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## SAGE PREPARES FOR 2020 MARCH FOR MEALS

*Submitted by Cindy Potters*

City officials and members of community organizations are invited to join SAGE Eldercare in March as it participates in the 18th annual March for Meals – a month-long, nationwide coming together of local community organizations, businesses, government officials and caring individuals to ensure that homebound, older adults are not forgotten. The average age of the clients SAGE delivers meals to is 83. Of those, 65% say they rarely have visitors other than their Meals on Wheels volunteer.

March for Meals participants have included NJ State Senator Thomas Kean Jr., Summit Mayor, Nora Radest, Police Chiefs from Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Springfield and Mountainside and local government officials and volunteers.

Established in 1966, SAGE's Meals on Wheels is the oldest continuously run home delivery meal program in New Jersey. In 2019, approximately 400 volunteers delivered more than 43,729 meals to 212 people in Union County (Berkeley Heights, Mountainside, New Providence, Springfield, and Summit), Essex County (Millburn and Short Hills), and Morris County (Chatham and Madison).

"The services that we provide older adults in our area are critical; it's not just a warm meal, but also a vital wellness visit," said Marianne Kranz, SAGE Director of Meals on Wheels.

For more information about participating in March for Meals, contact Marianne Kranz at: 908-598-5514 or email: [mkranz@sageeldercare.org](mailto:mkranz@sageeldercare.org).

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(above) PNC Wealth Management and SAGE Board of Trustee Member, Michael Foncannon of Summit (pictured center) volunteered to deliver Meals on Wheels in 2019 in support of March for Meals, a nationwide coming together of local community organizations, businesses, government officials and caring individuals to ensure that homebound and vulnerable older adults are not forgotten. If you would like to participate this year (one weekday for 1 ½ hours) please contact Marianne Kranz at: 908-598-5514 or email: [mkranz@sageeldercare.org](mailto:mkranz@sageeldercare.org).

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The theme is Rings of Hope. Through these rings you will find out everything you need to know about Relay for Life. The Event Leadership Team is hoping that more teams will join us this year. If you have a book club, a group of friends

with whom you go to the gym, or any other group, please form a team. Come to Kick Off to find out what to do.

Relay for Life is a Community Event. The three parts of Relay are Celebrate (the Survivors), Remember (those who passed away) and Fight Back (what can we do to prevent cancer).

Relay for Life will be held on June 13 at the New Providence High School track. Relay will run from 12 noon to 12 midnight.

For more information go to [Relayforlife.org](http://Relayforlife.org).



*(above) Join the Relay for Life of Berkeley Heights, New Providence, Mountainside and Summit kickoff celebration on Wednesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. to find out how you can form a team and get involved. The theme is the Rings of Hope. Through these rings you will find out everything you need to know about Relay for Life.*

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## CASA INVITES PUBLIC TO WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP LUNCHEON MARCH 11

*Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan*

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County will host its second annual Women's Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11 — the heart of Women's History Month — to highlight two Union County women whose contributions positively impact their community.

Among them is Tina Renna, Cranford resident and owner of Renna Media, publisher of 21 community newspapers including the Mountainside View.

Renna, who coordinates content for more than 135,000-issues circulated to towns in Union, Somerset and Morris counties, uses her writing, editing and photography, she says, "to tell the stories of ordinary people who do extraordinary things, big or small, that inspire others and their communities. Whether reporting news from town departments, schools and libraries,



*(above) Tina Renna, owner of Renna Media, publisher of 21 community newspapers including the Mountainside View, will be recognized by CASA at their Women's Leadership Luncheon.*



*(above) Sue Adler, Summit resident and CEO of The Sue Adler Team of Keller Williams in Chatham, will be recognized by CASA at their Women's Leadership Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11.*

giving voice to local organizations raising awareness, or highlighting accomplishments of businesses, residents and all those who share a community — no matter strength or size — I strive to make a positive impact on each town's well-being and economic development."

Also being honored is Summit's Sue Adler, CEO of The Sue Adler Team of Keller Williams in Chatham. Currently ranked 10 worldwide out of 175,000 Keller Williams agents, Adler focuses on the community's train line towns and incorporates an in-house, team-treatment approach for clients.

Ilyse DiChiara, owner of Green Healthy Living and certified integrative nutrition, health and wellness coach, will provide the keynote address. Prior to switching professional course, DiChiara ran her nationwide trial consulting business, Litigation Support Solutions, for more than 20 years. Other participants include Summit Mayor Nora Radest and Westfield Councilwoman Joann Neylan.

Tickets are available now for the luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Grand Summit Hotel. Seats are \$65; tables of 10 and sponsorships are available.

To purchase, log on to [casaleadershipluncheon.eventbrite.com](http://casaleadershipluncheon.eventbrite.com). For luncheon details, contact Alexis at [aslade@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:aslade@casaoofunioncounty.org).

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## MOUNTAINSIDE'S HETFIELD HOUSE OPEN FOR TOURS ON MARCH 15

*Submitted by Carol Goggi*

The Mountainside Restoration Committee announces that the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House will be open to the public for tours on Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Visitors are invited to tour Mountainside's historic treasure which features a museum displaying Mountainside artifacts. The Deacon Andrew Hetfield House was originally built in 1760 by Andrew Hetfield and underwent at least two additions during the early and late 19th Century. Originally located across Rt. 22 the Hetfield House was moved at least 2 times before it was acquired by the Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee in 1984. In 1985, the house was moved a third time by the Mountainside Restoration Committee to Constitution Plaza near the Mountainside Library where it now sits.

During Mountainside's 125th Anniversary year, it's a good time to connect with the history of this great borough. Visitors can arrive at any time between 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15. Tours last from 20-30 minutes and will be ongoing. Anyone who has often wondered what was in that "house by the library", here's a chance to find out. Tours are recommended for ages 8 to adult, but all ages are welcome.

Constitution Plaza is the first right off Birch Hill Road which is off New Providence Road near the Mountainside Volunteer Fire House. The Mountainside Historic Restoration Committee is a committee of volunteers whose purpose is to restore and maintain the Deacon Andrew Hetfield House and the Levi Cory House and collect and save historic information and items from destruction.

For further information or to donate funds for historic restoration, please call 908-789-9420; or, go to: [mountainsidehistory.org](http://mountainsidehistory.org).



*(above) Mountainside's Deacon Andrew Hetfield House will be open to the public, for tours, on Sunday, March 15, 2020 between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00 pm.*

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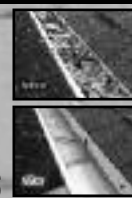
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## MUSICIANS WITH AND WITHOUT DISABILITIES STRIKE PERFECT CHORD AT COLLABORATIVE CONCERT

*Submitted by Christopher Reardon*

There was a steady bustle back stage at the Eugene G. Wilkins Theatre for the Performing Arts at Kean University a half-hour before the



*(above) Maurice Stephens and Jessie Gaeta (center), members of Community Access Unlimited, pose with Lynn Schraer-Joiner (left) of Kean University's Music Conservatory program*

curtain was set to rise. Musicians tuned their instruments while singers stretched their vocal cords and performers dabbed on make-up in bathroom mirrors.

Yet what was unique about this production was the performers were a mix of musicians and singers both with and without disabilities. All were ready when the curtain rose and lights went on, shining brightly on the 5th annual collaborative concert staged by Community Access Unlimited (CAU), its Academy for Continuing Education (ACE) and Kean's Music Conservatory program. CAU is a Union County-based, statewide nonprofit that strives to integrate people with disabilities and at-risk youth into the general community through comprehensive supports.

The musicians and singers comprised members of CAU and ACE, adults with disabilities, and students of Kean's Music Conservatory program. Kean music majors have been working with CAU members and ACE students for several years, helping them learn and appreciate music and teaching them how to play instruments. Five years ago they teamed for their first collaborative concert and the production has become an annual event.

This year the audience was treated to a delightful mixture of choral selections, rock tunes and music from Disney productions. Students from middle schools in Elizabeth and Roselle Park also performed.

"We perform songs that relate to our situation in life so we can advocate for greater community integration and how we have abilities that many people might not think are there," said Marguerite Modero, music director at ACE. "We focus on our abilities, not our disabilities."

For Maurice Stephens, a member of CAU for 11 years, this was his first chance to play bass guitar on stage in front of a live audience. He used to play trumpet but took up guitar for the collaborative concert as a new challenge.

"I wanted to do something more with music,"

Stephens said. "I see a lot of people playing an instrument. I said, 'Why not play two?' I'm thinking of learning piano next. It makes me feel good. I feel like I accomplished something and that's pleasurable."

Jessie Gaeta, a CAU member for two years, also performed for the first time on stage at this year's concert. She has been taking singing lessons at ACE but never took the stage until Friday.

"It made me feel really good," she said. "I'd been singing with my lessons but this was new for me. I was really excited."

Gaeta's favorite song of the evening was Blitzkrieg Bob by the Ramones, with its catchy repeated chorus of, "Hey ho, let's go! Hey ho, let's go!"

"I really like singing it," Gaeta said.

According to Lynn Schraer-Joiner, Kean's music education coordinator, music is the great unifier and equalizer. This evening the audience at Wilkins Theater saw this first-hand. While the back stage bustle was commonplace, what took place on stage was very special.

To learn more about CAU, visit [caunj.org](http://caunj.org) or follow the agency on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### **ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED**

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating its 40th year in 2019, supports people with special needs in achieving real lives in the community. CAU gives a voice to adults and youth who traditionally have little power in society, assisting its members with housing, life skills, employment, money management, socialization and civic activities. CAU also supports opportunities for advocacy through training in assertiveness, decision-making and civil rights. Currently serving more than 5,000 individuals and families, CAU continues to grow each year. For more information about CAU and its services, contact us by phone at 908-354-3040, [info@caunj.org](mailto:info@caunj.org) or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.

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*(above) Performers from Community Access Unlimited gather backstage before joining music students from Kean University for their annual collaborative concert.*





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## STUDENT-VETERAN RECEIVES K-9 SERVICE DOG FROM REBUILDING WARRIORS

A special Veterans Day ceremony was held on Kean University's Union campus as senior Jason Pryor, a U.S. Army veteran, introduced the K-9 service dog that he received through an on-campus fundraiser.

Pryor, a senior from Elizabeth majoring in exercise science, did tours in Iraq and Honduras and suffers from PTSD. He received the K-9, named Keen, at the start of the Fall semester as a gift from the Kean Office of Student Government.

"Being with Keen has taught me to be more patient," said Pryor, whose dog accompanies him to class. "Keen is used as a measure to help prevent me from going through the symptoms and effects of spiraling down, by me tending to his needs and having him tend to me."

Kean is ranked first in the nation among large public schools for its programs supporting student-veterans, according to the Military Friendly Schools survey.

Student Government raised nearly \$20,000 to support service dogs through Rebuilding Warriors, a volunteer non-profit organization whose mission is to provide trained service dogs to veterans. The bulk of the funds raised went toward training Pryor's dog, and the rest was donated to Rebuilding Warriors to help train other K-9 dogs.

At the ceremony held outside Miron Student Center, Vito Zajda, director of Veteran Student Services at Kean and a U.S. Coast Guard

veteran, called Pryor a remarkable student.

"He has been a big support and influential person in our program," Zajda said. "He has helped open our eyes about how the University can best support its vets."

Vice President of Rebuilding Warriors Jeff Mullins, also a veteran, said post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is a condition that can't be seen by others. "It's invisible, stays with you your entire life, and it's not easy sometimes," he said. "Our goal is to provide veterans and first responders with a service dog to help them achieve their new normal."

The University's Veterans Day event included a color guard, a performance of the national anthem by the Kean Gospel Choir, and the presentation of other honors.

Juan Leon Torres, a senior from Spotswood also studying exercise science and a U.S. Navy veteran, received the 2019 Kean Veteran's Award for Outstanding Mentor. He develops transition opportunities and initiatives, and mentors a student-veteran each semester.

"Being a veteran and going back to school is super hard because you go from one community to a different lifestyle," Torres said.

Zajda noted that it is important to support veterans at all times. "The importance of Veterans Day is to recognize that it's 365 days a year, as veterans go through different highs and lows in their lives," he said.

### ABOUT REBUILDING WARRIORS

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(above) K-9 Keen, the service dog accompanying student-veteran Jason Pryor (left of center), is part of the Kean University community. The Kean Office of Student Government raised funds to donate the dog.



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*Submitted by Valerie Ditta*

Steve Ditta, Lauren Hauser, WHS Dream Team Advisor Vince Ditta, along with students from Westfield High School recently attended the

Peer Leadership Conference in Long Branch, NJ. Mountainside Elks Lodge #1585 was able to sponsor five students attending the Conference through our Gratitude Grant.

For more information about Mountainside Elks Lodge #1585, please visit The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at [elks.org](http://elks.org) or contact the lodge, call 908-232-9667 or email [mountainsideelks1585@verizon.net](mailto:mountainsideelks1585@verizon.net).



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The Rake and Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. The Juniors, ranging from kindergarten through high school students, meet monthly, after school during the school year to work on projects focused on flower design, gardening and community service.

For more information about the club, call Beth Siano 908-233-4150 or visit the club's website, rakeandhoe.org, or Facebook page.

## UNION COUNTY COLLEGE TEAM CHOSEN FOR PRESTIGIOUS NASA CHALLENGE

*Submitted by Nicole Torella*

Union County College is proud to announce that a team of four engineering students have been chosen to participate in NASA's Micro-G Next Challenge Artemis Program. Union's team is one of only two community colleges selected to compete in this category, which has a total of 20 teams, and includes teams from universities such as Cornell, Columbia, University of Texas, Ohio State, University of Alabama, University of Nebraska, and Arizona State.

Union's team is comprised of four students: Michael Kirkland of Westfield, Bruce Aranda of Elizabeth, Dmytro Govdan of Summit, and Antonio Mena of Cranford. Our students submitted a proposal for the Lunar Sample Coring Drill competition which if chosen, will be used on the Artemis mission to drill samples from the moon's surface.

The young men on our team are now in the process of building their drill which will be tested at NASA's Neutral Buoyancy Lab (NBL) at the

Sonny Carter Training Facility near the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. The NBL is the large pool where astronauts train for future missions.

"For engineering students interested in working for NASA, this is the experience of a lifetime, and we are so proud of our students for being chosen for this competition," stated Union County College President Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin. "I thank the leadership in our engineering faculty for the guidance and instruction they've provided to assist our students with achieving their goal of building an effective coring drill."

Union County College Associate Professor of Physics/Engineering Nicholas Gilbert is serving as the Head Coach to the team. Associate Professor of Engineering Jennifer Ebert serves as the research and technical advisor to the team.

Please consider supporting the fundraising campaign to send Union County College's team to NASA this spring: [ucc.edu/ucc2nasa](http://ucc.edu/ucc2nasa).

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(above, l-r) Union County College students Antonio Mena, Bruce Aranda, Dmytro Govdan, and Michael Kirkland in a lab at the College's Cranford campus.

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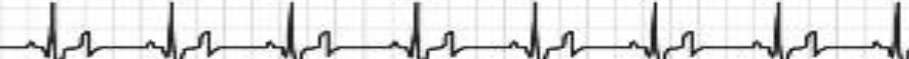
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## ACADEMY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLING FOR MARCH-APRIL CLASSES

The Academy of Continuing Education (ACE), located in Cranford, NJ, is accepting applications for its March 2-April 24 semester. ACE offers adults with developmental or physical disabilities the opportunity to pursue continuing education as an alternative to traditional day programs.

"Adults with disabilities who have graduated from the public school system or specialized schools often have limited choices when planning their future," said Robin Morris-Marano, ACE director of educational services. "Their options often are limited to generic day programs that do not offer the intellectual stimulation and growth provided by our academy. Our program also is ideal for older adults with disabilities who wish to sharpen previously learned skills."

ACE's course offerings for the upcoming semester include math, reading and creative writing, explore your world through science, jewelry design and merchandising, visual arts and crafts, musical expression, theatre and performance, time traveler (history), career and financial literacy, media production, card-making and self-understanding/peer leadership.

Based on their interests, students may take as many or as few classes as they choose.

"ACE differs from a traditional day program, where the attendee's day is planned for them," Morris-Marano said. "We work with our students and their families to help them select the classes that will bring them the most enjoyment and from which they will get the most benefit."

Sebastian Ruiz has been attending ACE for four years, steadily increasing his classes each semester. He works six days a week at Nautica at the Jersey Gardens Mall but was bored at home when not working. He said he enjoys attending ACE because it keeps his mind active.

"I like to learn and I like to meet new people," he said.

Last semester Ruiz switched from math and reading into jewelry and merchandising and card-making, and now has added career and financial literacy, theater and self-understanding, bringing his classes to six spread over five days.

"Math and reading are so quiet and calm," he said. "Jewelry and card-making are fun and they make money."

Ruiz also aspires for a more challenging job and hopes self-understanding will help him get a new position somewhere.

"(Career class) helps people get jobs, like what to wear and what not to do in an interview," he said.

"Sebastian is a perfect example of the flexibility of our program and the ability for our students to tailor their classes to their personal interests," Morris-Marano said.

Whenever possible, ACE curricula are developed in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) guidelines, implementing Core Curriculum Content Standards and aligned with the most current information offered by the NJDOE, according to Morris-Marano. The ACE Program is approved by the New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities for Day Habilitation through the department's Supports Program.

For more information, Morris-Marano can be reached at 908-354-3040, ext. 4671. Due to growth, ACE now has an additional director of educational services, Stacy Marshall, who can be reached at ext. 4315.

For a course catalog, visit the ACE website at [caunj.org/what-we-do/day-program/academy-for-continuing-education](http://caunj.org/what-we-do/day-program/academy-for-continuing-education).

The Academy of Continuing Education is a program of Community Access Unlimited (CAU), a Union County-based, statewide nonprofit that strives to integrate people with disabilities and at-risk youth into the general community through comprehensive supports.

### ABOUT COMMUNITY ACCESS UNLIMITED

Community Access Unlimited (CAU), celebrating more than 40 years in 2020, 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, money management, socialization and civic 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 [caunj.org](http://caunj.org) or by mail at 80 West Grand Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202.



*(above) Sebastian Ruiz shows off some of the jewelry being made in his jewelry design and merchandising class at the Academy of Continuing Education for adults with disabilities.*

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Submitted by Val Stierhoff

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Imagine’s “Supporting Children, Teens and Adults Coping with Loss” is for anyone who wants to learn how to support someone who is grieving. While loss due to death will be the primary focus of this seminar, the concepts that will be presented are applicable to all types of loss. It is especially important for parents and grandparents, teachers, members of community organizations, coaches, therapists, counselors and social workers to attend this program.

Imagine’s Executive Director and Founder, Mary Robinson says, “The most important thing a grieving child needs is the active presence of at least one, preferably more, caring, healthy, and functional adults in their lives who understand that when a child has a loss they need support.” This program will teach you how to be that presence in the life of grieving youth.

This program will be held from 6:30 to 8:00 on Thursday, March 12 at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside. CEUs are available for social workers. A \$20 donation is appreciated. Pizza dinner will be provided at 6:15 and the program will begin at 6:30.

Please register by Tuesday, March 10. To register for the training, please visit [imagineNJ.org](http://imagineNJ.org). For further information contact Connie Palmer at [connie@imagineNJ.org](mailto:connie@imagineNJ.org) or call 908-264-3100

Imagine is a free grief support center for children age 3-18, young adults 18-30, coping with loss due to the death of a parent or sibling, or coping with a family member living with an illness. Concurrent support is provided for the parents and guardians of the youth. Imagine is located in Mountainside, serving all of Union County and beyond, and in Newark’s South Ward serving Newark and surrounding towns. For more information call 908-264-3100 or visit our website at [imagineNJ.org](http://imagineNJ.org).

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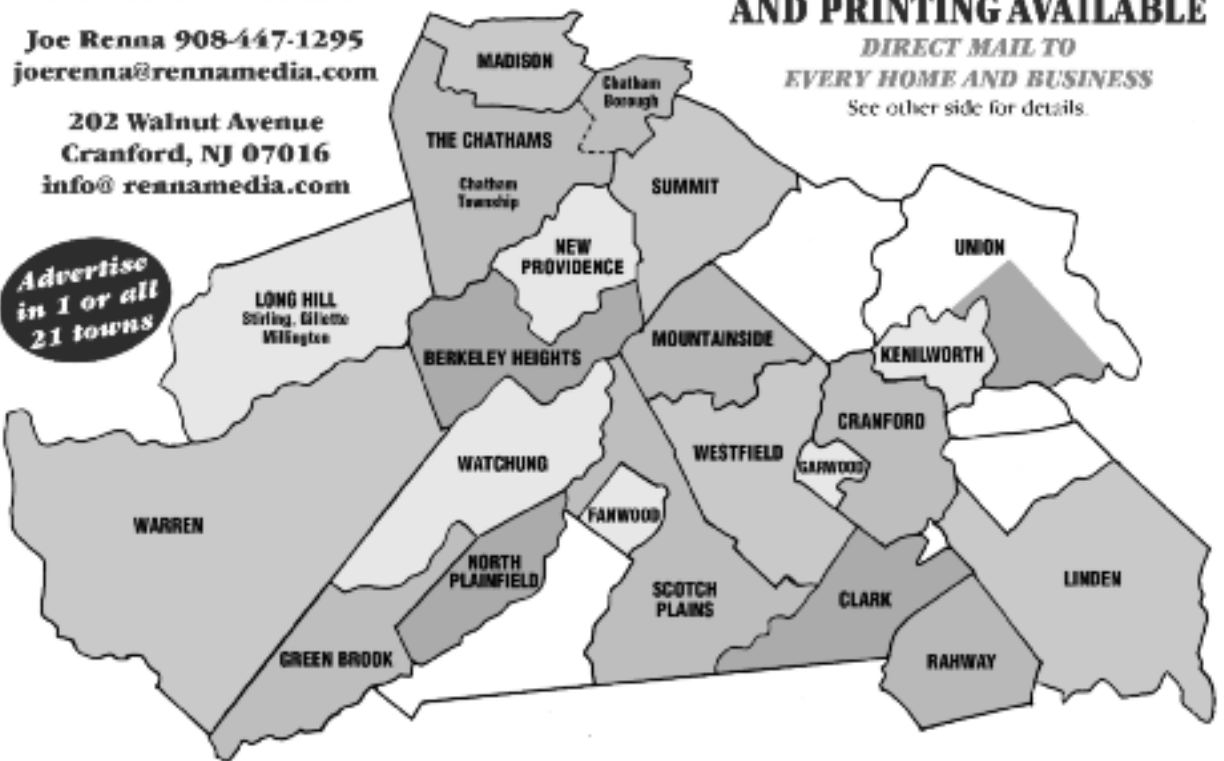
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Started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth, the Roadhouse Café continues to operate as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That may be its social mission... but the Roadhouse Café is and has been a solid performance venue beloved by the musicians who play there because of its special intimacy with the audience.

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## COMMUNITY ORIENTATION

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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The Salem Roadhouse Café often features many of the performers who have graced the stage in the past, as well as brings talent that is new to the Café stage. The current season is benefitting Family Promise Union County – Building Communities-Strengthening Lives.

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- **Website Hosting: \$300 per year**  
Includes website hosting, software updates, monthly website content updates
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**Market Snapshot of Sold Inventory from January 01,2020 thru February 18, 2020**

562 Woodland Avenue	List Price \$429,000	Sale Price \$420,000
190 New Providence Road	List Price \$479,000	Sale Price \$479,000
344 Edgewood Court	List Price \$529,000	Sale Price \$542,000
1111 Maple Court	List Price \$549,000	Sale Price \$540,000
1450 Fernwood Road	List Price \$724,999	Sale Price \$710,000
1260 Cedar Avenue	List Price \$799,999	Sale Price \$748,000
877 Standish Avenue	List Price \$869,900	Sale Price \$830,000
130 Mill Lane	List Price \$979,000	Sale Price \$959,000
1253 Wood Valley Road	List Price \$995,000	Sale Price \$925,000
1450 Dunn Parkway	List Price \$1,199,999	Sale Price \$1,165,000