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Join GNAT-TV for a Community Celebration Event on September 10th!

Manchester, VT – On September 10th, GNAT-TV hosted its annual Community Celebration at [location], bringing together local residents, supporters, and volunteers for a day of festivities, recognition, and community connection. The event, designed to celebrate and highlight the impact of community media, was a joyful occasion filled with activities, including [list some activities], and opportunities for community members to engage with GNAT-TV's mission.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of the 2024 GNATTY Award for Exceptional Volunteerism, an honor that recognizes outstanding dedication and service to the GNAT-TV community. This year's recipient, [recipient's name], was celebrated for their significant contributions to GNAT-TV and the broader community. Known for their work on [describe relevant programs or contributions], [recipient's name] has been a devoted volunteer, embodying the values of community media and storytelling.

In a heartwarming ceremony, [recipient's name] was presented with a hand-blown glass GNATTY Award, made by Manchester Hot Glass, in recognition of their exceptional service. Upon receiving the award, [recipient's name] remarked, "[recipient's quote]," expressing their gratitude and dedication to continuing their work with GNAT-TV. GNAT-TV's Executive Director, Tammie Reilly, not only praised the recipient, stating, "[Executive Director's quote]," but also emphasized the pivotal moment community media is facing. She highlighted how the majority of GNAT-TV's funding currently comes from cable providers, and with cable's decline, community media's future depends more than ever on community support and engagement. "Without the active involvement of

our community, this crucial platform for local stories and voices risks fading away,” said Reilly. “We’re at a crossroads, and the commitment of our volunteers, viewers, and supporters will determine the future of community media.”

The event fostered a vibrant atmosphere, with community members enjoying [describe other activities], all while celebrating the spirit of volunteerism and the power of community-driven media.

Special coverage of the 2024 GNATTY Award presentation and the community celebration will air on GNAT-TV’s Comcast channel 1074 on [airing schedule]. The event and other local programs will also be available on GNAT-TV’s website, YouTube, Roku, and AppleTV.

For more information about GNAT-TV or to learn how to get involved, visit www.gnat-tv.org or call 802.362.7070.

About GNAT-TV:

GNAT-TV is a nonprofit community media organization dedicated to providing access to local television programming, supporting free speech, and fostering community engagement. Our mission is to empower the community through media by providing a platform for local voices and stories.

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