

# KABF's *It Could Be You* honored by Central Arkansas Coalition

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On February 7, 2019, KABF's *It Could Be You* and its host John S received a special award from the Central Arkansas Re-Entry Coalition (CARE) for providing a voice to so many organizations involved with criminal justice reform and re-entry programs for returning citizens. The award was given at CARE's 2019 Award Luncheon and presented by CARE Director Leta Anthony. The award was made "In recognition of your dedicated service to the community supporting reentry."

Before giving the award, Leta Anthony stated, "There is a voice in the state of Arkansas that gets all over Arkansas, and I don't know what we would do in getting our message out if we didn't have KABF." These words produced warm applause from the audience. She then called Neil Sealy, one of the directors of Arkansas Community Organization (ACO) and regular KABF participant, and John S to the front of the room, and she continued, "They opened up the airwaves for everyone to get

their message out.”

Her next remarks were a surprise—that one of the highlights for so many people was “... the joy of spending about an hour or so with John S.” John was not expecting to be singled out for an award, but many people representing many groups had decided he and KABF must be recognized for their dedicated work.

It Could Be You has been part of KABF’s schedule for almost seven years. John took over full producing and on-air duties from original host Robert K. Combs, who now spends more time with re-entry and homeless issues and has become an integral part of CARE and other activist-reform groups. John concentrates on contacting and interviewing persons and groups involved in help and relief initiatives as well as those in criminal justice reform.

***It Could Be You*** underscores KABF’s mission, “Giving a voice to the voiceless.” It Could Be You airs Wednesdays, 2-3 PM Central Time on KABF, “The Voice of the People.” For those outside the KABF listening area, they can access the program at [www.kabf.org](http://www.kabf.org) using the live-streaming link. For in-studio talk programs, if anyone wants to call to ask a question or share a story, call (501) 433-0088. Previous programs are available on request. To see the award presentation, access the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HdgY0sAnMk> at roughly the 33.00 mark.

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