



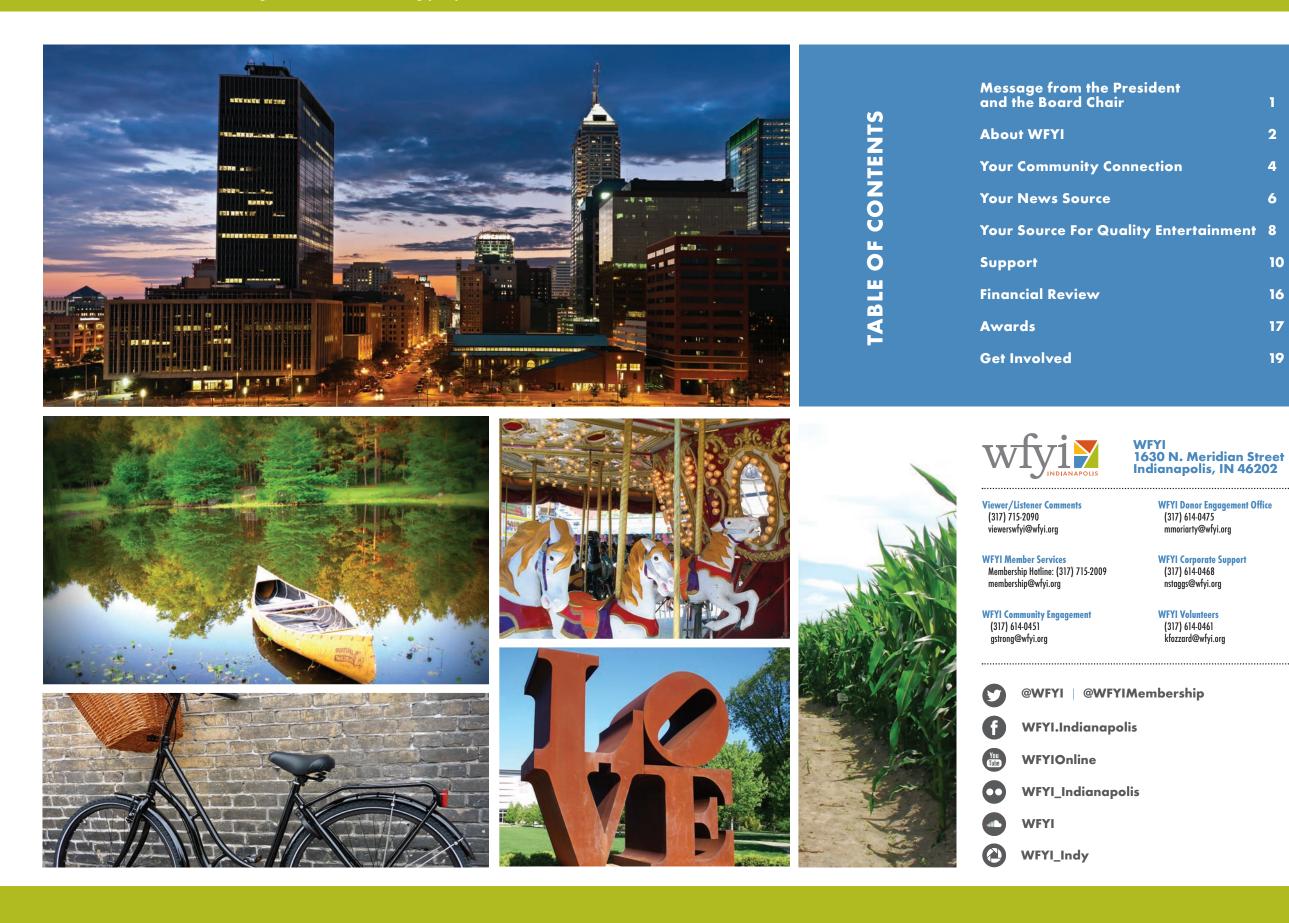
2015 ANNUAL REPORT

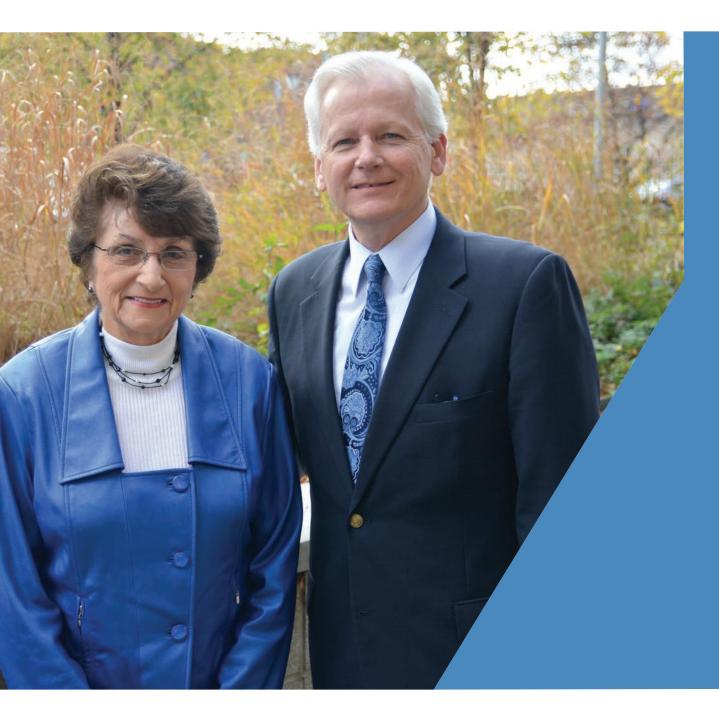






WFYI Public Media inspires the best in our community by sharing stories and connecting people.





For the third consecutive year, WFYI was named "Station of Excellence" with a regional Emmy. Recognized by our peers as a leader in broadcasting, WFYI Public Media is also known by those we serve as a trusted source for balanced news and local reporting, a valued community partner, a strong advocate for education, and an innovator in quality programming.

Thank YOU for making this work possible. Your support of and commitment to WFYI helps further our ability to inform, impact, and inspire the people of central Indiana.

In fiscal year 2014-15, we made great strides in bolstering the WFYI News Team. The station is already known for NPR news programs such as Morning Edition and All Things Considered. With the addition of more local reporters this year, WFYI is also gaining recognition for in-depth local news — stories that go beyond the breaking news to uncover the deeper understandings behind the events of the day.

Also this year, WFYI was named the key partner in the health journalism collaborative, Side Effects, which reports on public health issues for public media stations across the country. Now, our WFYI reporters, as well as those at our partner stations, are often called upon to provide content that airs nationally on NPR.

More and more, WFYI is creating content for digital platforms. To meet people wherever they are, we continue to enhance our digital efforts on the web and on social platforms. This year we created our first digital-only offering with Small Studio Sessions, an award-winning music series featuring mostly local bands performing in WFYI's studio.

Beautiful arts programs, as well as highlights of our Hoosier heritage, continue to be hallmarks of WFYI's production team, winners of 11 regional Emmys this year. Many of our local programs are in the process of being nationally distributed, and we expect that WFYI's Time for Three with the Indianapolis Symphony will broadcast as an arts special across the PBS system later this spring.

WFYI Public Media has continued its work with the public media initiative, American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen, helping to illuminate the problems and solutions of education in Indiana, as well as to inspire community members to help students stay on the path to graduation. Through hundreds of hours of TV and radio programming, public forums and trainings, and vital community partnerships, WFYI has used its media assets to improve the futures of Indiana students.

What a busy and fulfilling year! We are proud of WFYI's work in central Indiana, and feel deeply committed to making this community a wonderful place to live, work and play. You – our individual members, volunteers, corporate sponsors, and community partners – are the vital link that keeps public media thriving here. Thank you for a great year!

May the year ahead be just as full of promise.

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ABOUT WFYI



SHARING STORIES AND CONNECTING PEOPLE

WFYI is a trusted destination – on-air, online and in-person – and allows big ideas to take root in the hearts and minds of diverse audiences.

27,000+ MEMBERS

495,000 WEEKLY VIEWERS

144,000 WEEKLY LISTENERS

1,456,000 PAGE VIEWS TO WFYI.ORG IN 2014

Headquartered in downtown Indianapolis, with simulcast radio broadcast partnerships at Franklin College, Wabash College and Indiana State University, WFYI is a member of the Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations.





MULTI-PLATFORM CONTENT DELIVERY

TELEVISION	RADIO	DIGITAL	
PBS	npr	wfyi≯	
THREE CHANNELS	TWO CHANNELS	WFYI.ORG	
WFYI 1	90.1 FM HD1	On-demand access to	
High definition channel	Primary news and information channel with	WFYI's content on WFYI.org allows us to meet	
WFYI 2	local news beats dedicated	our audience anywhere,	
Spanish language	to health and education	anytime, on any device	
WFYI 3	90.1 FM HD2		
Lifestyle programming	The Point:		
	talk radio and		

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

WFYI records a live stream of a blues band at Penrod Arts Fair; The Master Control Area for a live stream of the Indianapolis Public Schools Candidate Forum; The WFYI Radio Tower

music channel

YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTION





Paising Paising Carting Carting Carting More than a radio and television station, WFYI is also a catalyst for change. Through partnerships with many central Indiana organizations and businesses, WFYI convenes gatherings and spurs community involvement in issues that matter most.

EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

Education is a priority at WFYI. Through the American Graduate: Let's Make it Happen Initiative, we use our media assets to leverage partnerships and share stories through community conversations and outreach initiatives.

- WFYI aired 60 hours of local television content and 70 hours of local radio content for American Graduate in 2015.
- WFYI partnered with the Indianapolis Public Library to host seven public forums in our Conversations about Education Series.
- WFYI brought John Bridgeland, the co-author of Building a Grad Nation, to Indianapolis to share data and best practices about keeping students on the path to graduation and success in life with key education stakeholders.

PARTNER EVENTS

As a vital member of the community, WFYI participates in numerous events throughout the year. Here are some of the events we participated in:

- Broad Ripple Art Fair
- Celebrate Science Indiana
- Child Advocates Superhero Run
- Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Award
- Fairbanks Circle of Hope Dinner
- Mutt Strutt
- Penrod Arts Fair
 SPARK Monument Circle
- Spirit and Place Festival
- Stutz Artists Open House
- TEDx Indianapolis
- The Indiana State Fair
- Veterans Reclaim Armistice Day
- WFYI Day at Victory Field

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

John Bridgeland signs the American Graduate Banner; Curious George meets a young fan at the Indiana State Fair; Clifford spends time with Rowdie at an Indianapolis Indians game at Victory Field

"WFYI has convened community meetings that bring partners throughout the area together to learn what work we are doing separately and together to help our community's children and families achieve the most they can. "

- Jay Geshay, United Way of Central Indiana

YOUR NEWS SOURCE





As an NPR member station, WFYI is a source for news reporting many have come to trust – whether it's Morning Edition, All Things Considered, the BBC News or other programs, listeners get national and world news practically any time of day.

And now with WFYI's expanded news team, our local reporting is keeping you in the know here at home. This year, WFYI added a new Education Beat Reporter and a City Beat Reporter. Together with additional WFYI reporters, our news team developed in-depth news series including:

- Intersections examines the complicated relationships between poverty, race, class, gun and drug law, social and economic policy, and whether a law-enforcement led initiative can result in meaningful change.
- A New Day is taking a year-long, in-depth look at Arlington Community High School and its successes and challenges as it transitions back to Indianapolis Public Schools from private management.
- The series, *Electing Our Future*, explored voter turnout in Marion County, and talked with non-voters as they decided whether to go to the polls in November.
- Lost in Translation was a collaborative journalism project between WFYI, the Indianapolis Star, and Chalkbeat Indiana, which explored the struggles and successes of language barriers reshaping Indianapolis schools.

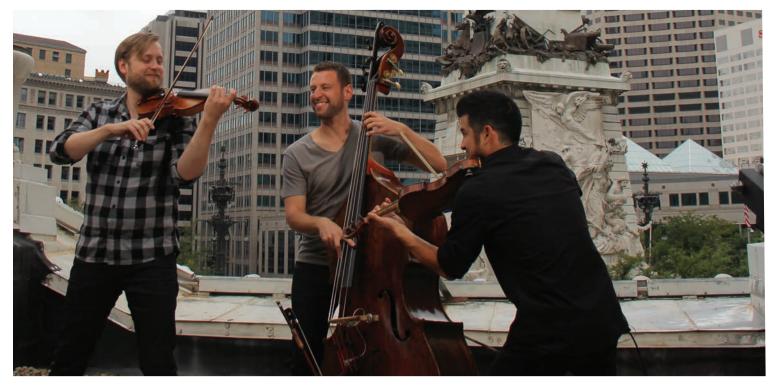
- Also this year, WFYI launched a health journalism collaborative, Side Effects, to explore the impacts of place, policy and economics on Americans' health.
 With reporters based at WFYI, as well as KBIA in Columbia, Missouri, and WXXI in Rochester, New York, this team is reporting for public radio stations across the country.
- Through WFYI's Indiana Lawmakers we keep voters apprised of legislative issues when the General Assembly is in session, and with Indiana Week in Review citizens remain current on issues of concern all year long.
- WFYI introduced the Speak Up Phone, a re-purposed phone that encourages people to record a response to a revolving prompt, and created digital short stories from these responses.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Reporter Christopher Ayers interviews an IPL spokesman regarding manhole explosions; The WFYI Speak Up Phone at SPARK Monument Circle; Reporter Ryan Delaney interviews then Indiana Public Safety Officer, Troy Riggs, (now IMPD Chief) at a mobile Gleaners Food Pantry



YOUR SOURCE FOR QUALITY ENTERTAINMENT









You turn to WFYI to be entertained by unique and quality programs. Whether choosing Downton Abbey, NOVA or Frontline on TV, or Fresh Air, The Moth and A Prairie Home Companion on radio, our viewers and listeners know they will find programs that make them think and wonder, and maybe even shift perspectives.

- Our Emmy award-winning WFYI Productions team inspired viewers this year with arts programs from right here at home, such as Time for Three with the Indianapolis Symphony, Fireworks: The International Violin Competition of Indianapolis, The American Pianists Association's 2015 Jazz Finals, and Butler ArtsFest 2015: Outlaws and Outsiders.
- WFYI launched its Small Studio Sessions, our first digital-only product, featuring instudio recordings of local, up-and-coming bands and national artists on tour through Indianapolis. This monthly series, modeled after NPR's Tiny Desk Concerts, featured seven groups this year, including wellknown performer Graham Nash. WFYI's Small Studio Sessions is made possible by a grant from The Herbert Simon Family Foundation, and with support from Neat-O Art Shop and Sun King Brewery.
- WFYI's speaker series, ListenUp, presented by The Central Indiana Community Foundation, brought national NPR celebrities to Indiana to share their stories, beginning in July with legendary journalist Cokie Roberts and ending the first season with Guy Raz, host of TED Radio Hour. This series, new this year, is helping WFYI introduce public media to a new audience.

"I try to imagine a media landscape without public media, and it is really very scary to me. We support WFYI because we use it, and we like that it's public and available to everyone, and we feel public media is important for our country. "

> - Hannah Sullivan Brown, Sustaining Member

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

Time for Three films a scene for "Time for Three Live with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra"; NPR Journalist Cokie Roberts speaks as part of WFYI's ListenUp Series; Members of the band Native Sun perform in WFYI's Small Studio; Musician Graham Nash performs in WFYI's Small Studio

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