



MISTER ROGERS' WEEK OF KINDNESS



Margy Whitmer

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Margy Whitmer served as producer of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* for a number of years until production ended in 2001. She also produced the live-action interstitials for *Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood* and is now a scripting consultant for the series.

“The way I connected with Fred Rogers successfully was the fact that we both grew up in small towns. He grew up in Latrobe, and I grew up in Clarion, and we had that real sense of an involved community. We knew all of our neighbors, and we took care of each other, and that’s where I think the whole idea of *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* grew.”

Over the years, Margy was the company’s liaison with PBS’s *Ready To Learn* Initiative; co-creator, writer, and producer for video-based professional development workshop materials; and project director for two series of picture books, *First Experiences* and *Let's Talk About It*. Her previous experience includes production and administrative positions at WQED-TV for both local and national programs, including *Once Upon a Classic* and the *National Geographic Specials*.

A Chatham College graduate and holder of a teaching certificate, Margy is also an active volunteer in community organizations.

You may also have seen Margy’s interviews on the highly-acclaimed, prize-winning documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor*.