EXPLORING MEDIA
The CATV Media Explorers Club invited middle & high school-aged girls to explore media professions in normally male-dominated industries. Exploration included a back-house tour of the Dartmouth Black Family Visual Arts Center in Hanover that handles old-school film reels and new-school digital processes, and meeting a stopmotion animator and an indie filmmaker. Girls on fire!

A YUMMY TREAT
Not only do non-profits benefit from CATV’s free audio/visual equipment lending library, free shoot & edit training, and studio use, but occasionally CATV captures their non-profit world in action. This year CATV was available to capture The Family Place’s annual Gingerbread Festival in Norwich. Sweet!

SCHOOLS IN SESSION
CATV helped schools further their students’ media education through long and short projects. Schools included Tunbridge-Chelsea Middle School, Hanover High’s March Intensive Program, the White River High School Community Learning Program, and Hartford Area Career and Technology Center.

A HEALTHY LAUGH
White River Jct. non-profit, The Center for Cartoon Studies, turned to CATV when looking for locations to host some of their “Comics & Medicine” conference workshops. In turn, the school let CATV film some of these interesting workshops on the interaction of comics and medicine.

EXPLORING THE VALLEY
This year the Valley News editorial team accepted CATV’s invitation to create a monthly in-studio show called “Valley News Digest.” This talk show, hosted by news editor John Gregg, continues conversations with local reporters about topics that affect the Upper Valley.

MELODIOUS TALENTS
Musical performances abound in the CATV song booth. Upper Valley artists get their performances recorded, and CATV television viewers get to enjoy them. Bravo!

MARITAL BLISS
White River Jct. resident & prolific show producer, Linda Carbino, loves the CATV crew & services so much that she & her hubby, Ted, asked to renew their wedding vows in the CATV studio, a first for CATV. Mazel tov, Linda & Ted!

COURAGEOUS WORK
CATV taught Hanover resident & author, George Spencer, to edit videos using the ubiquitous iMovie software. The free one-on-one edit training George received has been so helpful that he is turning his collected essays, “Courage 101,” into a video series.

ADVENTUROUS FUN
This year CATV’s summer media campers were introduced to the elements needed to make an adventure film, including a choreographed swashbuckling demo from instructors at the Lebanon Noble Sciences Academy, who demonstrated longsword, sword & buckler, and rapier equipment and fighting moves. Errol Flynn move over!

BOW WOW WOWZER
CATV’s in-studio Dog Talk series won Second Place in the “Talk Show” division of the Alliance for Community Media Nor’easter Awards. Given all of the many great community media talk shows that went head-to-head against us, this award is a real triumph to bark about!
Dear Community,

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...” Although Charles Dickens wrote this in 1859, his words appropriately sum up this past year—an extraordinary year for CATV.

2018 really was the best of times. The CATV crew found their stride in their jobs, and worked brilliantly with the community. We eliminated important technical problems and started work around a vision of how CATV would bring value to the communities we serve. Most importantly, the content that CATV digitally captured throughout the year was a wonderful and comprehensive representation of the community, for the community.

Yet, 2018 foreshadowed the worst of times with outside influences pushing for the demise of local public access media. Comcast interpreted a national accounting practices change for publicly traded companies as permission to siphon from CATV’s franchise fee revenue that passes through their company. Comcast also decided to sue the State of Vermont Public Utilities Commission in Federal court, in part because the VT public access stations repeatedly pleaded with Comcast to let us participate in the electronic guide that television viewers see when using their TV’s remote control—the audacity of us.

Also threatening our existence is the FCC’s proposed rule change that will support large cable companies to the point of strangling local public access media funding. Can the federal government support big business without hurting democracy and the public good? We’re bracing for a challenging year. But in the meantime, feel free to make a show, film an event, learn media skills, or document something important to you.

We hope to collaborate with you in 2019,

Donna Girot
Executive Director

YOUR VOICE • YOUR CHANNEL • YOUR COMMUNITY
1718
Unique First Run Shows Aired in 2018

3120
Hours that “Classic Arts Showcase” aired on Comcast channel 10 & VTel channels 170 & 1170 in 2018

276
Number of Local Government Meetings Recorded by CATV in 2018

TRANSPARENCY COMPELS ETHICAL GOVERNANCE.

72
Number of Short Videos a Novice Independent Producer Created Locally at CATV in 2018

94
Number of 2018 School Board Meetings Recorded by CATV

CATV810
Name of CATV’s YouTube Channel That Includes Local Public, Arts & Entertainment Shows. Govt meetings are available on www.catv8.org.

2018 REVENUE

Franchise Fees 453,532.68
Educational 7,813.50
Contributions/Grants 4,565.00
Misc Income 8,808.09
Total Income 476,299.62

2018 EXPENSES

Operating Expenses 56,431.64
Equipment 24,421.05
Payroll 289,155.11
Rent/Utilities 35,492.00
Total Expenses 405,499.80

Deprec/Amortization 21,109.31
Capital Investment 49,690.51

ASSETS

Liquid Assets 384,779.40
Fixed Assets 46,523.62
Other Assets 3,870.00
Total Assets 435,173.02

LIABILITIES

Credit Card 11,293.72
Payroll 1,137.69
Total Liabilities 12,431.41

EQUITY

Net Assets 373,051.10
Net income 49,690.51
Total Equity 422,741.61

Total Liabilities & Equity 435,173.02

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