
Subject: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [musicluvr](#) on Thu, 20 Dec 2018 23:39:17 GMT

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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-phon>
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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.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [Lost the Remote](#) on Fri, 21 Dec 2018 16:39:22 GMT

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Thanks for sharing those two sweet stories. I'm glad that Ian Lee was able to lend a hand and keep the guy talking. I don't know what I would do in that intense situation, but Lee handled it perfectly. I never considered how radio hosts might play a part in the community-at-large. You've given me something to chew on.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [cwemoy](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2019 09:06:55 GMT

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Such heartwarming stories indeed. For a long time, radio hosts have shaped a lot of what goes on around us more than anything you could ever experience in other media, like TV. Even though a lot has changed in recent years, tuning in to a radio program has a certain feel to it and we all probably have that favorite radio presenter.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [Newjack](#) on Sat, 19 Jan 2019 05:41:48 GMT
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It's nice to hear some heartwarming stories instead of all the negative headlines that I encounter daily. Thanks for the reminder that there are still some good people in this world; sometimes I forget!

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [Silver](#) on Wed, 29 Apr 2020 01:38:53 GMT
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Do you know how much a feel-good story would be appreciated in this day and age? It would go viral in no time flat and the hosts would be instant stars.

It's funny how the same act of kindness can be seen differently in two different times.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Tue, 19 May 2020 17:19:07 GMT
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A good radio host that has been around a long and has a large following can indeed make a difference. There is one in particular I listen to ever day and over the past year he has changed my views on a few things. Changing my mind about something is not an easy feat. This is why I continue to listen to him.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fq28JbLHNHw>

He is on Spotify as well.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [The Noise](#) on Sun, 23 Aug 2020 21:23:02 GMT
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A cry for help is only effective when someone hears it. I'm glad things turned out the way they did. It's also nice to hear that people still care about others.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [Mica](#) on Mon, 29 Mar 2021 20:03:47 GMT
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That is great and a very uplifting story. Our radio hosts here on one station both lost their jobs (on two networks). They made fun of people. I seriously considered them to be bullies. I was glad they both got fired.

Subject: Re: Radio Hosts Making a Difference
Posted by [Kingfish](#) on Sat, 13 Nov 2021 21:36:55 GMT
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Oh well, what can you do except change the station?
