

A NEW SEASON OF STORYCORPS PODCAST FROM NPR BEGINS

In 8 Episodes, Season Shares Stories of the Kindness and Generosity of Helpers

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Brooklyn, NY, May 9, 2022 – <u>StoryCorps</u>, the national nonprofit dedicated to recording, preserving, and sharing the stories of Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs, launched a new season of the <u>StoryCorps Podcast</u> on Tuesday, May 3. Hosted by **Kamilah Kashanie**, this eighth season consists of 8 episodes about helpers—people who have reached out a hand, even when they didn't have to. From a bystander who supported a stranger through her grief to a neighbor who stepped in to become a parent, this season is a love letter to those whose generosity has had a lasting effect.

The stories comprising the new season epitomize the StoryCorps experience. We don't always get the chance to tell others about the impact they've made, but StoryCorps conversations are often an opportunity to do that — to honor, pay tribute or remember those who have helped us the most in our lives, Whether it's a grand gesture or a small act of kindness, these are the moments that shape us and connect us.

The StoryCorps Podcast can be found on NPR One, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and wherever podcasts are available. New episodes will be available every Tuesday, and excerpts air weekly on NPR's Morning Edition on Fridays.

About StoryCorps

Founded in 2003, StoryCorps has given nearly 600,000 people, in all 50 states, the chance to record interviews about their lives. The award-winning organization preserves the recordings in its archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress, the largest single collection of human voices ever gathered, and shares select stories with the public through StoryCorps' podcast, NPR broadcasts, animated shorts, digital platforms, and best-selling books. These powerful human stories reflect the vast range of American experiences, engender empathy and connection, and remind us how much more we have in common than what divides

us. StoryCorps is especially committed to capturing and amplifying voices least heard in the media. The StoryCorps MobileBooth, an Airstream trailer that has been transformed into a traveling recording booth, crisscrosses the country year-round gathering the stories of people nationwide. Learn more at storycorps.org.

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