IN FISCAL YEAR 2003, New Hampshire Public Television programs and services continued to make a difference in the lives of people in Northern New England.

We celebrated two anniversaries: the NHPTV Spring Auction heralded its 30th year as a community event and revenue source, and Granite State Challenge marked its 20th anniversary season as a statewide high school quiz competition.

It was another award-winning year for NHPTV programs: NH Outlook took top honors at the Associated Press Broadcasters Awards and American Cancer Society’s New England 2003 Sword of Hope Awards. The station won national Telly Awards for Excellence for NH Outlook, Wildlife Journal and ZOOM Into Action programs, as well as an nh.com top Web site award for nhptv.org.

NH Outlook provided state election coverage with NH Votes 2002, including candidate forums and debates. Wildlife Journal, our co-production with New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, prepared for its second season. These local productions, along with UNH Wildcat Hockey, underscore our commitment to local programming.

The NHPTV Knowledge Network supplied educational content and services for students and professional training opportunities for teachers. NHPTV hosted the National Parent/Student Mock Election, and a Penacook third grader won first place in the National “Reading Rainbow” Young Writers and Illustrators Contest.

Beyond the television screen, NHPTV’s Community Outreach program partnered with other community organizations on several projects, including Livable Landscapes, a Partnership for A Safe New Hampshire, and the Veterans History Project.

Our Web site, nhptv.org, was redesigned in the spring. It is continually adding educational and informational content, and offers streaming media and program archives.

Our digital broadcasting service area expanded when Keene’s transmitter, WEKW-DT, went live, joining NHPTV’s digital channel 57 on the Seacoast and 48 in Littleton on the air for 12 hours of high-definition television a day. Our service also became available on DirecTV Satellite Service and the Dish network, as well as on RCN’s basic cable lineup.

Our deepest appreciation goes to NHPTV’s valued partners and supporters for keeping NHPTV in mind. Thank you for investing in programs that entertain, educate and enrich life throughout Northern New England’s communities.