Subject: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
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I read an article on The Guardian website about a UK comedian and radio host who saved a caller's life who was trying to commit suicide. Ian Lee, the host, had candidly disclosed on the air his battle with depression and it sounds like the suicidal man felt Lee could understand him. The man took an overdose of pills and Lee kept him on the line while trying to pinpoint the callers location for emergency services. It appears that phone call saved the man's life. It really is a heartwarming story and I hope the man will be okay.
https://www.theguardian.com/tv-and-radio/2018/dec/20/talkradio-host-iain-lee-suicidal-caller-phone

My local radio station has two hilarious morning hosts who have also made a difference. Last year an older woman would call in rather frequently, even though she never had much to say. Instead of teasing her or refusing to take her calls, the hosts figured that she was just lonely and wanted to hear a human voice. Turns out they were right. She was a widow and her children moved away. She was frail and very much alone. The two hosts asked if they could visit her and they've been close ever since.

I know prerecorded shows are popular, but the style can never replace that human connection you get with a live radio host.