

VOLUNTEER VOICES

MAY 2026

Happy May! While writing this, it's apparent that we have so much to celebrate and be thankful for. Your support has kept Nine PBS strong amidst an uncertain time in public media history; this is our first year in six decades that we have not had federal funding, and you've helped remind the St. Louis region that we are here, we are strong, and we are for you. Public Media, Local Heart. ;)

Service Anniversaries

Thank you for spending all these years with Nine PBS!

12 Years - Jay Kridel
11 Years - Roy Fechter
10 Years - Natasha Goodman, Quahana Hendree
9 Years - Kathy Crismon
8 Years - Barbara Bahr, Sybilla Suda, Tavia Henderson
7 Years - Doris King
4 Years - Bill Becker, Patricia Buckley
3 Years - Chris Burke, Connie Hilliard, John Flotken, Valerie Lamping
2 Years - Karen Tucker
1 Year - Angie Diiorio, Mindy Skinner, AlLana Broom, Brenda Morrison, Destiny Nezam, Audrey Carter

Welcome to Nate Boswell, Randi Davis, Beth Donnelly, Drew Elsner, Marilyn Evans, Maliyah Harris, Sara Merrimen, Lana Midgett, Orlando Moorer, Joe Roberts, Julie Smith, Linda Stein, and Nancy Woods!

Volunteer Projects Since February

- 314 Day, Donnybash, Forsytes premiere screening, Spin, Swap & Sustain: A Nine PBS Record Exchange
- Community convenings with the Nine PBS Impact team
- Support for planned giving, major giving, donor engagement, premiums, inventory, and front desk
- Early Education Prep
- Broadcast data analysis
- Tours for architects, Nine PBS members, high schoolers, and Missouri's Awesome Kid

Nuggets of Information

- Nine PBS' Annual Report to the Community: ninepbs.org/annualreport
- Nine PBS photo albums are available for you to view and download your favorite moments: [Nine PBS Albums](#)
- Amy Shaw was on The 314 Podcast! I loved hearing Amy share about Nine PBS and learning more about her. I recommend it to you all: [The 314 Podcast: Amy Shaw](#)
- For catharsis: [Growing up \(and into\) PBS](#)

Impact

One of our most beloved fundraisers of the year is Donnybash every spring at The Sheldon. It's a space where every guest is a member, so you know when you attend, you're surrounded by others who support public media. We invite high school and college-age viewers to attend and engage with their community by observing the panelists practicing friendly debate and mingling with others who appreciate this seemingly lost art of civil communication.

Two of the attendees were freshmen from Liberty High School, and they were so inspired that they wrote an article about Donnybrook and their experience at Donnybash! [Why Donnybrook Preserves The Manners of Journalism](#)

We were surprised and moved when they shared this unsolicited article with us! Anne-Marie Berger, *Executive Producer*, exclaimed, "Now that's impact!" Thank you to all of you who helped make Donnybash possible.

Value of Volunteer Time Since February

\$26,967.46

Being able to calculate the value of your time is essential to our grant-writing process! Having an accurate number shows how involved our community (which includes you!) is with Nine PBS, which leads to better support.

NOTE: When recording your time in [VicNet](#), we recommend including travel time as it more accurately reflects how much of your free time you are giving to Nine PBS.

We have several events already in the pipeline for the remainder of spring and into summer, so please keep your [VicNet](#) profile updated with your interests and availability to get notified about these opportunities. We could still use a few more volunteers for Playdate in Alton on May 30. Thank you!

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

Celebrate!

We would like to celebrate YOU!

As of April 2026, the entire Individual Giving Team **exceeded** our annual goal for the fiscal year ending June 2026!

Individual Giving includes Membership, Major Giving, and Planned Giving.

This is the result of your time spent helping us reach members, adding personality to the physical mail we send, calling to sincerely thank members, analyzing the data to make sure we are creating content that our community wants to see, engaging our neighbors at Nine PBS tables and events, and talking about Nine PBS with your friends and family.

Words are not enough to express our appreciation, so we also had ice cream in April.

Thank you so much!!

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