



Audio Services for the Blind & Print-Handicapped

CRIS Awarded \$282k in Grants To Expand Service

The Hartford Foundation for Public Giving and The Gibney Family Foundation recently awarded CRIS Radio three-year grants to expand audio recording services to schools and Spanish-speaking people who are blind or print-handicapped.

These expanded services are built upon the foundation CRIS developed during the past three decades with the generous support of our funders and dedication of our talented volunteers. We thank you all for your continued support.



The Gibney Family Foundation awarded CRIS \$149,000 to launch CRISKids™ For Schools throughout the state to provide audio access to academic materials for children unable to read printed materials. The Hartford Foundation For Public Giving awarded \$133,000 to CRIS to introduce CRISKids™ For Schools and CRIS En Español in the Greater Hartford region.

CRISKids™ For Schools is available as a subscription-based service that is two fold: it offers access to CRISKids™, the only service in the nation and Canada to provide an extensive line-up of on-demand audio recordings of nearly 20 award-winning children’s magazines, and also customized recordings of academic materials. CRIS En Español offers recordings of Spanish-language magazines.



Both the schools and Spanish programs come under a new CRIS initiative called Adaptive Audio Accessibility services in which we focus on filling the unmet needs of



students who have special needs and Spanish-speaking

people who are blind or print-handicapped and unable to read printed material.

For more information about CRIS Radio’s new initiatives, e-mail info@crisradio.org or call 860-527-8000.

CRIS RAISES \$10K AT GOLF CLASSIC

CRIS Radio raised \$10,000 at its 15th Annual CRIS Radio Golf Classic held at the Manchester Country Club.

An enthusiastic group of golfers turned out for the event, including representatives of several local businesses.

Title sponsor Dominion generously supported CRIS again as did other businesses, including Windsor Federal Savings, Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina CPAs, Dick's Sporting Goods, Rabbett Insurance, The Computer Company, WCCC, American Eagle, and Total Vision. New sponsors included WFSB, Shipman & Goodwin, Pepsi, and The Perfect Promotion.

Scot Haney, WFSB meteorologist and co-host of "Better Connecticut," generously donated his time to emcee the event again for CRIS. Eric Parker, a WFSB morning news anchor, joined Haney to auction several unique items generously donated by individuals and businesses.



Photo/Roger Maynard

CRIS Radio raised \$10,000 at its 15th Annual CRIS Radio Golf Classic with event emcee Scot Haney, WFSB meteorologist and cohost of Better Connecticut. Pictured with Haney, left, is Eric Parker, WFSB morning news anchor.



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The winning foursome of the 15th Annual CRIS Radio Golf Classic are: from left, Anthony Roncaioli, Samir Doshi, Bud Quast and Jamie Selig.

Golfing with Haney's foursome was Brian Devine, owner of Devine Hydraulics, who won a spot on Haney's WFSB foursome with a generous donation to CRIS.

CRIS supporters will return to the fairways at the Manchester Country Club again next year on Sept. 11, 2013.

NEW BROADCAST EQUIPMENT INSTALLED

Several equipment upgrades have been completed in recent months at the CRIS broadcast center in Windsor and at three of the four regional studios.

A new Telephone Reader system was installed at the Windsor broadcast center to improve toll-free access to CRIS archived programming. In addition, a new mixing board and microphones were installed in the Windsor production and control studios.



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CRIS volunteer and listener, Diane Duhaime, produces live afternoon news programs with readers Sue Carey, left, and Ruth Foxman. Pictured is a new mixing board and microphones, along with Duhaime's guide dog Iroc.

At the Danbury, Norwich and West Haven studios, new control boards and microphones were also installed to improve the quality of the CRIS broadcast service. The Trumbull studio upgrades are expected to be complete in early winter upon the completion of the Trumbull High School construction projects.

Funding for the equipment upgrades came from a State Bond awarded to CRIS.

Save The Dates

April 27, 2013 * CRIS Radio Dining & Dancing in the Dark

Sept. 11, 2013 * 16th Annual CRIS Radio Golf Classic

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