



*Audio Access For People Who Are  
Blind or Print-Challenged*

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Dear State Legislators:

On behalf of CRIS Radio's Board of Directors, please know that we greatly appreciate the state's essential support of our organization. Without the state's support, CRIS Radio (Connecticut Radio Information System) would be unable to make its service available to more than 100,000 people throughout the state.

CRIS operates with the dedication of more than 200 volunteers, who record more than 75 newspapers and magazines, including children's magazines and Spanish-language magazines, at our Windsor broadcast center and regional studios located in Danbury, Norwalk, Norwich, Trumbull, and West Haven,.

- CRIS provides access to information not otherwise available – such as grocery store sales flyers -- to the **state's 10,000 BESB (Dept. of Aging and Disabilities' Bureau of Education and Services for the Blind) -- at no charge.**
- CRIS provides more than 1,300 audio versions of classroom materials for students eligible for special education services.
- **CRIS makes our service available** at 117 nursing homes and assisted living facilities.
- **CRIS audio streams its programs to every patient room** at Connecticut Children's Medical Center (children's magazines), Saint Francis Hospital (English and Spanish), Mount Sinai Rehabilitation Hospital, and Stamford Hospital.
- **CRIS is helping to make museums more accessible with "talking exhibits"** at eight museums, including the New Britain Museum of American Art, the Mark Twain Museum, and Mystic Aquarium.

Thank you for your support. It is most appreciated.

*Paul A. Young*

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