

VOLUNTEER VOICES AUG 2025

In July, we fought to maintain our federal funding. The outcome was a mixture of disappointment, sadness, and relief because we finally knew the answer to the question: Will they or won't they? This month, we collected ourselves, renewed the spark, relit the fire, and proclaimed, "**Nine PBS is Here to Stay.**" Our community, including you, showed up for Nine PBS with calls and letters of encouragement, generous donations, and memberships. Thank you for being on Team Nine PBS as we, together, maintain our passion for St. Louis and ignite the spirit of possibility.

Service Anniversaries This Month

Thank you for spending all these years with Nine PBS!

13 Years - Barb Anderson, Sallie Bieber

10 Years - Janet Stiehl

8 Years - Susan Clark

7 Years - Janelle Carron

2 Years - Nick Balogh

Welcome to Sai Damireddi, Tiffany Ekeocha, Cydney Harwood, Marilyn Hogan, Cindy Jensen, Jules Joseph, Olivia Korte, Jane McDill, Marian Montiel, Olivia Most, Brandy Saunders, Rachel Schneider, Destinee Thompson, and Audrey Weast!

Volunteer Projects in August

- Tornado Town Hall
- Caregiver Storytelling Series
- Membership Engagement Cards
- Major Gift Support
- Premium Packaging

Nuggets of Information

- St. Louis had top viewership in the country for PBS News Hour as of August 21!
- The audience for Ken Burns documentaries has tripled nationwide this past month.
- If you haven't seen the Tornado Town Hall special, you can find it here: ninepbs.org/tornado-town-hall
 - Thank you to all the volunteers who attended as event support and also as guests!
- This is the best way to stay connected to Nine PBS in our post-magazine era: ninepbs.org/about/email-updates

Impact

In August, the Impact Team started a five-part Caregiver Storytelling Series that runs until September 13. These events, at various locations around St. Louis, support caregivers by giving them a trusted space to share their lived experiences through audio, video, written, drawn, or other creative forms. We're partnered with [WETA](#) and their [Well Beings campaign](#)--a national initiative to elevate and honor the experiences of caregivers through storytelling.

Nine PBS provides materials, facilitation, and support for this series. Volunteers help us host and connect with caregivers who want their stories to be seen and celebrated. The first two sessions were highly successful!

From Lindsey Manshack, our Grants Manager, "It was a great session. [Participants] were highly engaged and vocal. [Volunteers] were very helpful in the set up and clean up. They also had a chance to share [things] about themselves [and] their experiences as caregivers." Thank you for helping us care for those who care!

Value of Volunteer Time This Month

\$3,782.52

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 shows how much of your free time you are giving to Nine PBS.

Enjoy the big cool off as we transition to autumn. We hope to see you at one of many festivals and celebrations in September! You can find us at: [Music at the Intersection](#), [The Great Forest Park Balloon Glow and Race](#) (both days!), and [Tower Grove Pride](#).

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." ~ Benjamin Franklin

Get To Know Angie Diorio

Volunteer of 6 months and counting!

Q: Does your family have any unusual traditions?

A: The Golden Egg. When I was a child, I found a golden egg in a restaurant game, and ever since, my family has made it part of our Easter egg hunts. Now, I hide it for my own children with small surprises or notes inside.

Q: What book changed your life?

A: The Five Love Languages changed the way I see the world.

Q: Do you have a fun story related to Nine PBS?

A: At Wild Kratts, the venue team thought I was Angie Carr, but I was just 'Angie in her car.' They invited me on a backstage tour and asked if I was ready to do the opening speech! Thinking they were joking, I played along, saying I wasn't planning to, but I'd do whatever they needed, as long as they printed it for me. They actually printed it and brought it over, and that's when I had to explain that I'm Angie Diorio, not Angie Carr.

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