

WPAA Community Building TV

Community connections are being made. WPAA Community Building TV had a few of its Community Producers recognized as among the best in New England in 2009. The Alliance for Community Media held its 12th Annual New England Video Festival Award ceremony in West Hartford on November 7th. Among the winners are Girl Scout Troop #60794 and # 60426 both of Wallingford.

The videos **Livin' Life the Right Way** and **Be Smart, Don't Start** won 1st and 3rd place in their categories: Community Impact and Youth Production. Holy Trinity Junior Troop #60794 turned earning a Girl Scout Bronze Award into a digital experience with Community Impact. They made a movie with several scenes about making wise choices and healthy habits. EC Stevens Troop 60426 made a Public Service Announcement about Not Smoking that has peer appeal.

Our local station is no stranger to winning awards for community programming. In addition to these youth projects, Kathryn Robinson was recognized again this year for her Trail of Terror Program Creature Theater III.

Wallingford Public Access Board Members authorized payment of the video contest entry fees for producers of program for or by youth. The **WPAA Community Building TV** funds were contributed by resident Laura Spiteri through her employer matching grant program. Funds are targeted for community building outreach/education. If you want to help our youth improve their digital literacy or help our community make healthy connections visit www.wpaa.tv to find out how your holiday shopping can be part of the next community building TV story.~~~

The above was approved by Girl Scouts of CT. WPAA Board plan to present awards locally at later date.