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Public Media

2025 Annual Report

Content and Services to the Community

Your Community. Your Stories. Your Public Media.



Mission, Vision and Values

Mission Statement

WGTE Public Media is dedicated to enabling personal development and civic improvement by the innovative use of technology to educate, enlighten, enrich, engage, entertain, empower and explore.

Vision Statement

WGTE Public Media shall be a trusted, valued, dynamic and essential resource for quality and innovation. WGTE Public Media shall pursue excellence as an historian, a story teller, documentarian, educator and entertainer to sustain a community of lifelong learners.

Value Statement

WGTE Public Media will always be:

- Civil – by being a positive and constructive force in discourse and in our dealings with others
- Ethical – with each other and in all business matters
- Accountable – by being open in our dealings
- Respectful – of others' cultures, values and diversity
- Independent – by being free of commercial influence
- Impartial – by being objective, fair and just in the choice and presentation of content
- Honest – by having the highest integrity
- Creative – in order to ensure our success
- Innovative – in order to best serve our audiences



A Message from the CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The close of any year presents an opportunity for reflection, to consider both the past and the future. During the past year, WGTE (and all public media) were witness to the most significant disruption to its landscape since the creation of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) in 1967. Following last year's loss of federal funding, CPB was forced to close. With its closure, all Community Service Grants were lost to stations across the nation, including WGTE. The impact on WGTE Public Media was immediate and severe, losing \$1.2 million in revenue — 21% of our annual revenue budget.

Despite this loss, WGTE remains committed to providing exceptional programming that tells stories no one else will tell, with a hyperfocus on local. This region relies on us for news, classical music and arts programming on FM 91, but also for award-winning PBS and WGTE television productions that engage, inspire, educate and entertain.

While navigating the challenges before us, we have been tremendously heartened by the outpouring of support received from all corners of this community. Countless people have stepped forward with not only their moral support, but also their generosity. New individuals became members, existing members signed up at higher levels of giving and more households and businesses made significant contributions. This revitalized support provides hope for the future, hope that together we can protect and preserve public media.

We recognize the vital role that public media plays in shaping discourse, sharing perspectives and presenting the full, vibrant spectrum of a region and its people. We embrace the opportunity to further amplify the voices that make our region exceptional.

What was accomplished in 2025 would not have been possible without the support of members, partners and donors, and we are grateful for each one. In addition, I thank the staff of WGTE Public Media for their dedication and perseverance throughout the past year. As we enter 2026 — and an exciting new chapter in this organization's history — I am confident that WGTE Public Media will continue to thrive because of its listeners and supporters.

With sincere gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale E. Thornton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dale Thornton
Interim President & CEO

Community

WGTE engages and elevates our communities through creative, dependable and accessible programming and resources that educate, entertain and enlighten current generations and those to come.

This year, WGTE's commitment to our community took us in many directions. Through a diverse range of initiatives, we reached different audiences and addressed many needs. In all these endeavors, our focus has remained consistent: to make our community a better place to live, work and play.

Juneteenth Screening with Maumee Indoor Theater

Approximately 75 attendees

WGTE partnered with the Maumee Indoor Theater to present the PBS documentary *Juneteenth: Faith and Freedom*, followed by a panel discussion. The presentation was educational and inspirational, with tremendous audience participation and engagement.

In-Person Programming & Station Tours

143 attendees

In collaboration with many local organizations, WGTE hosted a series of tours and hands-on learning, giving adults and children an up-close view of our radio and television operations. In addition, WGTE's outreach expanded to libraries and community centers, where screener events were held for community supporters.

Ann Anderson Stranahan Building Dedication

75 attendees

The WGTE building was dedicated to Ann Anderson Stranahan and her dedication to public television. Ms. Anderson Stranahan was one of the founders of WGTE – Channel 30 and served on the WGTE Board as well as the Board of Governors of PBS. At the dedication event, family and friends came together to celebrate her life and service to WGTE.

FM 91 on the Road

6 events

WGTE's radio and outreach team goes on the road throughout the year to broadcast live from special events and locations. These events are an opportunity to reach listeners in person and provide information and interviews from art festivals and special events.

Beyond the Mic: Meet the Faces of Voices Around Us®

6 events, 356 attendees

WGTE hosted a VAU event where our local podcasters were honored and recognized for their contributions to the initiative. All 16 creators spoke about their programs, while given an opportunity to engage with the community. The VAU initiative was launched in August 2023 and remains an essential part of our programming.

WGTE Screener Nights

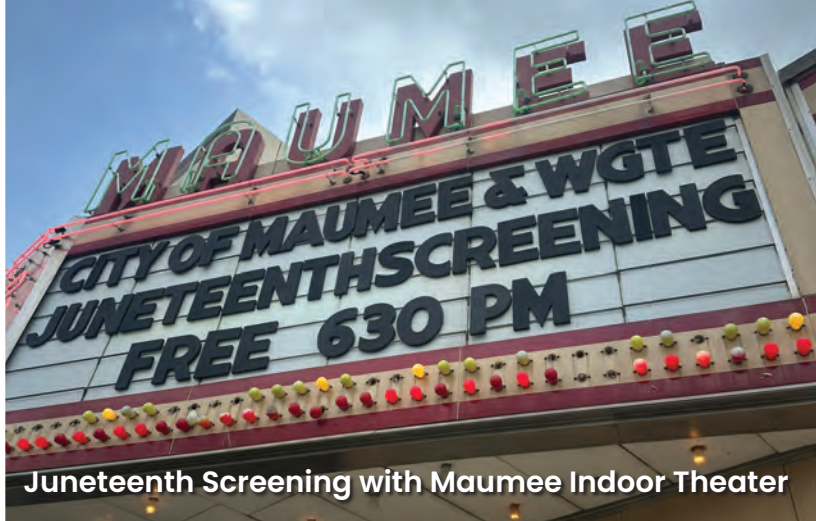
6 events, approximately 425 attendees

WGTE invites the community to gather in WGTE's Stranahan Studio to watch early releases of popular upcoming programming through PBS. Our own Cathy Kameca hosts these events, giving visitors a unique experience each time.

View upcoming events
at wgte.org/events



FM 91 on the Road at Perrysburg Hearts the Arts



Juneteenth Screening with Maumee Indoor Theater



Youth Leadership Toledo



Be My Neighbor Day



10,144

Participants at
WGTE-attended Community Events



Beyond the Mic: Meet the Faces of Voices Around Us®



Masterpiece: The Marlow Murder Club
Screener Night

Local TV

WGTE is committed to delivering programming that adheres to our values and our vision as a historian, story teller, documentarian, educator and entertainer for the region we serve.

We continue to deliver excellent local programming, with new episodes of our acclaimed Toledo Stories and a wide range of series that discuss business, social issues, current events and more. Through our efforts, we engage and inform viewers with civility, respect and creativity.

Our Channels

WGTE HD

Our primary channel offers PBS and other national programming, as well as local programming highlighting northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan.

WGTE Create

Often called “do-it-yourself” or DIY, the program genres seen on Create® TV include viewers’ favorite public television series and specials on food, travel, home & garden, arts & crafts, fitness and other lifestyle interests.

WGTE PBS KIDS

A 24/7 children’s channel that offers everyone’s favorite PBS KIDS shows all day and night.

WGTE Connects

WGTE “Connects” you to Ohio with the latest content in public affairs, Statehouse news, Ohio arts and culture, education and more.

Learn more at
wgte.org/localtv

Toledo Stories

THE TRAIL FIRE OF 1961: TOLEDO FIREFIGHTING’S DEADLIEST DISASTER

Premiered October 10, 2024

This documentary delves into the story of a tanker truck explosion on the Anthony Wayne Trail, in which four Toledo firefighters were killed and six others injured. Through original footage and recent interviews, the program explains how the fire started and shares the experiences of those who responded.

RETHINKING JAILS + JUSTICE DOCUMENTARY

Premiered November 14, 2024

In 2016, Lucas County was awarded a grant, the Safety and Justice Challenge from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, seeking to safely reduce jail populations and reduce racial and ethnic disparities in local jail populations. This documentary examines the impacts that the grant has had on local communities.

Business | Life 360 with Kristi K.

7 EPISODES

Third Thursday of every month at 8:30 p.m.

Emmy-nominated TV host Kristi K. Hoffman delves deeper into innovative trends and advances in business and life with fascinating discussions.

To the Point with Doni Miller

27 EPISODES

Every Friday at 8:30 p.m.

Host Doni Miller explores complex issues and asks tough questions, while also celebrating our heroes and the successes that help shape our community.

Ideas and Insights

10 EPISODES

Dr. Badrinath Rao hosts discussions about scholarly books on contemporary issues as well as socioeconomic, political and cultural developments across the globe.

Listening with Keith Burris

2 FEATURED PROGRAMS

Local journalist Keith Burris continues his series of investigative specials, probing ideas with a curious and open mind. Recent specials took on the challenges in healing our democracy and whether we can find meaning in a complex world.

Toledo Blade Holiday Parade

WGTE televised the 37th annual Toledo Blade Holiday Parade, featuring giant balloons, marching bands, dance teams and more.



Business | Life 360 with Kristi K.



The Trail Fire of 1961:
Toledo Firefighting's Deadliest Disaster



Rethinking Jails + Justice Documentary



Toledo Blade Holiday Parade



To the Point with Doni Miller



Listening with Keith Burris

Radio

WGTE serves as a voice for our communities, providing quality, highly diverse programming through readily accessible platforms.

WGTE's FM 91 is the only radio station in northwest Ohio dedicated to the arts and classical music in particular. This area enjoys a vibrant cultural presence, and FM 91 plays a leadership role in developing content that reaches many audiences. FM 91 brought the region hundreds of local productions along with its daily broadcasts of NPR news programs this year. While classical music continues to be a focal point in the morning, afternoon and evenings, the likes of longtime programs such as Jazz Spectrum and Electronic Currents bring different sounds and voices on the weekends.

Learn more at
wgte.org/radio

Classical Music

WGTE is the only radio station in the area dedicated to classical music. Hosts Brad Cresswell and Mary Claire Murphy offer insight and inspiration as they guide listeners through the world of classical music throughout the day, into the evening and overnight.

National Public Radio

WGTE is the area's NPR provider, presenting *Morning Edition*, *All Things Considered* and more, for listeners throughout northwest and west central Ohio and southeast Michigan.

Electronic Currents

Sundays at 8 p.m.

Richard Paton presents a wide range of Electronic Dance Music, from the rhythmic energy of House to the soaring melodies of Epic Trance, the skipping beats of Drum and Bass to the mellow soundscapes of Chill-out.

Jazz Spectrum

Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.

Hosted by Fritz Byers, *Jazz Spectrum* is designed as an anthology showcasing the wondrous diversity of jazz, from its earliest roots to today's cutting-edge composers and performers.

New Music from Bowling Green

Fridays at 8 p.m.

Brad Cresswell hosts this award-winning program featuring live concert recordings from the New Music Festival and Music at the Forefront, alongside the discography of composers, alumni and BGSU faculty.

Rethinking Jails + Justice

Touchstone Award Winner. Audio Production – Podcast

Public Media Award: Content – Podcast

A 10-episode podcast, 5-part radio series, and two community town halls examine and challenge conventional thinking about over-incarceration that adversely and disproportionately affects racial and ethnic minorities. Presented in collaboration with the Board of Lucas County Commissioners and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge.

96K

FM 91
Streaming Users



Live from FM 91

NEW MUSIC FROM BOWLING GREEN

13

Productions

JAZZ SPECTRUM

150

Productions



636

Total Local WGTE
Audio Productions



Jazz Spectrum



Univeristy of Toledo Art on the Mall

ELECTRONIC CURRENTS

41

Productions

Education

At its foundation, WGTE is an educational resource with an enduring commitment to lifelong learning for all ages within our communities.

As we work to fulfill our vision to serve as a trusted, valued, dynamic and essential resource for quality and innovation, our educational efforts are central to everything we do. By engaging young people through television, in the classroom and in our community, we strive to ensure that K-12 educators, students, parents and caregivers have the resources needed to improve literacy and school readiness throughout the region.

Be My Neighbor Day

Presented at the Toledo Zoo, Be My Neighbor Day provided crafts, resources and activities to help increase community and social and emotional learning. Admission to the Zoo was free to Lucas County residents, with 375 children and 400 adults participating.

Made possible by Fred Rogers Productions, PNC Grow Up Great, the Joseph and Judith Conda Family and the Toledo Zoo.

Color with WGTE

Coloring helps children develop motor skills, stimulates creativity and develops self expression. We invited children ages 1 through 10 to color the picture on the entry form and submit it to WGTE.

Made possible by the Joseph and Judith Conda Family.

First Book Program

WGTE worked with several local organizations that serve children and families to distribute books to children who otherwise may not have the financial resources.

Made possible by Owens-Illinois.

Taking Ownership of Your Health

Public Media Award: Content – Education

Presented in partnership with the Broadcast Educational Media Commission and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, this program spotlights the services provided by school-based health centers. Students are empowered to take action to monitor their health and wellness.

WGTE Movie Nights

We presented a series of PBS KIDS' programming screenings that included tailored educational activities, character appearances, story time and more.

Made possible by the Joseph and Judith Conda Family.

Share a Story Contest

Share a Story encourages young children to express themselves through writing and drawing. Children illustrate and submit their stories for judging. A book is created with the winning stories, and over 100 people attended our Share a Story Awards Night.

Made possible by the Joseph and Judith Conda Family.

Learn more at
wgte.org/education



375

Be My Neighbor Day
Education Resource
Bags Given Away



Elinor Wonders Why Movie Night



Wayman Palmer Healthy Kids Day

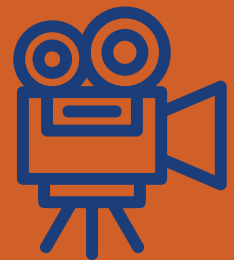


297

Color with WGTE
Submissions

266

Share a Story
Entries



WGTE MOVIE NIGHTS

4

Events

414

Participants



Color with WGTE

1,522

First Book Program
Books
Given Away



Local Podcasts

We have continued to sharpen our focus on hyperlocal content with an increasingly robust spectrum of podcasts, amplifying the voices of people from all walks of life and covering a vast array of topics relevant to the people of this region.

Our locally produced podcasts, combined with our expanded Voices Around Us® initiative, have helped us reach new audiences while maintaining the integrity and innovation that our viewers and listeners expect from WGTE Public Media.

Business | Life After Hours

5 EPISODES

A companion piece to the *Business | Life 360 with Kristi K. TV* program, Kristi talks with success-driven guests about their struggles and triumphs beyond the business world.

Shakespeare Full Circle

38 EPISODES

A two-time Touchstone Award-winning podcast hosted by Qarie Marshall, this weekly series explores Shakespeare's dramatically rich sonnets and their relevance to our world today.

Opera Out of the Box

6 EPISODES

Touchstone Award Winner: Audio Program – Podcast

Hosted by Brad Cresswell, this podcast demystifies opera and provides information about co-presenter Toledo Opera's productions, programs and more. Each episode features experts in both Toledo Opera and opera overall.

Life as We Know It

51 EPISODES

Tom Walton, retired editor and vice president of *The Toledo Blade*, offers warm, unique insights on the world, from the intricacies of English to inspiration found in the baseball diamond.

A Bacik Conversation

10 EPISODES

Fr. James J. Bacik and co-host Brad Rieger host a thought-provoking conversation covering topics from Fr. Bacik's lectures, articles and books, including relationships, democracy and religion.

In addition, we produced two podcasts in partnership with our community neighbors:

BETTER AND LONGER

Produced with the Area Office on Aging, focusing on the health, well-being and safety of older adults.

THE LUCAS COUNTY CASA PODCAST

Produced with the Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, focusing on how one person can transform the lives of abused and neglected children.

Learn more at
wgte.org/podcasts

72,334

Total Podcast
Listens Across
All Platforms

A **BACIK** Conversation

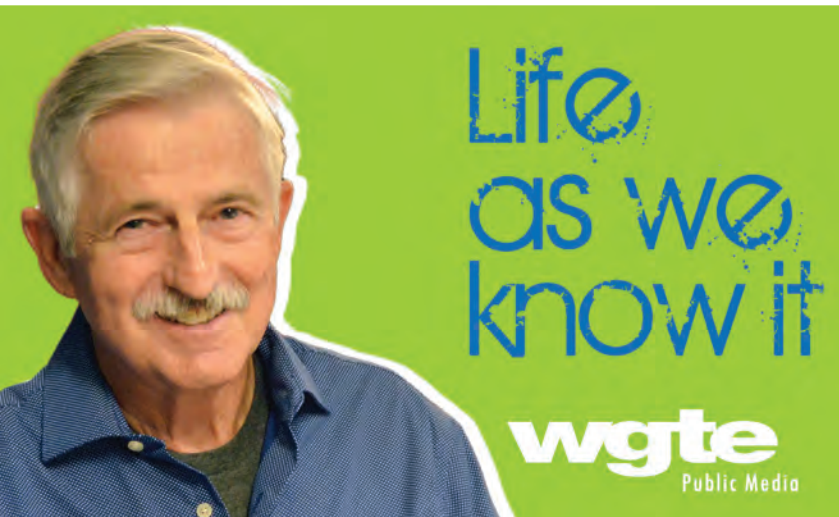
with Father James J. Bacik

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Public Media



Shakespeare FC: The Words

with Qarie Marshall



284

Total Podcast
Episodes

OPERA OUT OF THE BOX



UNPACKING OPERA PIECE BY PIECE

Voices Around Us®

Now in its second year, Voices Around Us® remains an essential part of our local programming. Bringing together a diverse array of creators covering topics ranging from the arts to the business world, Voices Around Us® reflects the vibrancy of our region, its institutions and its people.

This year, VAU creators presented 14 podcasts, with 167 episodes. The podcasts have over **18.3 thousand** streams across all platforms, wgte.org and the WGTE App, with over **2,000** listeners.



Stream on:



Spotify



Apple



NPR



YouTube



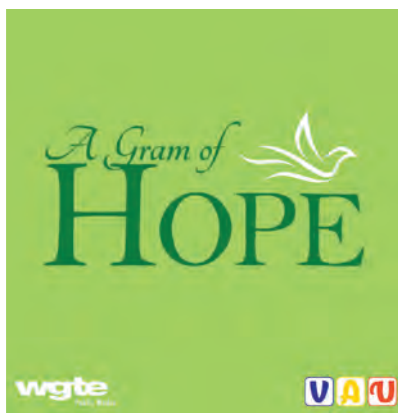
WGTE App

Learn more about the amazing content creators in our community at wgte.org/vau

Voices Around Us® is supported in part by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated by the City of Toledo and the Lucas County Commissioners and administered by The Arts Commission.



Thousands of people live in or migrate to Ohio to work in its number one industry, agriculture. *Farmworker Chronicles* brings their stories to the forefront.



A Gram of Hope uses the events and experiences of everyday people as a seed of motivation to help others gain a true appreciation for life.



From tales of entrepreneurship to the rhythms of local music scenes, *Hot Topics, Cool Friends* celebrates the vibrant spirit of our communities.



Lake Effect is a journey through all things Lake Erie, its tributaries and near-shore realms.

Touchstone Award Winner:
Audio Production – Podcast



NEW

This youth-led podcast brings high school and university students together to learn about the complex causes of youth violence.



Guests discuss their background, education and training and provide advice for other young professionals. Libby and Riley also discuss and sometimes debunk Gen-Z pop culture trends.



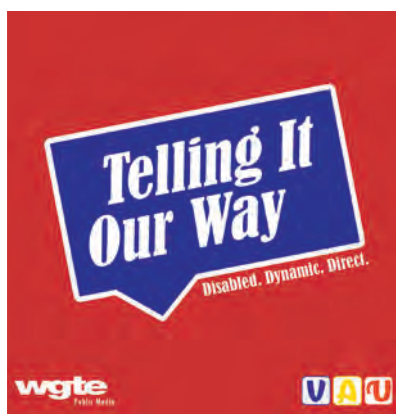
A series of conversations surrounding the creative journey and all the good and ill associated with making great art in the Midwest.



Centered on the pulse of what makes Toledo and northwest Ohio great – its people. Take a deep dive into the lives, businesses and experiences of awe-inspiring individuals.



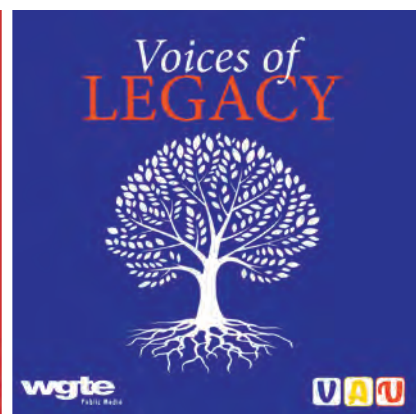
With the help of community members and historians, *Storied Ground* celebrates the extraordinary history and unique character of our region.



Stories written and performed by people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, tackling topics from romantic relationships and work life to childhood, grief and more.



A deep dive into the addictions that have invaded our lives: sugar addiction, internet addiction and various drug and alcohol addictions.



Highlighting the legacies of individuals from northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, both well-known figures and lesser-known people with impactful stories.



A compelling podcast series that explores the remarkable journey of women in sports throughout northwest Ohio and beyond.



Featured guests share their experiences, talents, wisdom and stories that inspired them to stand up, speak out and challenge the status quo.



Telling It Our Way

Touchstone Award Winner: Podcast 2024
AAIDD Award Winner: Media 2025



PBS serves the American public with programming and services that educate, inspire and entertain while expressing a diversity of ideas.

WGTE Public Media is proud to provide PBS and PBS KIDS programming to northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan, bringing everything from PBS NewsHour and NOVA to Sesame Street and Daniel Tiger to households throughout the region.

Walking with Dinosaurs

Blending the latest discoveries from across the globe and cutting-edge CGI, *Walking with Dinosaurs* helps viewers experience these magnificent giants as they appear to walk the Earth once more.

Masterpiece: Moonflower Murders

Moonflower Murders is the follow-up to the popular *Magpie Murders* series. To solve the disappearance of a hotel owner's daughter, Susan investigates the truth behind a real-life murder detailed in Alan Conway's novel.

Masterpiece: Miss Austen

Notoriously known for burning Jane's letters, did Cassandra Austen truly protect her famous sister's reputation? Miss Austen immerses viewers in this literary mystery, reimagined as a fascinating, witty, and heart-breaking tale of sisterly love.

Carl the Collector

This animated series for children ages 4-8 follows the everyday adventures of Carl, a warm-hearted autistic raccoon who enjoys collecting things and loves his friends and family in Fuzzytown.

Big Cats 24/7

In Botswana's wild Okavango Delta, the Big Cats 24/7 team of local and international filmmakers follows lions, leopards and cheetahs day and night. Using the latest filming technology, they reveal the cats' lives like never before.

Gods of Tennis

The golden age of tennis is revisited in this three-part series featuring the heroes who changed the sport forever.

Call the Midwife Season 13

The classic period drama returns, exploring stories of poor housing challenges and health issues for the nurses, midwives and nuns of the Nonnatus House.

Learn more at
watch.wgte.org and
pbskids.org

11.5
million



PBS KIDS Total Cross
Platform Streams



Gods of Tennis

WGTE  Passport

248K

Total Local Streams
of PBS Passport



Walking with Dinosaurs



Carl the Collector

PBS
KIDS



432K

Local PBS KIDS
Digital Users

22nd
year in a row
PBS ranked the
#1 Most Trusted Media Station



Masterpiece: Moonflower Murders

Digital

WGTE's digital presence allows for easy access to audience favorite content and keeping up to date with all things WGTE Public Media. Grab a phone, a tablet, a laptop or any streaming device to take advantage at any time.

Ways to Connect

Website

WGTE's website allows access to our services; programming, TV and radio schedules, all of your favorite local shows and so much more.

Social Media

Follow us on our social media. You can find WGTE on Facebook, Instagram, X, LinkedIn, Threads, TikTok and YouTube where we share all things WGTE, PBS and NPR.

WGTE App

Explore everything we have to offer on our WGTE app. Listen to podcasts, livestream TV programming and listen to FM 91 right on your mobile device.

Email

WGTE has established a customizable newsletter experience, allowing subscribers to receive the content they like the most. Our email lists currently include:

- Classical Music
- Education
- Events
- Families & Kids
- News
- PBS Programming
- Podcasts
- WGTE Monthly Newsletter

WGTE Digital Projects: Accessible and Intentional

Classical Conversations

PODCAST | YOUTUBE

Hosts Brad Cresswell and Mary Claire Murphy speak with some of today's local and international artists about their latest recordings and performances.

Taking Ownership Series

YOUTUBE

Presented in partnership with the Broadcast Educational Media Commission and the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce, this series of videos provides young people with information that sets them up for future success. The series has so far included *Taking Ownership of Your Learning*, *Taking Ownership of Your Health* and *Taking Ownership of Your Future*.

Youth Leadership Toledo (YLT)

YOUTUBE

Students in the digital marketing group worked with our marketing, radio and television production teams to create social media videos that promote Youth Leadership Toledo's digital video projects.

Better and Longer

PODCAST | YOUTUBE

A co-production of WGTE Public Media and the Area Office on Aging, *Better and Longer* is a podcast that focuses on the health, well-being and safety of older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers.

Primetime with Cathy

YOUTUBE | FACEBOOK

Each month, WGTE's Cathy Kamenca discusses PBS and local programming, WGTE events and more.



Classical Conversations with Rick Steves

WGTE APP

8,642 ↑12%

Total Users

96,070 ↑15%

30-Minute Sessions

YOUTUBE

5,702 ↑31%

Subscribers

220,567 ↑97%

Views

WEBSITE

123,826

Users

558,635

Views

SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

Facebook

 6,338 ↑11%

Instagram

 2,493 ↑34%

TikTok

 1,377

Connect with
us today!

Membership

WGTE is a non-commercial, member-supported public media organization. Your membership provides the largest single-source of funding for WGTE Public Media!

Learn more at
wgte.org/support

\$86,301



Raised from
242 Donors
During our 10th Annual
Day of Giving (D.O.G.)



\$1,597,289

Total Revenue

8,940

Members



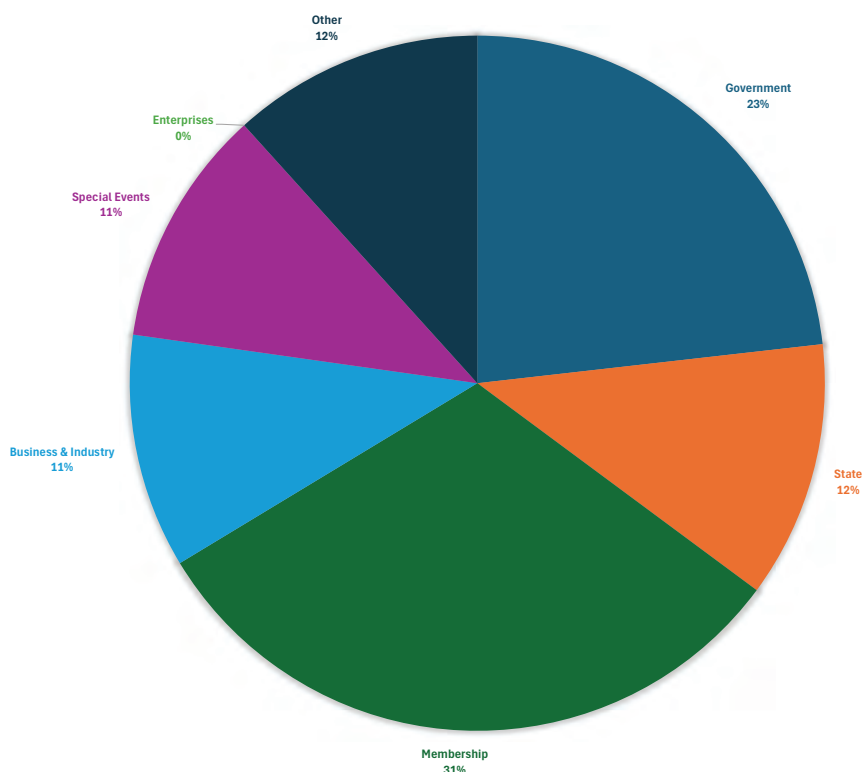
Average Gift of
\$178⁶⁷



Development and Financials

Financial investments in WGTE Public Media enable us to make our area a more enriching place to live. Developing and sustaining relationships with individual supporters, underwriters, community partners and grantors are key components that keep WGTE's mission alive.

Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue



Underwriting and Non-Profit Orders

\$248,658

Underwriting FM/TV

\$320,837

Projects and Productions FM/TV

Fiscal Year 2025 Corporate/ Organization Supporters

WGTE creates quality and educational programming because of our supporters, underwriters, community partners and grantors. We sincerely thank all our generous supporters this year.

Special Thanks to
Clement O. Miniger
Memorial Foundation
for support of

**2024 Day of Giving
(D.O.G.)**

**Spring 2025 FM 91
Fundraiser**

Underwriting

American Guild of Organists – Toledo Chapter
Armstrong Air and Space Museum
The Andersons, Inc.
Area Office on Aging
Board of Lucas County Commissioners
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green State University – College of Musical Arts
Katie Cappellini
Community Arts Network
Communica / Toledo Grows
Communica / Knight Insurance
Cowie Family Charitable Trust
Cincinnati Public Radio
East Tennessee PBS
Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
Emporium Presents
Epworth United Methodist Church
First Unitarian Church
Forte Music School
Fulkerson Jewelers and Clock Shop
Gathering Volumes Bookstore
Greater Toledo Community Foundation
The Guild of Artists and Artisans
Help Me Grow
Hospice of Northwest Ohio
S. Amjad and Dorothy Hussain
Ideastream Public Media
Incredibowl Entertainment
Islamic Center of Greater Toledo
Innovation Arts and Entertainment
Patricia K. Jarzabski Trust
Jim White Toyota
Cherreffe Kadri
KeyBank
Lake Erie Advocates
Lima Symphony Orchestra
Lima Civic Center Foundation
Lourdes University
Lucas County CASA
Masterworks Chorale
Maumee Valley Country Day School
Metroparks Toledo
Miller Diversified Realty, LLC
Monroe Street United Methodist Church
Neighborhood Health Association
Northern Indiana Clay Alliance
The Northwest Ohio Teen Book Festival
Notre Dame Academy
Ohio EPA
Ohio Wine Producers Association
Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral
Origo Branding Company/Ohio State Parks
Owens-Illinois

ProMedica
Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums
St. Francis de Sales School
St. John's Jesuit High School & Academy
St. Martin De Porres
Taylor Automotive Group
Thread Marketing Group
Timothy's Perrysburg Foundation
Toledo Alliance for The Performing Arts
Toledo Ballet
Toledo Choral Society
Toledo French Alliance
Toledo Jazz Orchestra
The Toledo Museum of Art
Toledo Opera Association
Toledo Repertoire Theatre
Toledo School the Arts
Toledo Swiss Singers
Toledo Symphony Orchestra
Torrence Sound Equipment Company
United Way of Greater Toledo
University Musical Society
University of Cincinnati – The 1819 Innovation Hub
University of Michigan
University of Toledo Musical Department
University of Toledo – College of Arts & Letters
University of Toledo College of Law
University of Toledo – Judith Herb College of Arts
Valentine Theater
A Walk in the Park
Woodcraft
WFWA – Fort Wayne Public Television

Educational Resource Center

Anthony Wayne Schools
Avenues for Autism
Believe Center
Brightside Academy
Broadcast Educational Media Commission
City of Toledo Parks and Recreation Department
Clever Bee Academy
The Joseph and Judith Conda Family
Dynasty Daycare
East Toledo Family Center
Escuela SMART Academy
Fred Rogers Productions
Genoa Library
Girl Scouts
The Joseph and Judith Conda Family
Kid Dazzle
Kids and Company Childcare
Kinship Navigator Program – Area Office on Aging
Liberty Center Library
Mercy Health – Cherry Street Neighbors

Metroparks Toledo
Ohio Association for Education of Young Children
Ohio Department of Education and Workforce
Owens-Illinois Paulding Schools
PBS
Perrysburg Heights Community Center
PNC Grow Up Great
Port Clinton Schools
Rainbows Promise Preschool in Defiance
Rosary Cathedral
Sara's Garden
Small Beginnings Preschool
St. Aloysius School
St. Mary's School in Edgerton
St. Patrick's of Heatherdowns School
The Toledo Blade
The Toledo Zoo
Toledo EXCEL
Toledo Lucas County Public Library
Toledo Public Schools
TutorSmart
University of Toledo
Washington Local Schools
YMCA

WGTE TV and FM Program Production Support

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Andersons Inc.
Area Office on Aging
The Arts Commission
Baby Save Foundation
The Blade
The Bolles Home: Skip Gaynor and Judy Stone
Bowling Green State University
Broadcast Education Media Commission
Buckeye CableSystem
City of Toledo
The Cowie Family Charitable Trust
Daniel Phelps Finkel and Savage
Gary and Roger Douglass
East Tennessee PBS
Joanne F. Gall Attorney at Law Limited
FOX News
Lawrence and Diane Friedman Philanthropic Trust
HayRobin Media Production LLC
Holiday with a Heart
John and Kimberly Howard
I Dream Black
The Judy Stone Appreciation Society
KeyBank
KeyBank National Association
The Family of Habib and Nasr Khan

Fiscal Year 2025 Corporate/ Organization Supporters

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Your estate plan can be used to support charitable causes that matter most to you, such as the quality programs and education services offered to our community by WGTE.

Sign Up for Educational Workshops

Our Education department hosts many educational workshops for parents, teachers and caregivers year round.

Attend a Community Outreach Event

WGTE has many events catered to the local community. For a full list of our community events, visit our website at wgte.org/events.

Volunteer

WGTE offers a variety of opportunities with varying degrees of commitment – weekly, monthly and seasonal. Training is always provided.

Encourage Friends and Family to Connect

With new features to make your listening and viewing experience better, we invite you to connect with WGTE for a wide variety of rich diverse programming.

Ways to Get Involved

Whether you are a lifelong public media supporter or brand new to WGTE Public Media's programs and services, there are many ways to get involved and stay connected.

Learn More at
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Looking Ahead to 2026

Our collaborations and partnerships in 2025 have provided a framework for new perspectives as we seek to serve the people who watch, listen and learn along with us – and an opportunity to be even more intentional as we provide those services.

WGTE prides itself on continuing to build a firm foundation with programming that educates, entertains, informs and inspires. We have a plethora of riveting new projects in store for 2026. We look forward to creating the next chapter in our story with you.

The Local Thread

The Local Thread is a new community news coalition uniting local voices and trusted storytellers from across our region. In partnership with *La Prensa*, *Toledo Free Press*, *The Sojourner's Truth*, Toledo Public Schools and veteran journalist Jerry Anderson, this collaborative series weaves together the people, issues and ideas shaping our community.



The Four Hundred & Nineteen powered by WGTE

The Four Hundred & Nineteen powered by WGTE is Toledo's new daily one-hour streaming talk show dedicated to amplifying authentic local voices and fostering fresh, smart community dialogue. Hosted by Gretchen DeBacker, Matt Killam and Kevin Mullan, the program features local changemakers and everyday residents driving meaningful change in northwest Ohio.



Toledo Stories: Beyond Sight: A Legacy of Empowerment

For more than a century, the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio has been a beacon of independence, empowerment and community for people who are blind or visually impaired. This documentary traces the organization's story from its roots through decades of growth in recreation, industry, rehabilitation and advocacy. This documentary chronicles more than a century worth of history from a true gem in this region. At its heart, it is a celebration of resilience, community and a vision that continues to shine brighter into the future.



Toledo Stories: Monroe St. United

In a city that's seen hardship and hope, Monroe Street United Methodist Church has stood strong for 200 years. This 30-minute documentary takes you inside its walls and into the lives it's touched, revealing stories of faith, justice and relentless love for community. This documentary is not just about the years passed – it's about the lives touched and the relationships built.



Nature in Action – Toledo Metroparks

Nature in Action is a multiplatform storytelling initiative designed



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to educate, engage and inspire the community through three complementary series:

NATURE CLASH

An exciting and adventurous eight-episode digital series

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A 10-episode podcast exploring the intersections of nature, work and wellness

Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio

The Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc. promotes the health, well-being and safety of older adults, persons with disabilities and family caregivers to foster independence. Each year, over 40,000 older northwest Ohioans are served through the Area Office on Aging and its network of 180 providers. Our upcoming 30-minute *Toledo Stories* documentary celebrates the agency's 50+ years of service to the local community.



Learn & Play Treasure Chests

WGTE is helping prepare children for kindergarten success through this innovative early childhood education initiative. The Learn & Play Treasure Chests program will provide resources, materials and workshops designed to support teachers in the classroom and families at home.