



TV CSG \$318,014 - offsets operational expenses for 4 television stations that produce local programming that helps raise awareness, provide information, and encourage involvement, including children's educational programming (Kids) and adult information/instruction (Create & World); while helping support the staff members who provide the educational services described under the ITS heading below.

RADIO CSG \$ 65,134 - offsets operational expenses for 6 stations that provide local news and public affairs programming, community awareness (specifically through a daily call-in talk show, HearSay with Cathy Lewis, that gives listeners the opportunity to talk with newsmakers, legislators, et al), local cultural events, locally produced jazz, progressive, alternative, bluegrass and classical music.

RRS CSG \$ 24,118 - a radio service that provides daily readings of The Virginian-Pilot, The Daily Press, Flagship, grocery store ads and other local publications to more than 1,000 listeners with visual and physical disabilities

ITS \$472,000 - there are approximately 286,000 K-12 students in Hampton Roads public schools, and roughly 26,000 educators whose job it is not just to teach them, but to help them enjoy learning and prepare for their futures. Each one of these students' – and each one of these educators' – experiences are directly enriched every time they walk into a classroom because of the work WHRO does every day.

Last year, WHRO's video on-demand service – Video Classroom – allowed teachers all across the Commonwealth to instantly and efficiently access over 40,000 video segments that are correlated to Virginia's standards of learning. This means that when a student asks a question, the teacher can not only verbally explain but also give a visual reference that reinforces the answer and allows greater interaction – and learning – in the classroom.

Last year, more than 3,500 Virginia students completed advanced placement and world language courses through the Virtual Virginia Advanced Placement School – a service that gives our young people an educational edge.

WHRO recently launched The Hampton Roads Virtual Learning Center, a regional virtual school, marking the beginning of a new era in online learning. In the past, when students for whatever reason could not attend regular classes, they were at a tremendous disadvantage. Today, through this "virtual school," they have the opportunity to further their education outside the normal classroom setting. Thus far, eleven full-year, online student courses like Earth Science; U.S./Virginia Government; Financial Literacy; English; Algebra; Geometry and Health have been developed and delivered to area schools – and more are to come.

Public broadcasters provide the highest quality children's programming 24/7. Public television is acknowledged by the American people as THE most educational media brand, and PBS leads the industry when compared to cable and commercial broadcast, particularly when it comes to helping kids get ready for success in school. WHRO augments the value of these programs by offering accessible hands-on early childhood workshops for parents and caregivers, especially those at risk. We partner with the Virginia Department of Adult Education to help adult learners prepare for the GED test, through an intensive series covering every area of the test.

Last year, nearly 1,400 Virginia educators took one of Virginia's PBS TeacherLine and other online teacher training courses, helping them incorporate the new technology into their classrooms, and keeping them abreast of the latest educational practices to give students the best possible competitive edge.

WHRO provides these vital educational services, enhancing the educational experience for teachers and students alike, at a significant savings for taxpayers. In Hampton Roads, public schools receive approximately a \$7.00 return for every one dollar that's invested in public broadcasting. That bears repeating: WHRO receives \$872,000 from the Commonwealth – and through careful stewardship and strategic planning, saves the taxpayers \$7.6 million! Eliminating that kind of savings is false economy – that will ultimately and very quickly hurt our schools, our teachers and our kids.