

## **WGTE PUBLIC MEDIA LAUNCHES NEW SERIES OF PODCASTS FOR LOCAL VOICES**

*“Voices Around Us™” aims to amplify the community’s voices and share diverse stories and backgrounds.*

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**TOLEDO, OHIO – August 3, 2023** –WGTE Public Media’s “Voices Around Us™” podcast series officially launches on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> with six brand new podcasts at [www.wgte.org/vau](http://www.wgte.org/vau). WGTE is working with community experts and voices to launch these new podcasts that cover a variety of important topics. This podcast series aims to give a ‘voice’ to creative thinkers from all around the community.

WGTE conducted a podcast search to find diverse storytellers willing to produce their own podcast with the guidance and tools of WGTE’s staff and facilities. While six podcasts are launching the project, many other submissions and voices are to follow to add to the array of topics and stories. The podcasts in production are: “Brain Politics,” “Farmworker Chronicles,” “The Mental Gains Podcast,” “Proud To Be of Rust and Glass,” “Telling It Our Way” and “Women and What WE-DO”.

"Everyone has a story to tell! And with "Voices Around Us™," this project gives local content creators a chance to host and produce their own story through a series of podcasts that will be housed on our website," states Chris Peiffer “Voices Around Us™” Podcast Manager. “WGTE and the content creators are presenting these diverse podcasts in an effort to focus on the issues that have an impact on us here at home in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. The stories are local, but also have a national connection. WGTE is a community station and we value our commitment to serving the community."

“When we discuss content creation, we all always looking at ways to engage our entire community. “Voices Around Us™” gives us the avenue to explore ideas and concepts that are truly a reflection of what is important to all of us.” Executive Producer Ray Miller states. “It is a way for us to find creative storytellers to mentor and help produce meaningful dialogue through diverse and unique voices, which really is the core of our mission as a public broadcaster.”

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“Voices Around Us™” is WGTE’s newest podcast series. Other WGTE FM 91 podcasts include “Raising Up Ohio’s Women,” “Shakespeare Full Circle,” and “Classical Conversations.”

**IMAGES:** <https://bit.ly/vaumediaassets>

## **About WGTE**

WGTE Public Media, licensed and operated by The Public Broadcasting Foundation of Northwest Ohio, is a non-profit, noncommercial, educational TV and radio broadcaster and center of learning for northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan. WGTE is proud to be a PBS and NPR member station. It was founded as a low-power educational television broadcaster in 1953. Education remains at the heart of what we do every day. From our entertaining, informative and educational programs that air on WGTE TV, FM 91, and [www.knowledgestream.org](http://www.knowledgestream.org) to our professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers and preschool daycare providers and community engagement activities, WGTE makes northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan a better place to live. For more information, visit [www.wgte.org](http://www.wgte.org).

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