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“ By listening closely to one another, we can help illuminate the true character of this nation, reminding us all just how precious each day can be and how truly great it is to be alive.”

—Dave Isay, StoryCorps founder

StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit project whose mission is to honor and celebrate one another's lives through listening. It is one of the largest oral history projects of its kind, creating a growing portrait of who we really are as Americans. Everybody's story matters. Every life counts.

Since 2003, tens of thousands of everyday people have interviewed family and friends through StoryCorps. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to take home and share, and is archived for generations to come at the [American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress](#). Millions listen to StoryCorps' award-winning broadcasts on public radio and the Internet.

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Local Archives

In 2007, StoryCorps began piloting the Local Archive program. In partnership with libraries, museums, and other organizations around the country StoryCorps will offer access to stories within the communities in which they were recorded. Plans are underway to establish over 50 Local Archives, ranging in size from tens of interviews to hundreds.

Listen to a remarkable StoryCorps kinship caregiver story.

Recorded in Burlington, Vt., this [audio clip](#) documents Victoria Fraser talking with her grandson Christopher, whom she raised, about the day he came to live with his grandparents.

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