

VERIZON  
UP TO SPEED  
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>> ANDY CHOI: HAPPY FRIDAY AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON UP TO SPEED LIVE.  
BEFORE WE GET TO TODAY'S SHOW, LET'S COVER WHAT YOU MAY HAVE MISSED THIS PAST WEEK.  
ANOTHER BUSY WEEK AT VERIZON.  
HERE IS YOUR VERIZON NEWS RUNDOWN FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21ST.  
WE STARTED THE WEEK SHARING OUR LOVE FOR ALL OF THE V-TEAM GRADUATES OUT THERE AS WELL AS HIGHLIGHTING OUR GREAT DEALS FOR GRADS FOR ALL AGES.  
GRADS, DADS.  
ON TUESDAY, WE FOUND OUT KENTUCKY WAS RANKED THE KINDNESS STATE IN AMERICA.  
CHECK OUT THE ARTICLE AND SEE WHERE YOUR HOME STATE IS RANKED.  
THURSDAY, WE SHARED EPISODE TWO OF ENTERATE, FEATURING OUR NEW LALIGA GAMING PARTNERSHIP, THE GREAT LIVE SHOWS OF UFORIA WITH UNIVISION, AND A PROFILE OF A POWERFUL LATINA V TEAMER MAKING SURE OUR VOICES ARE HEARD ON CAPITOL HILL.  
AND THAT IS YOUR VERIZON NEWS RUNDOWN FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21.

THE LAUNCH OF THE VERIZON 5G IMMERSIVE RETAIL ACCELERATOR PROGRAM. THIS WAS CREATED TO HELP DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF IMMERSIVE RETAIL EXPERIENCES ALL

WITH THE HELP OF 5G SOLUTIONS.

SOME OF THE BRANDS ALREADY INVOLVED ARE BURBERRY AND L'OREAL UK & IRELAND - TO LEARN

, WE WILL LINK TO THE PRESS RELEASE IN TODAY'S STORY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL OF THE DETAILS.

AS WE CLOSE OUT JUNE AND CELEBRATE PRIDE, I HAVE MY PRISM SHIRT ON AND WEAR IT PROUDLY.

WE HAVE AN AWESOME VIDEO SHOWCASING OUR V-TEAMERS MAKING AN IMPACT IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS.

STAY TUNED TO THE END OF THE EPISODE FOR THIS FULL VIDEO.

EARLIER THIS MONTH WE TOLD YOU THAT VERIZON ANNOUNCED A \$1 MILLION COMMITMENT TO NON-PROFIT ENCIRCLE TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE DIGITAL INCLUSION ACROSS THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.

LET'S TAKE A LISTEN NOW TO HEAR WHAT THIS COMMITMENT MEANS TO ENCIRCLE.

>> AT ENCIRCLE, WE PROUDLY SERVE THOUSANDS OF LGBTQ YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES EACH YEAR.

THANKS TO VERIZON, WE'RE ABLE TO EXPAND OUR MESSAGE TO EVEN MORE COMMUNITIES.

WE STARTED ENCIRCLE IN MY HOMETOWN IN PROVO, UTAH.

SADLY, IN UTAH THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH AMONG YOUTH IS SUICIDE.

AT ENCIRCLE WE PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE WHERE YOUTH CAN COME DAILY TO FEEL LOVE, ACCEPTANCE, AND TO KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THEY ARE TO ALL OF US.

>> ANDY CHOI: BEAUTIFUL MESSAGE THERE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM ENCIRCLE.

WE ALSO WANT TO HIGHLIGHT VISIBLE'S INCREDIBLE CAMPAIGN

CALLED #PROUDLYVISIBLE, WHICH

PUTS A SPOTLIGHT ON ALL THE WAYS WE CREATE THE FAMILIES THAT LOVE AND SUSTAIN US. LET'S TAKE A

LOOK...

>> FAMILY MEANS.

>> FAMILY IS WHEN.

>> FAMILY IS.

>> LOVE WITHOUT BOUNDARIES.

>> ACCEPTING EACH PERSON FOR EXACTLY AS THEY ARE.

>> MAKING YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE, THEY MAKE YOU FEEL SAFE.

THEY MAKE YOU FEEL POWERFUL.

>> YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER YOU'RE COMING OFF A CERTAIN WAY BECAUSE PEOPLE KNOW YOU.

>> AND WITH THAT COMES UNCONDITIONAL RESPECT.

>> KNOWING YOU'LL ALWAYS BE THERE FOR ME NO MATTER WHAT WE'RE

GOING THROUGH.

>> PART OF THE WORK OF GROWING UP QUEER IS BUILDING YOUR OWN CHOSEN FAMILY, WHICH CAN BE REALLY SCARY, BUT ALSO REALLY BEAUTIFUL.

>> FAMILY IN ONE WORD, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE HOME.

>> COMMUNITY.

>> FAMILY IS LOVE.

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>> ANDY CHOI: THERE IT IS.

OUR THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AT VISIBLE.

AND YES, FAMILY IS LOVE.

I LOVE THAT.

SPEAKING OF GOOD THINGS, IF YOU LOVE ALL THINGS CITIZEN VERIZON - AND I KNOW YOU DO - IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE CITIZEN VERIZON SLACK CHANNEL! THIS IS THE EMPLOYEE RESOURCE FOR CITIZEN VERIZON EVENTS, UPDATES, AND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS. HERE YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORIES, AND LEARN HOW WE MAKE AN IMPACT IN OUR SOCIETY. IF YOU ARE NOT YET A MEMBER, JOIN TODAY AND TELL US MORE ABOUT WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO LEARN ABOUT CITIZEN VERIZON! WE'D LOVE TO LEARN FROM YOU.

AS YOU RECALL, WE HIGHLIGHTED OUR SAFETY PLEDGE AND ASKED YOU TO TAKE THE PLEDGE WITH US. SO FAR, 9,000 OF YOU AND COUNTING HAVE TAKEN THE PLEDGE - TWICE WHAT WE HAD LAST YEAR. YOU STILL HAVE TIME TO SIGN IT AND POSSIBLY WIN ONE OF 50 GIFT CODES WORTH \$25 YOU CAN USE AT THE VERIZON BRAND SHOP. WE WILL INCLUDE THE DETAILS IN OUR WEB STORY.

AND FINALLY, YOU MAY HAVE SEEN PICTURES FROM THE WESTMINSTER DOG SHOW A COUPLE WEEKS BACK BUT THE MORE INTERESTING PART OF THAT EVENT, IN MY OPINION, IS THE MASTERS AGILITY CHAMPIONSHIP BECAUSE THESE POOCHES DON'T JUST LOOK GOOD, THEY'RE HIGHLY TRAINED, INTELLIGENT ATHLETES. AND IF YOU WERE WATCHING ON NATIONAL TV YOU WOULD HAVE SEEN ONE OF THE TWO JUDGES WAS NONE OTHER THAN OUR OWN DAVID NAUER, GROUP MANAGER IN THE GLOBAL

NETWORK & TECHNOLOGY GROUP  
FROM COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO. DAVID HAS BEEN WITH VERIZON FOR  
27 YEARS AND HAS BEEN  
RAISING GERMAN SHORT-HAIR POINTERS FOR 40 YEARS, INCLUDING TRACY,  
THE CHAMPION YOU SEE HERE.  
CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID.  
AND ALL THE DOGS PARTICIPATING AT WESTMINSTER.  
AND  
NOW, AS PROMISED, HERE IS OUR PRIDE VIDEO FEATURING SOME OF OUR  
PRISM V-TEAMERS, AND AS WE  
WATCH, LET'S THINK ABOUT ALL OF THE LOVING FAMILIES OUT THERE, MADE  
UP OF PEOPLE OF ALL COLORS  
RELIGIONS, GENDERS AND SEXUAL ORIENTATIONS, AND BY SHOWING OUR  
SUPPORT AND OUR PRIDE, LET'S HOPE WE CAN CREATE A WELCOMING  
COMMUNITY FOR MORE FAMILIES THAT ARE GUIDED BY LOVE AND  
ACCEPTANCE.  
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WATCHING, FOLKS.  
HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND.  
AND UNTIL NEXT TIME, YOU'RE UP TO SPEED.



>> WHEN I VOLUNTEER, I LIKE TO WEAR MY RAINBOW BEE TO SHOW THAT  
VERIZON SUPPORTS THE CAUSE.  
>> I STARTED TRAINING TO BE A CRISIS COUNSELOR.  
IT'S BEEN A LIFE TRANSFORMING PROCESS.  
>> I WANT TO SUPPORT MY DAUGHTER.  
IN THE PAST, DURING THE PANDEMIC, WE MADE SOME PRIDE MASKS AND  
HANDED THEM OUT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
THIS YEAR, WE WILL CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTEER EVENTS AS  
WELL AS SOME THAT ARE BEING HOSTED HERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.  
>> I WAS A PANELIST ON PRIDE PARENTS.  
>> I SPENT A LOT OF TIME THIS YEAR EDUCATING MYSELF ABOUT GENDER  
AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT MY DAUGHTER'S TRANSGENDER JOURNEY.  
SHE IS SO BRAVE AND BEAUTIFUL AND I'M INCREDIBLY PROUD OF HER AND  
HER JOURNEY.  
>> ARE WE READING YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?  
WHAT IS IT CALLED?  
SOME FAMILIES HAVE TWO MOMMIES.  
RIGHT BABY.  
DO YOU HAVE TWO MOMMIES?  
>> YEP.  
>> IS THAT OKAY?  
ABSOLUTELY!  
>> I SHARED MY COMING OUT EXPERIENCE ON UP TO SPEED AND THE  
EXPERIENCE WAS AMAZING.  
THE FEEDBACK AND ACCEPTANCE WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE.

>> LAST YEAR WE HAD TO CANCEL OUR WEDDING DUE TO COVID, BUT WE STILL WANTED TO GET MARRIED, SO WE WENT TO THE COURTHOUSE, JUST THE TWO OF US, ENDED UP GETTING MARRIED AND THEN WENT TO DISNEY WORLD FOR OUR HONEYMOON.

>> I FINALLY GOT TO MARRY MY GORGEOUS BETTER HALF AND NOW.

>> WE'RE ABOUT TO BE MOMS.

>> WE HAVE A BABY ON THE WAY AND VERIZON HAS GIVEN THE US THE CHANCE TO NOT JUST EXPRESS OURSELVES AS INDIVIDUALS, BUT AS A FAMILY.

>> THANK YOU, VERIZON, FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU'VE GIVEN US.