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Season's Greetings! Here at BCTV we've had a great year, thanks in large part to the efforts of our local producers, volunteers and friends. We will produce more than 600 shows in addition to the 100-plus municipal meetings we cover every year for the Birmingham Area Cable Board.

We are very proud to say that BCTV staff excelled in the annual Philo Awards competition this year. The Philo Awards recognize excellence in media creation, which we achieved through the team efforts of full and part-time staff as well as the volunteers who helped out. Of course, BCTV staff couldn't achieve this level of excellence without the producers of the winning shows: John Prepolec, Linda Sircus, John Sauve, Brad Fedders, Jason Radulski and Andy Aubrey.

Two new shows have joined our lineup this year. Earlene Baggett-Hayes is producing *We Can Work It Out*, and BACB Chair Elaine McLain is producing *Elaine's World*. These are great additions to our long-running shows such as *Health Talk*, *Practical Law*, *Bottom Line* and *Michigan Entrepreneur*. Our producers work hard to constantly create new content, with Dr. Niru Prasad, Henry Gornbein, Cindy Kainz and Tara Kachaturroff each producing hundreds of shows over the years they have been with BCTV.

The BCTV control room was renovated this year and is now completely HD compatible. If you haven't visited us in a while, this is a great reason to come in for a studio tour and see the new equipment. Another innovation this year is the creation of a Bloomfield Community Television Facebook page where we post updates and links to videos.

BCTV continues to tape and air programs originating in Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Franklin and Bingham Farms for the Birmingham Area Cable Board. Shows produced by The Community House, the Birmingham Musicale, First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham and many other organizations are a valuable addition to our lineup. The Birmingham Schools sports events are a popular feature.

BCTV would not be one of the best public access stations in the state without the talents and efforts of our community producers, volunteers and friends. Thank you for your involvement and support. We value your contribution more than we can say. We wish you the very best during the holiday season and in the New Year!