

WGTE'S "THE HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT" NAMED TELLY WINNER IN THE 44th ANNUAL TELLY AWARDS

The documentary tells the history of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio

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TOLEDO, OHIO – May 25, 2023 –WGTE announced today its Toledo Stories documentary, “The House That Love Built”, is a Bronze Telly Winner in Television – Public Interest/Awareness in the record breaking 44th Annual Telly Awards. The Telly Awards honors excellence in video and television across all screens and is judged by leaders from video platforms, television, streaming networks, production companies and including Adobe, BBC World Service, Netflix, Dow Jones, Complex Networks, Jennifer Garner, A&E Networks, Hearst Media, Nickelodeon, National Geographic Society, ESPN Films, RYOT, Partizan and Vimeo.

The Ronald McDonald House of Northwest Ohio opened its doors on December 9, 1982 as a home away from home for families to stay when their children are hospitalized. This program showcases the origins of the very first house in Toledo, what went into building the grand new structure that stands on 3883 Monroe Street and looks at some of the families that this house of love has helped shape.

“The caliber of the work this season coming from creators such as WGTE Public Media truly has reflected the theme of breaking out and standing out,” said Tellys Executive Director Sabrina Dridje. “Our industry is experimenting with new technologies like never before, crafting truly compelling stories to draw attention to some of the world’s most pressing issues, and companies big and small are turning to more sustainable practices to break the cycle of past production processes.”

Producer Shane Potgieter states, “Being entrusted to tell the story of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northwest Ohio was already an honor, but being acknowledged for it by the Telly's is just the cherry on top.”

“We are always proud of our team and the programs that we produce for our community. Receiving this Telly Award gives us that validation from seasoned professionals that we meet and exceed high standards and expectations of creative, innovative and meaningful content,” says Ray Miller, Director of Content and Creative Services, WGTE.

Today’s winners’ announcement caps a year-long celebration of creators and talent who truly stand out during a time when the ubiquity of screens brings more clutter than quality into our lives. These are the creators and innovators who spotlight diverse voices, who are building a more sustainable industry, and who break through the static with their creativity.

This was a record breaking year with nearly 13,000 entries from across the globe and top video and television content producers such as Airbnb, Audible, BET Networks/BET Digital, BritBox, Disney, FEMA, Gaumont, Golden State Warriors, Media Monks, NASA, National Geographic Society, Netflix, Paramount, PBS Digital Studios and more.

The full list of the 44th Annual Telly Awards winners can be found at <https://www.tellyawards.com/winners>.

About WGTE

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