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Team ESPN Lends Voices To CRIS Listeners

There's more sports articles available now for CRIS listeners, thanks to ESPN's Corporate Outreach initiative, called Team ESPN Radio Program.

ESPN volunteers record ESPN The Magazine and ESPN Deportes Magazine — a Spanish-language magazine — for CRIS Radio from a studio set up on its Bristol campus specifically for ESPN volunteers.

The audio files are then sent to CRIS, converted into MP3 files, and made available on-demand at the CRIS Web site, www.crisradio.org, or on CRIS Radio's toll-free Telephone Reader.

Vision-impaired sports fans or those who would not have access to the printed content are the beneficiaries, said Kevin Martinez, senior director of ESPN Corporate Outreach.

ESPN employees who volunteer for Team ESPN Reading Room receive a 30-minute training session before becoming one of the volunteer voices, Martinez said. ESPN instructs the volunteers to approach their recording as if they were "reading to a family member, kind of like reading to a parent or a child," Martinez added.

ESPN created a video to highlight its Team ESPN initiative, which is featured on its Web site called Front Row. To see the video, produced by Dave Williams, [click here](#).

Save The Dates

April 27, 2013

CRIS Radio Dining & Dancing in the Dark
The Hartford Club

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Sept. 11, 2013

16th Annual CRIS Radio Golf Classic
Manchester Country Club

CRIS and Connecticut Children's Launch First-of-Its-Kind Service For Children

Connecticut Children's Medical Center is the first children's hospital in the nation to provide audio recordings of children's magazines for patients unable to read or turn pages of a magazine due to their condition or medical treatment.



Photo/Steve Laschever

Connecticut Children's patient Noel Muteba is among the first at the hospital to listen to CRISKids streamed to the TV in his hospital room.

"I applaud CRIS Radio and the Connecticut Children's Medical Center for finding new, innovative ways to care for Connecticut's young people," said Gov. Dannel P. Malloy. "Reading plays such an



Several funders celebrated the launch of a collaboration between CRIS and Connecticut Children's. From left, Michael Robare, Comcast; Marty Gavin, president and CEO, Connecticut Children's; Lt. Gov. Wyman; Diane Weaver Dunne, executive director, CRIS Radio; John Bairos, Comcast; Brian and Sue DiFatta, The Gibney Family Foundation; and Cathy D'Amato of the Ahearn Foundation.

important role in a child's development, and this new program is sure to help bring a small sense of normalcy to children who are facing tremendous challenges. Connecticut is fortunate to have such support for holistic care for children and their families."

Comcast provided technical assistance and a donation of special equipment necessary for the project. Other funders of the project include the Ellen Jeanne Goldfarb Memorial Charitable Trust, and the Ahearn Family Foundation. CRISKids™ was launched in 2011, thanks to the generous funding of several foundations, including: Help for the Blind of Eastern Connecticut, Fund for Greater Hartford, The Gibney Family Foundation, and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

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Local Celebrities, Volunteers Step Up For 3rd Annual Dining & Dancing in the Dark

Tickets are on sale for the 3rd Annual CRIS Radio Dining & Dancing in the Dark gala on Saturday, April 27 at The Hartford Club on Prospect Street beginning at 5 p.m.

Dining in the dark will be followed by CRIS Radio's own version of Dancing With the Stars, emceed by Scot Haney, WFSB meteorologist and co-host of Better Connecticut. The dance competition will feature local celebrities, last year's Mirror Ball Trophy winner Floyd Green III, vice president at Aetna, and two, long-time CRIS volunteers/listeners, Diane Duhaime and Rosie Morlene.

There will be open dancing to the music of Eight to the Bar throughout portions of the gala. Tickets cost \$100 per person. For more information, e-mail info@crisradio.org or call 860-527-8000.



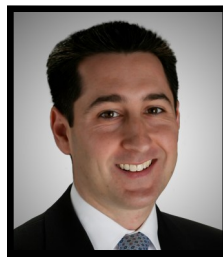
CRIS volunteers / listeners, Diane Duhaime, at left, with Arthur Murray dance pro Frankie DelAgUILA, and Rosie Morline, right, with dance pro Joe Monnin, have been receiving lessons for more than one year in preparation for the upcoming gala. Oksana Blaise of Pure Elegance (center), donated the



Emcee: Scot Haney
WFSB



Floyd Green III,
2012 DWS Champ



Matt McFarland,
WFSB



Rachel Frank,
Fox 61



Ana Alfaro,
Univision



Dan Amarante,
Fox 61



Olessa Stepanova,
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