorps' podcast, radio broadcasts, animated shorts, digital platforms, and best-selling books. These powerful human stories reflect the vast range of American experiences, engender empathy and connection, and remind us how much more we have in common than what divides us. StoryCorps is especially committed to capturing and amplifying voices least heard in the media. The StoryCorps MobileBooth, an Airstream trailer that has been transformed into a traveling recording booth, crisscrosses the country year-round gathering the stories of people nationwide. 2023 marked the 20th anniversary of StoryCorps. Learn more at storycorps.org.

**About the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB)**

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