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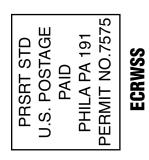
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## 5K CHARITY ROAD RACE MAKES DONATION TO GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON H.S. FOR IMPACT TESTING PROGRAM

Thanks to the money raised from the 2016 Berkeley Heights 5K Charity Road Race and Fitness Walk, a \$750 donation has been made to cover the cost of Governor Livingston High School's ImPACT testing program for the current school year. "We strongly support the need for the ImPACT testing program at GL, which helps to establish a brain function base line for participants in contact sports and activities and then assists in allowing a participant who is suspected of sustaining a concussive injury to recover fully before resuming contact activities," explained Dr. Smith. "Thanks to all of those individuals - runners, walkers, volunteers, and patrons - who made our 2016 Berkeley Heights 5K a success and thereby allowed us to make a donation to fund this very important program at Governor Livingston."





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(above) Dr. Patrick R. Smith of Smith Chiropractic Family Care & Sports Injury Center (center) presenting the donation check to Governor Livingston High School student-athletes Vincent Doran (second from left) and Meryl Schaffer (third from right); Judith Rattner, Berkeley Heights Superintendent of Schools (far left); Ann Clifton, District Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics (second from right); and Robert Nixon (far right), Principal of GL High School.

## BERKELEY HEIGHTS RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT MAY 13TH – MAY 14TH

On May 13th – May 14th, Berkeley Heights residents, along with friends and family, will join together at the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights at Watchung Reservation Playgroung Loop to raise funds and awareness in an effort to help create a world without cancer. The event starts on Saturday May 13th at 2 pm, and ends on Sunday, May 14th at 6 am.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Washington in 1985, the Relay For Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer. Uniting communities across the globe, we celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action for lifesaving change. During Relay For Life events, members of each team take turns walking or running around the track or path. Teams participate in fundraising in the months leading up to the event.

Funds raised help the American Cancer Society provide free information and support for people facing the disease today, and fund cancer research that will help protect future generations. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the Society has invested more than \$4.5 billion in research since 1946, and have funded more than 20,000 scientists at more than 1,000 institutions nationwide.

In addition to the support of the community, Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights is also supported by many local businesses and organizations.

Take action this year and help make cancer a priority by participating or donating to the Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights.

Visit RelayForLife.org or to learn more about the event, or contact Jesse Beutell, jesse.beutell@cancer.org (973) 232-2558.



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**14TH ANNUAL BERKELEY HEIGHTS RUBBER DUCKY FESTIVAL – JUNE 3RD** 

The 14th Annual Berkeley Heights Rubber adoption on Festival Day. Ducky Festival will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 12 Noon to 4 p.m. at the Passaic River Park soccer fields, 151 Springfield Avenue, in Berkeley Heights.

Admission is FREE. Enjoy seeing friends and neighbors and coming together as a community.

The feature event will again be the Rubber Ducky Race, when thousands of tiny ducks float down the Passaic River in their quest to be the first to the finish line for their respective owners. The race has an outstanding array of top prizes this year:

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- 2nd Prize: 4-Month Family Membership (new member only) at LifeTime Fitness-Berkeley Heights - \$1,000 Value.
- 3rd Prize: 12 Monthly Flower Arrangements by Hall's Garden Center - \$500 Value.
- 4th Prize: A Kid's Birthday Party at the Berkeley Heights Y - \$300 Value.
- 5th Prize: Dine Around the Towns Coupon Basket - \$250 Value.
- 6th Prize: Dine Around the Towns Coupon Basket - \$150 Value.

Rubber Ducky "adoption" tickets are just \$5 each, and will be available in Berkeley Heights on weekends throughout May at Hall's Garden Center and other locations to be announced. A limited number of ducks will be available for

This year's hot food will be for sale by the new Embassy Suites "Gastro Truck," and bottled water will be sold by the Rotary Club.

Carnival-type games will be on site for all to play. Local businesses and community organizations will also have exhibits at the Festival. Try out your pitching arm at the "Dunk Tank" with local "celebrities" being dunked! Other exciting happenings during the event are teen bands and live DJ, Scout-O-Rama, Bouncy House, and other kids games. New this year, our two Boy Scout troops in town are working on water balloon catapults.

Funds raised by the Festival go first to Governor Livingston High School Senior Scholarships. This event also supports other Rotary Club's projects, including our Medic-Alert program for over 200 area solo senior citizens, helping over 400 local Cub Scouts and Scouts, and supporting in-town Boy organizations such as the Police Department, Volunteer Rescue Squad, the Public Library, all school libraries, and Memorial Park Committee, to name a few.

The Rubber Ducky Festival is a Rotary Club of Berkeley Heights event, in cooperation with the Suburban Chamber of Commerce Foundation the Berkeley Heights Recreation and Department.

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# **CELEBRATE EMS WEEK MAY 21 - 27**

The Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad is celebrating EMS week from May 21st-27th. On May 21st we are hosting a 1 hr CPR class to teach the basics of CPR. During this time, the cadets will be running a plant and bake sale at the Rescue Squad to benefit their Relay for Life team "Bringing Hope Every Minute to Survivors (BH EMS)". There will also be another CPR class on May 25th. If you are interested in getting involved come join us for our events, call to register 908-464-1141. The Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad is always looking for members, so come along for the ride. For more information about joining go to www.bhvrs.org or call 908-464-1141.



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# WINE TASTING EVENT TO BENEFIT BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America, Patriots' Path Council will be holding a Riedel Wine Tasting event on Wednesday, May 24th at Alfies Ristorante in Warren at 6:30pm. Guests will sample great wine using Riedel Wine glasses, learn more about the wines, how to pour them, the effect wine glasses have and how to improve the overall enjoyment of wine. The ticket price of \$150 includes hors d'oeuvres, four glasses of red and white wine rated at 90 points or better on the Wine Spectator List, four course meal, auction and a set of Riedel Wine glasses to take home. All guests must be 21 years or older to attend. The event is being co-hosted by community members and Scouting volunteers, Karen and Michael Cantone of Warren.

The proceeds of this event provide the necessary funds send underprivileged youth to four of our camps in New Jersey and New York State. Over 4,000 youth are served in this program, and a total of 16,000 youth served in traditional Scouting in our area. Most recently the BSA has enhanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) content in every facet of Scouting, from summer camp to the Pinewood Derby, by developing programs that explore the STEM principles behind familiar Scouting activities. The STEM Program is another beneficiary of this event.

The RSVP deadline is Wednesday, May 17, 2017. required Registration at www.ppcbsa.org/give/special-events.









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## MEMORIAL DAY FEATURES ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Honoring our military and all those who were lost in service to our nation is a special tradition in Berkeley Heights. The day will start with groups participating in the Annual Memorial Day Parade gathering on Locust Avenue, east of Snyder Avenue towards the Community Pool at 8:45am. The Parade will start at 9:30 a.m. taking its route down Snyder Avenue, west on Springfield, south on Plainfield Avenue ending at Veterans Memorial Park. Spectators will be introduced to the new Hometown Heroes Banners lining the way to the renovated Park. The Banners are part of the Veterans Memorial Park Operation: We Remember Program. Activities at the Park include VFW Post # 6259 honoring of the Fallen, commemorative presentations, and musical performances. Refreshments will follow.

The Memorial Day Program is made possible by the collaboration of volunteers of the Berkeley Heights Special Events Committee, the Veterans Memorial Park Committee, and VFW Post #6259 along with the Recreation, Police and Fire Departments, Rescue Squad, DPW, and Municipal elected officials and staff. It is a day of friendship and community spirit that brings citizens of all ages together to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. This year, donations are welcome to support the services and programs of VFW Post #6259. Volunteers will be on site to share how residents can help support our local Veterans.

For more information, to participate in the parade or to volunteer, please contact the Recreation Department at 908-464-0550 Ext. 11.



# **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS TO HOST PROGRAM**

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit is hosting a program dealing with criminal justice reform. The program entitled "Mass Incarceration in New Jersey" will be held on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30pm at the De Corso Community Center, 15 E. 4th Street in New Providence. Light refreshments will be served.

Alexander Shalom, a senior staff attorney at the ACLU-NJ will explain how we arrived at a point that the incarceration rate in New Jersey is higher than that in countries like China and Russia. He will also present what we can do about it.

Mr. Shalom, a New Jersey native, litigates cases on issues that disproportionately impact

people of color. He appears in courts throughout the state seeking to ensure more accountable police practices, criminal justice and juvenile justice systems that are more just, better conditions for those in prisons, expanded voting rights, fairer treatment for immigrants and more equitable access to education.

The ACLU is the leading organization dedicated to defending and extending civil liberties for all people in this country. The league of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. Both groups advocate and lobby on major public policy issues. For more information, call 908-898-0565.



#### **VETERANS VISIT GOVERNOR LIVINGSTON HISTORY CLASSES**

Mrs. Wranitz's Contemporary America Honors classes at Governor Livingston High School had a new learning opportunity recently. Vietnam War veterans from Post 6259, Berkeley Heights, visited the students in class and shared their wartime experiences.

Stephen Falk, a former Marine Corps sergeant and retired Teacher of English, spent a day in the classes relating his personal history of an ordinary young American entering the demanding environment of Marine Corps Boot Camp at Parris Island, South Carolina and, after advanced Infantry and jungle warfare training, finding himself in combat in Vietnam. Falk spoke about his family life, and various duties as a logistics operations Marine and defensive and combat operative during his thirteen months in Vietnam.

A week later, Falk was joined in Mrs. Wranitz's classes by Thomas Lombardi, an Army Bronze Star and Purple Heart recipient; Frank Perlzak, an Army convoy driver; Marine amtrack crewman James Vincequerra; and Army Bronze Star winner Ed Mueller. After brief introductions of the other veterans, the second sessions became forums of student generated questions and veteran answers. The most common student critique was that the sessions ended too quickly.

"Most memorable thing to happen in Junior year history" wrote Caitlin Tighe.

The veterans "turned what could have been an awkward conversation into an awakening experience," wrote Bret O'Brien.

"I wish we had more time with them," [Emily

Aponte] and, "They did an incredible job," [David Azevedo] were some of the student heartbreaking," wrote Cory Lake. reactions. Holly Morgan added:"We were able to learn about what the war was actually like from into our class were more educational than any people that experienced it"

"To hear the stories from people who actually fought in the war gave me an even bigger appreciation for those who served our country," commented Gabby Barbera.

"Mr. Falk's story is funny, heartwarming, and

Sam Bakaletz noted:"The two days you came formal lesson could be,"

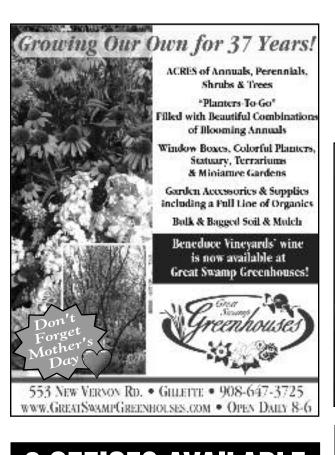
Gigi Abdalla summed it up:"I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and recognize myself as immensely fortunate to have listened to each of these men."



[left to right above] at another VFW function. Ed Mueller is not pictured.



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# BERKELEY HEIGHTS RESIDENT CIRO SCALERA APPOINTED TO NJ SHARING NETWORK BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NJ Sharing Network recently made strategic appointments to its Board of Trustees to further fulfill the organization's mission of saving lives through organ and tissue donation. Ciro Scalera, Director of Governmental Relations for New Jersey Laborers' – Employers Cooperation and Education Trust (NJLECET), now joins the NJ Sharing Network Board of Trustees. NJLECET is a joint labor-management fund of the NJ Laborers' Union and represents 25,000 laborers in NJ and their signatory contractors. Scalera is responsible for Legislative Affairs and assists in business development for the Trust.

Prior to joining NJLECET, Scalera served as Director of Public Affairs for Verizon. Prior to joining Verizon in 2002, Scalera was Chief of Management and Policy for the NJ Office of the Governor, reporting to Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco. Before his position in the Governor's Office, he was Executive Director at the Association for Children of New Jersey for 23 years.

Scalera has served on over 10 Boards in his career including the Board of the NJ Economic Development Authority from 2002-2006 and served for more than seven years on the Berkeley Heights Board of Education. In addition to the NJ Sharing Network Board of Trustees, Scalera currently serves as the Chairman of the newly established Foundation for University Hospital in Newark, one of six transplant centers in New Jersey.

"Having decades of Board experience, Ciro

knows to work efficiently and effectively on behalf of an organization's mission – in our case to save lives." said Joe Roth, President and CEO of NJ Sharing Network. "NJ Sharing Network will prosper with the help of his expertise and insights."

Scalera received his BA and his MBA from Rutgers University. He also has a J.D. from San Francisco Law School.

To date, there are over 120,000 people waiting for a transplant and 22 die each day while waiting, but one organ donor can save eight lives and one tissue donor can restore health to over 75 people. In New Jersey, there are over 4,000 people on the waiting list - 286 in Union County alone - and one person dies every three days waiting.

New Jersey residents can help save lives by registering as organ and tissue donors at www.NJSharingNetwork.org, having a conversation with family and friends and joining NJ Sharing Network at its upcoming events.

About NJ Sharing Network

NJ Sharing Network saves lives through organ and tissue donation. Located in New Providence, the organization recovers organs and tissue and belongs to a national network that helps the 120,000 people waiting for a transplant. In 2016, more lives were saved than ever before. Thanks to the selflessness of New Jersey organ donors and their families who said yes to donation, 613 people are alive today. This year, the organization is celebrating 30 years of saving lives.



(above) Ciro Scalera





#### AUDITIONS FOR TWO PRODUCTIONS AT CHC

Standing on Ceremony and The Shape of Things

CDC Theater, New Jersey's oldest continuously producing community theatre, will hold auditions for two exciting special productions that will take place in the early part of the theatre's 99th season.

The 2017 Short Play Festival featuring Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays, and other short pieces, will hold auditions on May 7 at 7:30pm and May 8 at 7:00pm with performances planned for September 7, 8 and 9. This special event is a non-equity, non-paying production and 50% of the ticket profits will be donated to the Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network, or GLSEN. Auditions and performances will take place at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave in Cranford, NJ. Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org or the Cranford Dramatic Club Facebook page.

In a second special event, director Cynthia Ross and cast will ask the questions. How far would you go for love? For art? What would you be willing to change? What price might you pay? Such are the painful questions explored by Neil LaBute in The Shape of Things. A young student drifts into an ever-changing relationship with an art major while his best friends' engagement crumbles, so unleashing a drama that peels back the skin of two modern-day relationships.

Auditions will be held on May 15, 16 at 7:45pm at the theatre's 78 Winans Ave location, with performances on August 10, 11 and 12 at 8:00pm.

Additional information can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org or the Cranford Dramatic Club's Face Book page.

#### In May, at CDC Theatre in Cranford, three unlikely friends will take control of their office and learn there is nothing they can't do, even in a man's world. 9 to 5 The Musical, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton and book by Patricia Resnick, is based on the seminal 1980 hit movie. Set in the late 1970s, this hilarious story of friendship and revenge in the Rolodex era is outrageous, thought-provoking and even a little

romantic.

"Having loved the movie, I was excited to see show when it was on Broadway, and was not disappointed. "Already in rehearsal at the theatre's home at 78 Winans Ave. in Cranford, Clifford Parrish, who is both the director and musical director of the show, shared some of his reasons for coming back to work on a show at CDC Theatre. "The audience was really with these women as their story unfolded. Even though we've come a long way on women's issues since 1979, the story still needs to be told. Even though it's a comedy, this show is about women's empowerment. The Dolly Parton score is also a lot of fun, with some truly beautiful ballads. I am excited about working with a tremendously talented cast!"

The large cast features frequent performers

at CDC and some new faces. Kara Wilson, Melissa Timpson and Hannah Schroeder take the leading roles of Judy, Violet and Doralee. Richard Colonna will be their lecherous boss Mr. Hart and Arlene Britt his adoring employee Roz. Jason Cilento is Joe, a handsome accountant smitten with Violet while Mark Piltz plays Doralee's supportive and attractive husband Dwayne, with Will Roper as Violet's teenage son Josh. Joel Redmount will play Hart's boss and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Tinsworthy and Danielle Gruskiewicz is Hart's unsuspecting wife. The ensemble and featured roles will be brought to live by Michele Greenspan, Katherine Brown, Joanna Riley, Carolyn Milhiser, Beth Kasper, Zach Mazouat, Edgar Hidlago and Tommy Lackamy.

The production will open on May 5 and run weekends through May 20. Additional information and tickets can be found by visiting www.cdctheatre.org.

Funding has been made possible in part by the NJ State Council on the Arts, Dept. of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, through a grant administered by the Union County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs



(above) The cast of 9 to 5 The Musical.



#### 9 TO 5, THE MUSICAL, AT CDC THEATRE

## HOMELESS VETERAN TURNS LIFE AROUND WITH THE HELP OF COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED

unconscious for five days and unable to program administrator. "The program authorizes recognize his family, Donovan was unable to return to work as an operating engineer at Security Administration, including providing Newark Liberty International Airport. Soon the father and veteran found himself homeless.

"I had everything once, a house, family, backyard pool and a good job," he said. "But I help people who are homeless due to no cause of lost everything and ended up homeless."

his sister and a family friend, he was referred to and became a member of CAU, which operates a Home First: Financial Stability Program through which the agency serves as the member's representative with the Social Security Administration (SSA).

Through the program, CAU first becomes the member's Representative Payee with the SSA. Upon receiving the participant's benefits each month, CAU pays their rent and utilities directly to their landlord and utility provider and makes the remaining funds available to them for personal use. CAU staff also work with the participant to create a budget plan that provides financial stability.

participant on how to obtain and maintain other county and state benefits, including Section 8, food stamps, low-income housing and more.

"The Home First Program is open to anyone in the community who needs this type of assistance but it is especially helpful for the homeless," said money management, socialization and civic

Following the accident that left him Samir Abdul, senior accountant at CAU and us to serve as their representative with the Social bookkeeping reports that are necessary for them to maintain benefits.

"Equally important, this program allows us to their own to achieve financial stability and turn Yet Donovan never gave up. With the help of around their lives. That's very rewarding for us."

"I do not know what would happen to me if CAU hadn't become part of my life," Donovan said. "I am very thankful to CAU and my entitlement specialist, Yanna Espinal."

Community Access Unlimited (CAU) is a statewide nonprofit providing support programs and services to adults with disabilities as well as youth served under the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to enable them to live independently in the community, providing supports in areas including housing, vocational skills and life-skills training, education, advocacy and recreation.

#### **ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED**

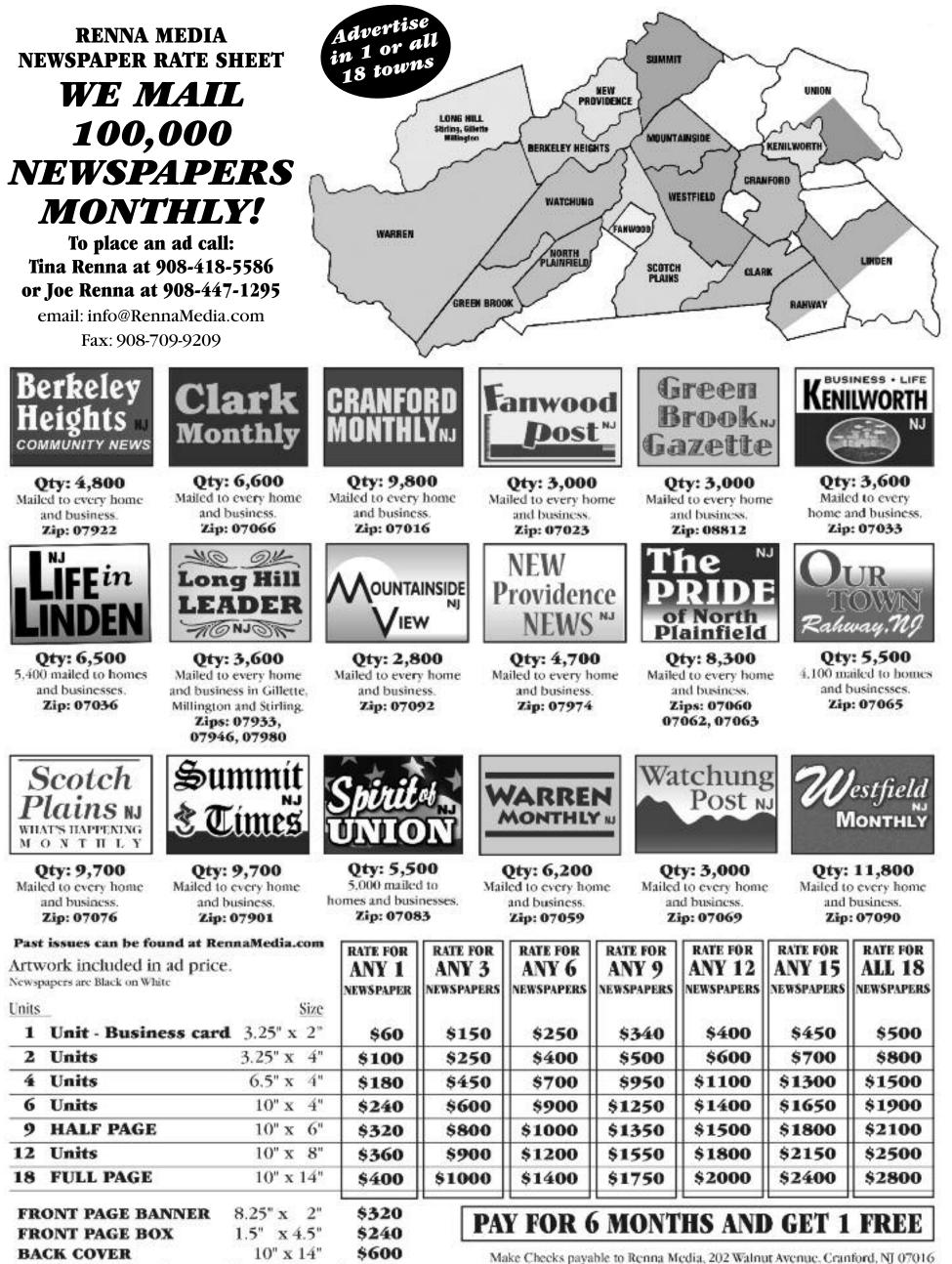
Community Access Unlimited (CAU), In addition, CAU staff provide guidance to the celebrating its 38th year in 2017, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU provides support and gives voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little support and no voice in society. CAU helps people with housing, life skills, employment,



(above) Richard Donovan, who was homeless for more than two years before joining Community Access Unlimited and enrolling in its Home First: Financial Stability Program, picks up donated furniture for his new apartment.

activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil right. CAU currently serves more than 6,000 individuals and families, with the number served growing each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908.354.3040, online at www.caunj.org or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.





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### **BH VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD OFFERS FREE COMMUNITY CPR CLASSES**

May 21 to 27 is National EMS Week – a time to celebrate Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and the important work they work do for our nation's communities. The Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad (BHVRS) can think of no better way to celebrate EMS Week than by teaching YOU, our community, life-saving skills. Join us for 1 hour CPR/AED classes on Sunday, May 21 at 1pm or Thursday, May 25 at 7:30pm.

Classes are free and will be held at the Rescue Squad (378 Snyder Ave). Participants (14 years and older) will learn the basics of hands-only CPR, use of the AED defibrillator, and how to assist choking victims (adults, adolescents and infants). You will be trained by our skilled, experienced CPR instructor, Bill Schulz, and our Squad members will be there to help too.

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