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## **PROJECT GRADUATION 2021**

#### Submitted by Jeanie Ruban

Governor Livingston Project Graduation 2021 was a HUGE success. 167 seniors enjoyed a fun-filled night at the Branchburg Sports Complex. The event ran from 10 p.m. – 2 a.m.

There were a variety of activities available to the students including Gaga, Laser Tag, an arcade, basketball, volleyball, dodgeball, an inflatable race, a casino (with Amazon gift card prizes), BINGO (with varied gift card prizes), caricaturists, airbrush tattoos, a tarot card reader, a photobooth and so much more!

Mountainside EMT's Domenico and Amanda were on hand for the entire evening as were police officers from each town, Detective Yasinski from Mountainside and Officer Rodriguez from Berkeley Heights. A huge shout out to the EMTs and police officers!

11 event volunteers traveled by bus to and from the event; without them this event wouldn't be possible.

Those amazing volunteers were Yesenia Gonzalez, Jordan Hyman, AnnaMarie Labisi, Rich Lander, Michele McDonald, Michelle Monaghan, Leslie Moorman, Kristin

and Michael Osborn, and Meg Pasternak and Coordinator, Jeanie Ruban.

A team of 20 additional volunteers, led by Jennifer Doll and Amy Radick, helped with registration and bag check in the GL parking lot before the 5 busloads of seniors departed.

A huge thank you to the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, Mr. Nixon and the GL administrators, local businesses for their generous donations (including 20 dozen donuts donated from the Berkeley Heights Dunkin Donuts located on Springfield Avenue).

Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior parents please consider getting involved with Project Graduation in the future.

Project Graduation includes many activities throughout the year including a Senior Breakfast in the fall, Prom Fashion Show, Senior Discount Card, Senior Picnic and finally the Project Graduation event. The Project Graduation committee is also responsible for sale of the graduation lawn signs as well as the sale of the Highlander Way pavers.

If you would like to get involved please reach out to the Project Graduation Coordinator, Jeanie Ruban, at J.Ruban@verizon.net.

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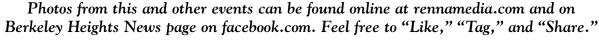












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# WOMAN'S CLUB OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS ANNOUNCES ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

Submitted by Chris Bjornstad

During the month of April, the Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights (WCBH) held its first Creative Writing Essay Contest for all the fourth and fifth graders in Berkeley Heights. The theme for the essay was "If I could make this world a better place, I would..." We were pleased to receive a total of 26 entries representing the 4th and 5th graders in each of our three elementary schools. Five members of the Club read all the entries to choose a first and a second place winner. This was an enjoyable but not an easy task.

At our May 18 general meeting, held at Columbia Park Pavilion, WCBH President Phyllis McEnroe presented the first place

winner, Zhuoyi Wu, a certificate and a \$50 gift card. She presented the second place winner, Sahana Iyer, a certificate and a \$35 gift card. Each student who submitted an essay received a certificate of participation.

The winners, their parents, all three elementary school principals, and Mayor Angie Devanney attended the meeting. To the delight of those in attendance Zhuoyi and Sahana read their winning essays.

The members of the Woman's Club of Berkeley Heights wish to thank the elementary school principals Ms. Gasparini, Ms. Nardi, and Mr. Morisseau for helping us coordinate this contest. We look forward to next year's contest.



(above, l-r) Back row: Mr. Morisseau (principal, Mountain Park School), Ms. Carla Gamba (teacher), Ms. Gasparini (principal, Woodruff School), and Ms. Nardi (principal, Hughes School); Front row: Zhuoyi Wu (5th grader at Mountain Park) and Sahana Iyer (4th grader at Hughes).





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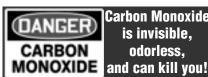












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All concerts Wednesdays 7 - 8:30 p.m. (rain date Thursday).

- July 7th Frontiers (Journey covers) Veterans Memorial Field downtown
- July 14th (Beatles, Billy Joel, Eagles) -Veterans Memorial Field downtown
- July 21st Sensational Soul Cruisers the Grove in Connell Park
- July28th Good Vibrations & Rag Dolls (Frankie Valli & Beach Boys) - the Grove in Connell Park
- August 4th Missing Pieces (local favorite) the Grove in Connell Park

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A former ATT executive, who appreciates competence and structure, Burns says she feels at home with the Meals on Wheels team. "I like organizations that are successful, well managed, and get things done."

She also praised SAGE for their timely response to the pandemic. "They didn't close their doors. They didn't stop doing business. The rules and procedures they put in place to keep the operation running were most impressive."

The most challenging part of being a volunteer, she said, are the losses. Whether it is saying farewell to an elderly client who has died or delivering food to a client who has lost their

spouse, it's difficult. A widow herself, Burns can empathize with these people and share their feelings of loss. Yet, even with the sadness, she said, the visits are positive and so necessary as many of the meal recipients have no other daily visitors other than their volunteer. While the food is vital "It is the visit that counts," she explains.

The passion Burns has for her giving and helping extends beyond Meals on Wheels. She is active at the Newark Museum, North Star Academy and has a shop at Covenant House, which provides clothes to homeless children.

Referring to SAGE, she said with modesty, "I am nothing more than a volunteer; I have no desire to be retired." For her, SAGE represents "friends, food and home." The relationship she has with the nonprofit is mutually beneficial, she said. "This is my home."

If you would like more information about receiving Meals on Wheels or becoming a volunteer, please call 908-273-5554.

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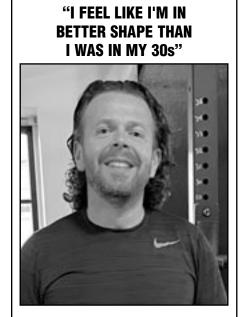
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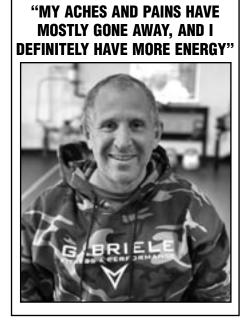
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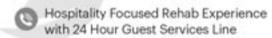


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(above, l-r) Ala & Gary of Pedals for Progress, Bill Bradley of New Providence, Casey Walsh of Bridgewater, Sally Reier of Union, Diana Bjorge of Berkeley Heights, Ky Luu of Fanwood, Linda Fuller of Berkeley Heights.

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Submitted by Larry Holt

Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South Street in New Providence, gives a substantial "Thank You" to the persons who donated 402 secondhand bikes, which will be used by needy persons in rural communities of African

The parking lot of Faith, on Saturday, May 8, was the setting for the 402 bike collection, which had occurred over a few months. Generous persons from the following towns contributed bikes: New Providence, Berkeley Heights, Chatham, Summit, Basking Ridge, Long Hill Township, Cranford, Westfield, Maplewood, Scotch Plains, Mountainside, Watchung, Rahway and Wayne. These towns suggest that some persons had to travel a distance to contribute their bikes. The large source of towns was mainly due to articles in the town newspapers published by Renna Media.

On that wet May 8 day and the subsequent Tuesday, May 11, members of Faith and two members of Osceola Presbyterian Church in Clark repaired and processed the bikes in Faith's parking lot. The bikes were then placed on trucks of Pedals for Progress, an organization which annually recycles bikes for persons in developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Faith's bikes will shortly be on their way to Africa.

The bikes will provide reliable transportation for men and women to commute to work, transport produce to market, access health care and other services.

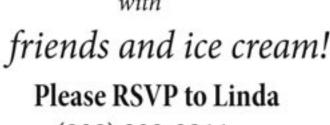
Since 2002, Faith has been collecting bikes for Pedals for Progress. The total of 402 significantly exceeds the number in any prior year. The persons giving their bicycles also donated \$1,248 toward the international shipping costs of the bikes. Faith will contribute \$2,800 toward the shipping expense.

Faith will continue its collection of secondhand bikes. Persons may drop off their bikes at the parking lot on any day. Those who have bikes but are unable to deliver them to Faith, may call the church office at 908-464-5177 or email the office at family.faith@verizon.net. Faith graciously asks that bikes with rusted frames, handlebars or rims not be left, as they cannot be repaired or used. The bikes are to be ridden, not scrapped.

Since 2016, the chairperson of this ministry of Faith has been Casey Walsh, who is a long time member of the church. Mr. Walsh lives in Bridgewater. His daughter, Anna, and son, Casey, helped repair and process the bikes.

Faith feels much gratitude toward the many persons who have kindly donated their bikes.

The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready. Visit online at famfaith.org or reach by phone at the above number. Sunday services are conducted online at 10 a.m. facebook.com/FaithLutheranNewProvidence/ live/



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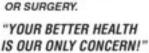
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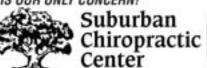
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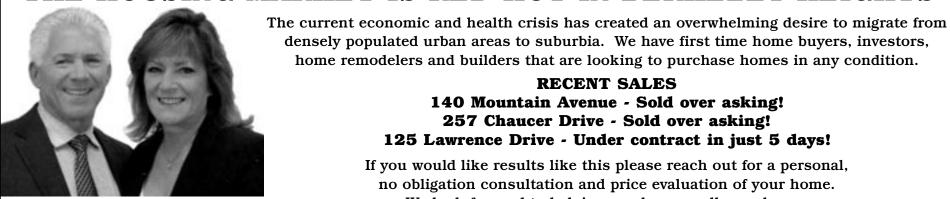
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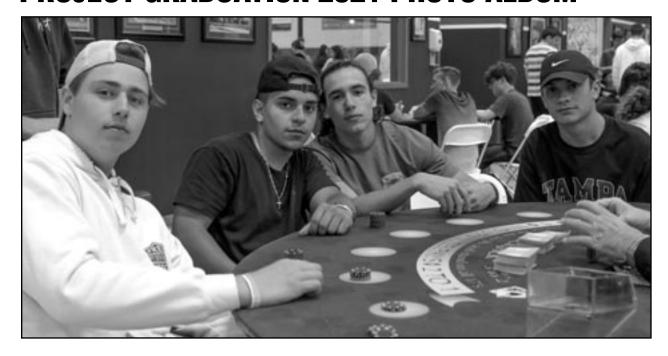
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## BERKELEY HEIGHTS HURRICANES WIN MSBL REC LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

#### Submitted by Carolyn Sayre

During the regular season, the Berkeley Heights Hurricanes left Chisholm Park in Springfield on May 10 knowing they wanted another shot at the number one seeded Tornadoes in the playoffs. And they got it on Friday, June 4. The two top-rated teams met again in the MSBL Rec League Championship Game, but this time the Hurricanes refused to be defeated. After a severe thunderstorm almost washed out the game, the team went on the road and upset the favored Tornadoes 3-2 with rock solid defense, a phenomenal pitching duo and timely hits at the plate.

It has been a storybook season for the Hurricanes. The little team that could was the second seed out of twelve teams in a league from towns throughout the surrounding area. They boasted an impressive 9-1 record during the regular season. Together, the players who ranged from grades three to five scored one hundred eleven runs during the spring season. Their impressive scorecard includes three playoff victories, one walk-off home run, four regular season wins in forty-degree weather, three brand new pitchers and two brand new catchers.

The roster featured seven fierce rookie softball players in the program: Ella Barnhurst, Samantha Chew, Victoria Dyachenko, Ryan Joseph, Katherine Klacik, Livy Newman and Makayla Shea. Each of them hit the diamond for the first time this spring and contributed to the team's success in countless ways. Their collective energy and spirit was contagious all season long. In practices, the coaches, Carolyn Sayre and Liliana Bussin, often had to rely on a lack of daylight to get them off the field.

The team's veteran players were cool and collected all season, whether they were on the mound, in the field or at bat. Aly Sayre anchored the pitching staff throughout the spring with a 1.50 ERA and 70 percent strike rate during the regular season. The bulldog took it up a notch throughout the playoffs, tossing 11 postseason innings without allowing an earned run and striking out 20. Mia Bussin, the team's relentless leadoff hitter, got on base at a .742 clip as a Hurricane and made her softball debut on the mound, working her way into the key reliable relief role in the playoffs. Nora Ramos was an onbase machine for the Hurricanes with her sharp eye to read pitches at the plate. During the playoffs, she was an iron wall at second base stopping countless hard-hit balls peppering the right side of the field. With her incredible speed and defense, Emily Sorge played a huge role in keeping opposing teams off the scoreboard throughout the season, spending most of her time making running stops at shortstop or flagging down well-hit balls in center field to hold opposing hitters to singles. Lucia Xhelo held down the fort behind the plate for much of the season both helping to solidify the developing pitching staff, which also featured new pitchers Ramos and Sorge, and scare off opposing baserunners from stealing. Sure-handed Alexandra Duryee was also a steady presence at shortstop and the plate.

#### THE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

The sky that had been riddled with storms a few hours earlier led way to a beautiful sunset that illuminated the field under the bright championship game lights. The Hurricanes fed off the energy of the night and came out of the gate hot, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning off the Tornadoes starter. Bussin led off with a walk before three consecutive hits by Sayre, Duryee and Xhelo plated the runs that would give them the lead they would hold for much of the game. Sayre shut down the top of the lineup in the first inning with three impressive strikeouts. In the bottom of the second, Klacik who also helped hold down the catcher position during the regular season, roped a double down the right field line firing up the Hurricanes bats once again.

Springfield's Tornadoes fought back for a run in the second inning and another in the fourth to tie the game up at two. But the Hurricanes never lost their fight, and the pitching staff was unrattled. Their impressive defense, cultivated at all those late-night practices, also was showcased in the third inning. After Sayre struck out the first batter of the inning, Xhelo popped up from behind the plate to catch a tough pop-up for the second out. Then, the Tornadoes' leadoff hitter singled into right field and Dyachenko made a great running stop before turning and firing to Duryee at shortstop, who tagged the runner for the third out of the inning. This was the second time the Hurricanes had thrown out a runner advancing to second on a ball to the outfield, as Chew and Sorge accomplished the same feat in the quarterfinals.

In the bottom of the fifth, Bussin squashed a bases-loaded rally by the Tornadoes in her second inning of the game, giving the Hurricanes extra

momentum headed into the final inning. The inning started with Ramos preventing multiple hits at second base, recording assists on both of the first two outs. The final out came on a roller down the first base line that Sayre stopped and beat the runner to the bag, shutting down the Tornadoes chances to get on the board once more.

The Hurricanes capitalized on that when their turn at the plate came up in the top of the sixth inning with a double by Sayre, who promptly stole third base on the next pitch. The Tornadoes' hurler threw another pitch that caught too much of the plate next and Duryee pulled it for a single, her third hit of the day, scoring Sayre from third base and putting the Hurricanes ahead 3-2. Sayre went back onto the mound in the bottom of the sixth inning and used her fiercely placed whip to induce three straight ground balls to her at pitcher, which she stopped and fired promptly to a steady Bussin at first base. The third out brought the players and coaches between the lines for a hard-earned celebration that was the culmination of those practices, drills and wellthought out "smart-softball" strategies.

The season would also not have been possible without the hard work of the many coaches who dedicated their time to help at games and practices. Head coach Carolyn Sayre, and assistant coaches Liliana Bussin, Todd Klacik, Ryan Newman, Emily Ramos, Bret Sayre and Ed Sorge.

After seven weeks of games, more than a dozen long practices, and countless trips to Zitas, they emerged the champions. Before they took the field for the last time to clinch their victory, the Hurricanes huddled together one last time on the sideline. The coaches gave them all one instruction: go have fun. And that is exactly what they did.



(above) Congratulations to the MSBL Rec League Champions, the Berkeley Heights Hurricanes.

## RELAY FOR LIFE OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS "LIGHT THE FIGHT" EVENT

The American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay For Life of Berkeley Heights hosted the "Light The Fight" Event at The Grove at Connell Park on Tuesday, June 1, 2021. Teams of students and members of the community joined forces for the annual fundraiser to help save lives from cancer. At this writing the event raised 50,382.09.

Due to the pandemic, Relay For Life events were adjusted this year but the passion and commitment to fight cancer remains unchanged. The "Light the Fight" event featured Luminaria bags designed by volunteers that illuminated the pathways of The Grove. The day also included an opening ceremony, singing of the national anthem from Rebecca Candelero, raising of the Flag by Boy Scout Troop 368, and two food trucks to choose from.

The annual Relay for Life event serves as a way to bring the local communities together;

The American Cancer Society (ACS) Relay with participants from Berkeley Heights, New or Life of Berkeley Heights hosted the "Light Providence, Summit, Mountainside, Springfield, and Watchung Hills.

Founded by Dr. Gordy Klatt in Tacoma, Washington, in 1985, Relay For Life continues to be more than just an event – it's a movement, a community of like-minded survivors, caregivers, volunteers and participants who believe that the future can be free from cancer.

For more than 35 years, participants and volunteers across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. Funds raised help the American Cancer Society conduct breakthrough research, provide 24/7 support for cancer patients and access to lifesaving screenings.

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(above) Event Leadership Team
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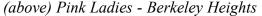


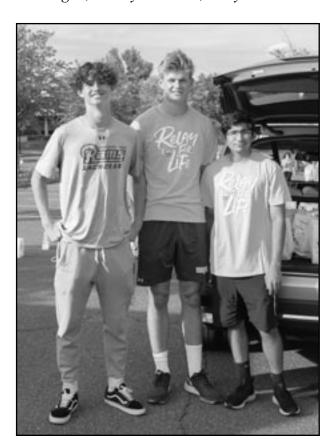
(above) Colors of Cancer - 7th Grade - Columbia Middle School - Berkeley Heights



(above) Youth and Adult Chairs of the "Light the Fight" Event (adult) Sue Kelly, Patti Brocolli, Jeannette Gates (youth) Brianna Cagan, Maddy Sabatino, Kelly McRae







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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNOUNCES CITIZENSHIP AWARD WINNERS

#### Submitted by Lisa K. Winkler

The League of Women Voters of Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Summit is pleased to announce the winners of its annual Citizenship Award to High School Juniors. A junior from each high school is selected based on an essay addressing the topic: "How do you Promote Good Citizenship in your School and Outside Activities?"

The award recipient from Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights is Alyssa Pradhan, whose experiences facing racial prejudice prompted her to action at the local and state level.

Here is an excerpt from her essay:

"As an Asian American female, navigating a dominantly white high school made me reflect on who I really was. In Spring 2020, some friends and I founded the Understanding Asian Cultures (UAC) Club and I became Co-President. We have weekly meetings that focus on celebrating Asian cultures by presenting holidays and traditions and addressing societal issues that the AAPI community faces, especially in light of racially motivated hate crimes. As Co-President of UAC, I feel most proud during our meetings, as students

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YOU ARE HEREBY summoned and required to serve upon the Law Offices of Becker & Poliakoff, Attorneys for Plaintiff, whose address is 1776 On The Green, 67 East Park Place, Ste. 800, Morristown, NJ 07960, a Complaint filed in a civil action in which Free Acres Association, Inc. is the Plaintiff and Andrew J. Anisko is the Defendant, pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, Docket No. UNN-L-1108-21. You shall file your Answer with the Clerk of the Law Division, Union County, 2 Broad St. Elizabeth, NJ 07201, within 35 days of the posting of this publishing. You are further advised that if you cannot afford an attorney, you may call the Legal Services Office in the County where you live or the Legal Services of NJ Statewide Hotline at 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529). If you do not have an attorney and are not eligible for free legal assistance, you may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling one of the Lawyer Referral Services. The names and telephone no. of such agencies are as follows: Lawyer Referral Service: (973) 267 5882. Legal Services: (973) 285 6911. The nature of this action and the reason why you are a Defendant is set forth in particularity in the Complaint, a copy of which will be furnished to you on request addressed to the attorneys of the Plaintiff.

Date: June 16, 2021 /s/ Michelle M. Smith, Esq. Michelle M. Smith, Esq., Acting Clerk Superior Court of New Jersey of all backgrounds voluntarily attend during their lunch break to learn more about Asian cultures. This summer, the UAC Executive Officers will lead a virtual Summer Reading Circle for elementary school students across the Berkeley Heights School District on books representing Asian culture. I hope our presence will influence young leaders of the next generation to further our efforts for unity and inclusivity."

From New Providence High School, Grace Coimparetto won the award. She aspires to a career in medicine.

Here is an excerpt from her essay:

"No one is born a good citizen. Rather, they are raised and molded into strong-willed and trusted members of society. Wealth, gender, ethnicity or age play no factor in determining the character of a person. For me, being configured into a respected citizen of your community means to be dedicated to bettering the lives of others. In my life I see this idea playing out in my dream job as a healthcare professional. Through clubs such as 'Future Medical Professionals', participating in Rutgers Medical classes in my high school and an internship in medicine and healthcare at American University this summer I hope to use my motivation and knowledge to bring more people to this field. Citizenship is a fundamental principle in building a working community with a strong moral code."

Summit High School's winner is Victoria MacArthur, who is active in student council and believes being a positive role model is key to good citizenship.

Here is an excerpt from her essay:

"Good citizenship means to actively create a supportive, safe environment instead of only being a bystander. I believe good citizenship is about integrating yourself into your community as a positive role model.

"I participate in the Student Council at Summit High School which allows me to fund raise, both for the school and for various charities, and use my leadership skills to navigate through peer discussions about how to implement change for the better of our school community. I also participate in the Unified Physical Education program where I work with students with special needs.

"Outside my school community, I show good citizenship by assisting my neighbors. For example, an elderly man lives next to me and I often walk his dog or shovel snow in his driveway since these are difficult tasks for him to complete alone.

"No matter how big or small a community is, showing good citizenship can go a long way. Whether it's being a member of leadership at the high school or taking time to talk to a neighbor, small acts create a ripple effect."







(above, l-r) Victoria MacArthur, Summit High School, Alyssa Pradhan, Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, Grace Coimparetto, New Providence High School.

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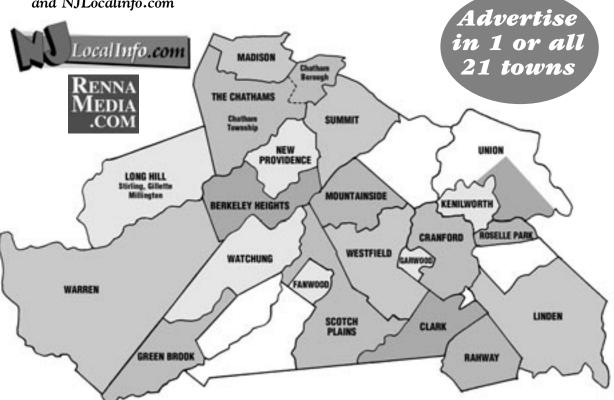
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"Everything after my heart transplant was working towards moments like this," said Emma. "It motivates me to appreciate the day to day – being able to travel, go away to school, and have life experiences without my health dictating what I can and cannot do is a blessing. I owe all of this to my organ donor's act of extraordinary humanity."

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and could not make it through an entire day at school. Her parents brought her to Newark Beth Israel Medical Center (NBIMC) for what was supposed to be a quick, routine blood test. However, Emma went into cardiac arrest, was put on life-support under an induced coma and was rushed to the pediatric cardiac intensive care unit at New York-Presbyterian/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

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she suddenly began to feel extremely fatigued up six days later and learned that I had a heart transplant. Prior to that, I had never heard of organ and tissue donation or transplantation."

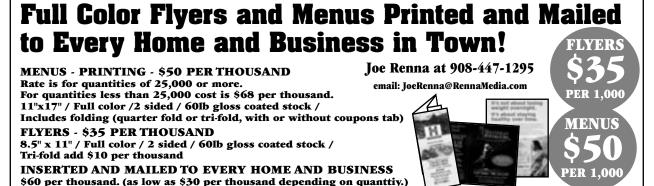
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