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NIKKI GRIFFITHS RECEIVES CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE OF SUMMIT

Submitted by Dana Felmet

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) proudly names Chatham High School senior Mikayla Meyler, and Governor Livingston High School seniors Domenico Deluca, Jill Zimmerman, and Allie Zimmerman, as recipients of our annual Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships. As in recent years, the JLS is also offering a Continuing Education Scholarship, which was awarded to Nikki Griffiths of Summit.

"We are continually impressed with the caliber of our scholarship applicants. Each year brings more and more remarkable accomplishments and academic success. The achievements and contributions of these individuals are an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish as they continue their education," said Junior League President, Erika Melchiorre.

Nikki Griffiths will be attending Oregon State University (E-Campus), pursuing a degree in Fisheries & Wildlife Science to follow her passion for animals, conservation, and our ecosystems. Nikki has been a member of several non-profit organizations in the Summit area, including the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, the Summit Police Department, Family Promise, Mylestone Equine Rescue and most recently S.H.I.E.L.D. with the new precautions set in place in an effort to keep our seniors and homebound residents safe.

Nikki volunteered with Family Promise-Union County to address food insecurity issues among their guest families and their graduate families. With their National Headquarters based in Summit, Nikki was able to orchestrate an annual food drive. In the second year of the event, Family Promise teamed up with the Junior League of Summit to contribute food donations initially to "No Kid Goes Hungry," and most recently "Loaves and Fishes." Over the last five years, this initiative has donated over 5,000 pounds of non-perishable food items.

The Shirley Wight Keeney Voluntarism Scholarships are awarded annually by the Junior League of Summit to local, graduating seniors. The Continuing Education Scholarship award is given to an adult woman who has demonstrated a commitment to voluntarism in her community and is











(above) Nikki Griffiths

pursuing additional education or certification. The scholarships' namesake, Shirley Wight Keeney, was a beloved member of the Junior League of Summit and the Summit community. As an active volunteer, Ms. Keeney truly demonstrated the League's Mission of promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving communities through effective action and leadership.

The Junior League of Summit is a nonprofit, charitable, and educational organization of women who are committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving the community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. For more information about the Junior League of Summit or to inquire about becoming a member, please visit the website at jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.



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Community service organizations, schools and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos from recent events. Organizations who are interested in submitting content, please email Editor@rennamedia.com



Reserve space in the next issue. Call Tina today at 908-418-5586 or email info@rennamedia.com



CITY OF SUMMIT ANNOUNCES THREE OCTOBER **2020 HALLOWEEN EVENTS**

Community Programs is announcing a number of Halloween events to be held in the month of October, including a Scream on the Green movie night, annual Halloween parade modified to meet COVID-19 restrictions, and Haunted Hike.

Scream on the Green movie night will be held on Friday, October 16 on the Village Green, featuring the movie The Addams Family. A family dance party begins at 6 p.m. and the movie is shown at dusk. Bonfires will be available for attendees. Movie goers are encouraged to bring a blanket or chairs as no seating is provided for the movie.

The Summit Police Athletic League and Department of Community Programs are hosting Summit's annual Halloween parade on Saturday, October 24, which will be modified for 2020 to remain in compliance with State of New Jersey COVID-19 restrictions. Beginning at 3 p.m., children and families can register to participate in 30-minute increments, which will be limited to 100 individuals or groups. Registered participants should arrive at their scheduled time

The City of Summit Department of to receive a registration number. Individuals will be called by registration number to the stage to walk in front of the panel of judges. At the end of the half hour, the top three winning costumes will be announced. While waiting to be called to the stage for judging, all attendees will be asked to remain a safe physical distance of six feet from one another. Face coverings, if not part of a costume, will be required.

> The second annual Haunted Hike will be held on Friday, October 9 at Martin's Brook Park located on Butler Parkway. A less-scary hike for younger children will take place from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Adult supervision is required for any child in fourth grade or younger. The scary hike will take place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m and feature spooky characters jumping out along the trail. For information, more summitcommunityprograms.com. The rain date for this event is Saturday, October 10. This event is sponsored by the Summit YMCA.

> For more information on these events and other Department of Community Programs events, please visit the city website.





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volunteers from the community to serve on several of its committees and commissions. The deadline to submit an application is Thursday, October 15.

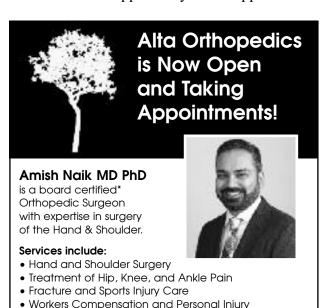
Each November, the Mayor and Common Council begin the annual process of reviewing volunteer applications and appointing new members. Terms vary from one to five years of service with an opportunity for re-appointment.

The City of Summit is actively seeking. The City of Summit keeps applications active for submit a volunteer application and to join me in two years.

> "The strength of our community is deeply rooted in the talented volunteers who serve on municipal boards and commissions," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "By volunteering to serve on a board or committee, citizens have the opportunity to enhance government services and public education, and improve community safety and the environment. I encourage residents to

helping to make Summit an even better place to live and work."

A complete list of volunteer Boards, Committees and Commissions is posted on the City of Summit website and listed on the volunteer application. Please email completed applications to rlicatese@cityofsummit.org or to the Office of the City Clerk at 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901.



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Clerk's Office on voting in the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Every active, registered voter in New Jersey will receive a ballot in the mail. Ballots can be returned by mail with a

postmark on or before November 3, 2020 to be counted as a valid ballot by the County Clerk, if received by 8PM

on November 10. Ballots without a postmark that are received within 48 hours of the closing of polls on November

3, 2020 shall be considered valid. Step-by-step instructions on how to complete a ballot are available at

www.unioncountyvotes.com.

Provisional ballots will be used at all polling locations instead of voting machines. Each polling location will have

one voting machine available for use by those who are physically unable to complete a provisional ballot. A full list

of Wards and Districts can be found at www.cityofsummit.org/elections. Summit polling locations are as follows:

• Ward 1 D1, 3, 4, 5 at Lincoln Hubbard School gym on 52 Woodland Ave.

- Ward 1 D2, 6, 7, 12 at Summit High School gym on 125 Kent Place Blvd.
- Ward 1 D8, 9, 10, 11 at Washington School gym on 507 Morris Ave.
- Ward 2 D1, 2, 3, 4, 6 at Community Center Guida Gym on 100 Morris Ave.
- Ward 2 D7, 8, 9, 10 at Summit Middle School, gym entrance on Summit Avenue (Handicap entrance on Oakland Place).
- Ward 2 D5, 11, 12, 13 at Franklin School on 136 Blackburn Rd. Entrance to gym on Warwick Road.

The deadline to register to vote in the November 3 General Election is October 13. Summit residents are

encouraged to visit voter.svrs.nj.gov/registration-check to check their voter registration status.

For more information on the November 3 General Election please visit the City of Summit website or contact the Office of the City Clerk at 908-273-6400.

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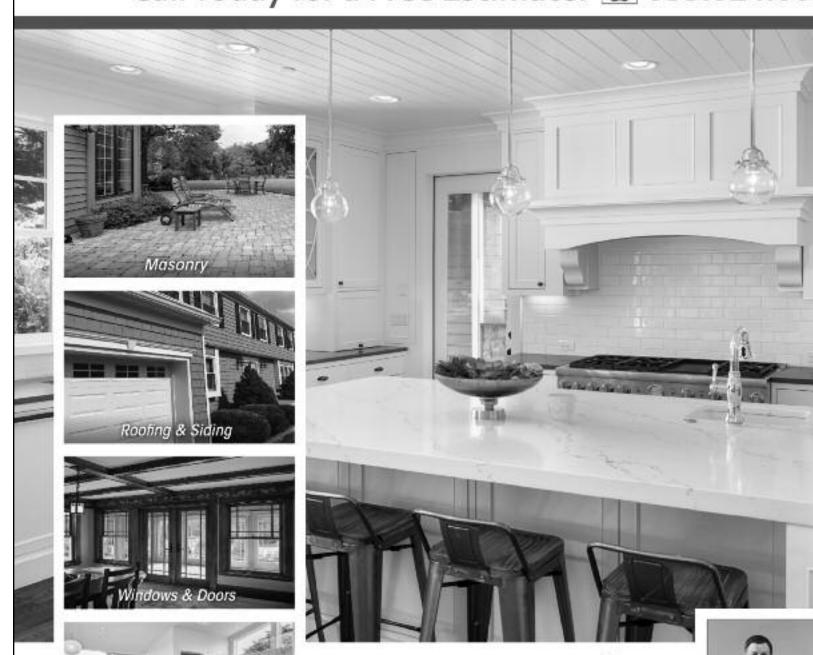
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VOLUNTEER FIRST AID SQUAD AWARDED \$23,900 IN GRANTS

Submitted by Amy Cairns

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad recently received a \$20,000 grant from The Summit Foundation to help fund the purchase of new computers that will be used to complete electronic call reports and other required documentation after Squad members respond to 911 calls. The new computers replace outdated equipment and will enable crews to more efficiently write the comprehensive reports required by each call.

In addition, The Summit Foundation helped the Squad to defray significant COVID-19 expenses with a special grant of \$3,900 for the purchase of a U/V light to decontaminate ambulances and equipment after crews return from calls.

"We sincerely appreciate The Summit Foundation and its continuing support of the Squad, particularly with essential help during the

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pandemic," explains Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad President Robert Flanagan. "By generously funding the purchase of the U/V light and new computers, The Summit Foundation helped to keep our members safe, while enabling them to be more productive as well. They are a true community partner and we are very fortunate to have their significant support."

The Summit Foundation fosters philanthropy by identifying local needs and offering donors flexible ways to make a difference in the lives of

pandemic," explains Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad President Robert Flanagan. "By mearly \$5.7 million through more than 400 generously funding the purchase of the U/V light and new computers, The Summit Foundation New Jersey.

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization providing pre-hospital emergency medical care and transportation. The Squad depends on the generous donations of supporters to sustain the excellence of the services it provides to the Summit community. Make a donation today.



(above) SVFAS President Robert Flanagan and The Summit Foundation Board member Celia Colbert with a new computer for the Squad.



(above) SVFAS President Robert Flanagan with The Summit Foundation Board member Frank Macioce with new U/V light equipment.

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OCTOBER FUN AT THE SUMMIT LIBRARY

The Summit Free Public Library will continue virtual programming via Zoom in October with a number of informative programs being offered for adults.

The library's popular Explore Your World: Minicourses for Adults series continues on Friday, October 23 at 2:00 p.m. with the return of perennial favorite, Robert Comeau of Union County Community College presenting The Great American Road Novel. This seven-week minicourse will explore and journey through four great American 'Road' novels, each with their own unique perspective on the myth it presents. Comeau will discuss William Faulkner's As I Lay Dying; John Steinback's The Grapes of Wrath; Jack Kerouac's On the Road; and John Updike's Rabbit, Run! Attendees can read each novel before the start of class-the library will have copies of each book available.

Bestselling author and professional organizer Jamie Novak returns (via Zoom!) to present 3 classes. The first, Three Steps to Write & Publish Your Story will take place on Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. Jamie will discuss both traditional and self-publishing, cover how to find time to write and will answer questions related to sending your work out to agents and how to evaluate proposals to publish. On Thursday, October 15 at 7 p.m. Jamie will present Ten Things You Never Knew about De-cluttering. If you have too much stuffor are looking to downsize-this program is for you! Jamie will guide you through a live minidecluttering session. By the end of this informative program you'll be prepared to successfully tackle any de-cluttering project!

Jamie wraps up her series of programs on Thursday, October 22 at 7 p.m. with Getting Organized? Never Throw These Things Out! Jamie will cover the things you should never toss while you're in the process of getting organized. She offers another live mini de-cluttering session and helps you start your own list of things to keep while de-cluttering your house!

Looking to stay fit? Zumba classes continue at 10 a.m. every Monday through the month of October. Led by Audrey Raney each hour-long Zumba class will help you stay fit no matter the weather outside!

Take me out to the ball game! On Tuesday, October 20 at 7 p.m., sports journalist and author Evan Weiner will present Baseball in the American Culture. Evan will explore the cultural history of America's favorite pastime in this illustrative talk!

Feeling anxious? Who isn't during these stressful times? Presenter Umesh Bhatia, a long-time meditator, will present Reducing Anxiety through Meditation on Tuesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. He'll show you how to calm your body and mind using meditation techniques and show you how to find a place of happiness and peace within yourself to reduce anxiety and fortify against the stresses of life.

The month wraps up with Trivia Night on Friday, October 30 at 7 p.m. Quizmaster Mary Piekarski will challenge you with trivia questions—geared generally toward folks age 18 and above—but everyone is welcome to participate!

Interested in signing up for any of these

programs? You can visit our website at summitlibrary.org and go to the Events tab at the top of the homepage or call the library at 908-273-0350, option 3 to register directly with one of our librarians. Note, all of the library's programs are currently being delivered via Zoom. You'll receive a Zoom link in your email, typically the day before and the day of the start of the program.



(above) Bestselling author and expert on de-cluttering Jamie Novak will present 3 programs at the library in October.

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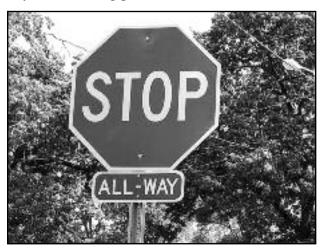
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For more information on the Summit Police Department and traffic safety education and please engineering initiatives, cityofsummit.org/police.



(above) Three new four-way stops are intended to increase safety at intersections that are highly trafficked.

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BACK TO SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS FROM THE SUMMIT POLICE DEPARTMENT

As Summit students head back to school, the happy and safe school year: Summit Police Department is

sharing some back to school safety tips for motorists and children who are walking and biking to school.

"Pedestrian safety is always a priority for Summit Police but is particularly important during back to school when

children may be distracted by the excitement of seeing friends and meeting new teachers," explains Summit Police

Lt. David Richel. "Across the United States, thousands of children are injured in collisions with motor vehicles.

Drivers are encouraged to leave plenty of time for travel and pay close attention to the road when driving especially in school zones."

The following safety tips will help to protect Summit's youngest pedestrians, and ensure a

- · Look all ways before crossing street.
- · Cross only at corners and use crosswalks.
- · Obey police officers, school crossing guards and traffic signals.
- Watch for turning cars and distracted drivers.
- · Be particularly alert in bad weather.
- · Do not run or play near motor vehicle traffic.
- Walk in groups to and from school.
- · If you notice something dangerous, report it to an adult.
- If riding a bicycle, wear a helmet and follow the rules of the road.

At the start of the new school year, police officers will be present at all Summit schools to help ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety, and encourage safe driving. For more information on the Summit Police Department and community policing, visit the City of Summit website.

FOUNDATION GRANT BENEFITS MEALS ON WHEELS

SAGE Eldercare recently received a generous grant from The Summit Foundation. The grant will benefit SAGE's Meals on Wheels program. "We are so appreciative of the support we have received from the Summit Foundation during this very difficult time. The foundation's generosity is helping the most vulnerable older adults in this community who depend on our services," said SAGE's Meals on Wheels Director, Marianne Kranz. Since the start of COVID-19, the nonprofit has had a substantial influx in meal delivery requests from those in Summit and the surrounding area.

"Hundreds of older adults in our community rely on the daily meals and friendly visits from Meals on Wheels volunteers. And in the midst of the pandemic, SAGE has responded by expanding Meals on Wheels service to those newly in need. The Summit Foundation is proud to support SAGE programming that enables area seniors to continue living independently," said Julie Keenan, President of The Summit Foundation.

The Summit Foundation fosters philanthropy by identifying local needs and offering donors flexible ways to make a difference in the lives of their neighbors. For almost 50 years, The Summit Foundation (formerly Summit Area Public Foundation) has connected donors to nonprofit organizations that form the backbone of the community. The Summit Foundation facilitates collaboration, awareness, and solutions to positively impact people's lives. In the past ten years, it has awarded nearly \$5.7 million through more than 400 competitive grants to nonprofit organizations in NJ. To learn more about the Summit Foundation, please visit summitforever.org.

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping make the communities it serves amazing places to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. For more information, please call 908-273-5550 or visit sageeldercare.org.





WEAR A MASK REWARDS CAMPAIGN

partnering with Summit Downtown Inc. in an initiative to encourage elementary, middle and high school-age students to wear masks in groups, or when maintaining a safe physical distance of six feet is not possible.

Summit Downtown Inc. is providing 100, five-dollar gift cards for Summit Police Officers to hand out when they see students wearing masks properly over the mouth and nose. The Wear a Mask program began on Wednesday, September 16 and will continue until all 100 cards have been given out.

"Over the past six months, Summit citizens have done an excellent job of following health department guidelines, and the Police

The Summit Police Department is Department appreciates how difficult it has been for everyone," explains Summit Police Chief Andrew Bartolotti. "With the recent increase in confirmed positive cases among young people, we are partnering with Summit Downtown to promote and reward proper mask-wearing among students. Officers look forward to handing out cards to help influence good behavior to help curb the spread of coronavirus in the Summit community."

If the program is successful, it may be continued into the fall.

For more information about the Summit Police Department and community policing, visit the City of Summit website.



(above) Detective Sergeant and Juvenile Officer Ryan Peters, Officer Keith Kwiatek and Chief Andrew Bartolotti are pictured with Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School students Kieran Naidu, Hunter Gittleman and Jackson Zarro.



(above) Chief Andrew Bartolotti is pictured with kindergartener Harris Nisenson.

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SAGE RECIEVES COVID-19 RELIEF GRANT FROM JUNIOR LEAGUE

SAGE Eldercare recently received a generous COVID-19 relief grant from the Junior League of Summit. The grant will benefit SAGE's programs: Home Care, Meals on Wheels, Spend-A-Day Adult Day Medical Center, Support Groups, Educational Programs, InfoCare and Medicare Counseling. "We are so appreciative of the support we have received from the Junior League during this very difficult time," said SAGE Interim Executive Director, Marianne Kranz. "The Junior League's generosity is helping the most vulnerable older adults in this community who depend on our services." Since the beginning of COVID-19, the nonprofit has had an increase in requests for assistance from homebound, isolated neighbors in Summit and the surrounding area.

"The Junior League of Summit recognizes that the current public health crisis has significantly impacted the community's ability to serve those most vulnerable at this time. We were honored to be able to support our Community Partners with

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these emergency funds. We appreciate and value leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is the important work SAGE does for older adults and are pleased we were able to support the organization and their clients during this unprecedented time.," said Tara Charvaet, make the communities it serves amazing places President of the Junior League of Summit.

Since it began in the 1930's, the Junior League of Summit is an organization made up of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and exclusively educational and charitable. To learn more about the organization visit ilsummit.org.

Since 1954, SAGE Eldercare has been helping to age. The non-profit organization provides a wide array of information, support, and services designed to help individuals lead the most independent and active lives possible. For more information, please call 908-273-5550 or visit sageeldercare.org.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK SUMMIT FD ISSUES KITCHEN SAFETY TIPS

From Sunday, October 4 to Sunday, October event of a small grease fire, cover the pan with a 10, 2020, the Summit Fire Department will join firefighters across the nation in celebrating Fire Prevention Week. With unattended cooking as the leading cause of kitchen fires in the United States, the National Fire Prevention Association is focusing on cooking safety and preventing kitchen fires at home with its topic this year -"serving up fire safety in the kitchen." This message is particularly relevant as people are spending more time at home and cooking more often during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Summit Fire Department has provided the following safety tips to educate residents on kitchen safety:

While cooking, check the progress of food in the oven and on the stove top regularly. Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.

Stay indoors until you are finished cooking and if you leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.

Always have a lid nearby when cooking. In the

lid and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is cool. For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

Keep anything that can catch fire such as food packaging, paper towels, dish cloths and pot holders away from the stove top.

Avoid wearing baggy or very loose clothing that can make contact with burners and catch fire while cooking.

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stovetop, oven and microwave areas where hot food or drinks are prepared to avoid contact and potential burns to children.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire, just get out. When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire. Call 9-1-1 from outside the home.

For more information on the Summit Fire Department and its fire safety programs, visit the city website at cityofsummit.org/fire.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNOUNCES NEW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND WEBSITE

Submitted by Marlene Sincaglia

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit (LWVBHNPS) wish to announce the League's restructuring to a Management Committee League. The Management Committee consists of Pat Dolan, Marlene Sincaglia and Patricia Dixon Black. Pat Dolan is heading up the Management Committee and is also Chairperson of Voter Services for Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit. Marlene Sincaglia is Chairperson of Programs, Patricia Dixon Black is the Treasurer and Beth Dorer is the Secretary and Chairs our School Visits program. Other Chairpersons are Susan Lederman Budget and Nominating Committee Chairperson, Susan Ferris Rights Chairperson Book Sales, Sharon Davis Chairperson of Phone Contact Services for Members.

We are very excited to announce our new

website lwv-bhnps.org and our new email address LWVBHNPS@yahoo.com. We would very much appreciate you following us for information about our programs and activities at our new website and at Facebook -LWVBerkeley Heights (New Providence, Summit wouldn't fit as our name), YouTube -LWVBHNPS@yahoo.comand Twitter @LWVBHNPS.

The League invites you to join us in our services to these 3 communities and our various programs. Just check out our website to see what community services are of interest to you and send us email LWVBHNPS@yahoo.com. We will contact you right away.

You can also become a member by visiting our website and clicking Join US. Students, age 16 and over, are invited to join the League without having to pay dues.



(left) www.lwvbhnps.org for local election news and more.

SUMMIT ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

Submitted by Lori White

For the twelfth year, the Christ Child Society of Summit and Bridges Outreach provided over 360 elementary, middle and high school children in Summit, eligible for free or reduced lunch, with new backpacks prefilled with school supplies. Parents were able to take the financial resources that would have been used for school supplies to pay for food, rent and other necessities.

"For many families in Summit, especially during this global pandemic, it is difficult to afford the high cost of the many school supplies needed each year. Distributing these supplies is an easy and thoughtful way for our community to help these families, and to give these children a fresh start to the new school year," commented Lois Melka, CCS Chair.

The volunteers and participants were asked to

appropriately social distance and wear masks to insure the health and safety for all.

The Christ Child Society is a non-profit association of volunteers dedicated to serving atrisk children in the area. Bridges conducts street outreach and case management support, delivering food, clothing, toiletries, and other necessities to people experiencing homelessness or are at risk, in New York City, Newark, and Irvington every week and opens its doors to neighbors in need every Friday, in Summit. Christ Child and Bridges appreciate the donations and grants from their partners: the Summit Luminary Fund, the Junior League of Summit, St. Teresa's Church and private donations.

For further information visit bridgesoutreach.org or contact ccssummit@gmail.com.



(above) Over 360 backpacks were prefilled and distributed to Summit students.





(above) Christ Child Society and Bridges Outreach members partner together to distribute school supplies to Summit students in need.

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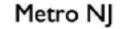
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