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#### STIRLING RESIDENT HONORED DURING CELEBRATION OF LIFE

NJ Sharing Network

On September 12, thousands of walkers, runners and volunteers participated in NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race at the organization's headquarters in New Providence, NJ. The event, which was presented by Hackensack Meridian Health and Pfizer and supported by dozens of generous sponsors, honored those who gave the gift of organ and tissue, paid tribute to those who have received a transplant, offered hope to those currently waiting for a transplant and remembered the lives lost while waiting for the gift of life.

Family members and friends of the late Linda J.S. Finnegan (Smith), 54, of Stirling, NJ, gathered together to form the "Linda's Lovees" 5K team to honor her memory and show their support for NJ Sharing Network's life-saving mission. Linda, who passed away in 2016, was an organ and tissue donor who saved and enhanced the lives of many others. Linda taught Physical Education at St. Vincent de Paul School in Stirling and was proud to be ACE Gold Certified for Group Aerobic Instruction. She founded Linda's Just Stay Fit and developed the program "Girl Power" for the YMCA. Members of "Linda's Lovees" offered the following message during the 5K Celebration of Life:

Linda, on her late mother's birthday, donated both her lungs, both kidneys, her liver, and her other organs through NJ Sharing Network. She also donated her corneas through Eversight. Her gift of life changed the lives of at least 75 people.

During her life, Linda was full of passion, love, and joy. She lived her life for others while maintaining a love and respect for her body and soul. She dedicated her life to helping others recognize their unique potential.

It is an honor and joy to remember Linda's legacy and commemorate her gift by participating in the NJ Sharing Network 5K. Our success and impact is a true testament to Linda and her generosity in life and the impact that she an has made on those who knew her.



(above) Linda J.S. Finnegan (Smith), was honored During NJ Sharing Network's 5K Celebration of Life.

To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.





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## WHRHS SOCCER STAR COMMITS TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

A three-year starter for Watchung Hills High School, Jenna Tobia has been a main stay for the girls soccer program. They are off to a great season earning the number one seed in the prestigious Somerset County Tournament, and they are in line to receive a top seed for the state tournament.

Long-time Head Coach Brian Figueiredo has had the good fortune of coaching many elite players, and Jenna Tobia stands amongst them. "She is a difference maker. She has been incredibly driven since her arrival and has earned all of her accolades. She continues to improve and work as hard as anyone and her dedication to WHRHS shows a lot about her character. She is going make any program better that she is a part of it. Very excited for her future."

Jenna earlier this season committed to playing at Clemson University. One of the top 25

A three-year starter for Watchung Hills High women's soccer programs in the country in arguably the toughest conference the ACC.

Jenna on her commitment, "After attending my first ID Camp at Clemson, I knew immediately that this was exactly what I was looking for to further my academic and soccer career. I wanted a place that shared my vision for hard work and commitment to winning. The coaching staffs' style of a family culture, teaching and support for their players on and off the field aligned with my beliefs. I am so grateful for the opportunity and can not wait to begin my journey at Clemson."

In addition to being ranked as one of the top players nationally, Jenna has also been a member of the United States Soccer Regional ID Centers.

To follow Watchung Hills Regional High School girls soccer catch them on the athletic website at whrhs.org.



(above) Jenna Tobia









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#### THANKSGIVING DONATIONS NEEDED IN THE MIDST OF INCREASED DEMAND

Interfaith Food Pantry Network

The Interfaith Food Pantry Network (IFPN) is launching its Thanksgiving Holiday Program early this year due to anticipated increased demand for turkeys and all the trimmings. A surge in the number of food insecure families they are regularly serving has the IFPN bracing for a record number of Thanksgiving food basket requests from IFPN clients, as well as from numerous other Morris County social service agencies they supply.

They are asking the public for food donations to help them distribute over 2,000 turkeys and all the trimmings, including fresh produce. "We are seeing a significant number of new families requesting turkeys and holiday baskets this year, as are some of our community partners," said Carolyn Lake, Executive Director. "We greatly appreciate the support of the public in helping us ensure all Morris County families can have a Happy Thanksgiving."

Turkeys can be dropped off at the IFPN, 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains, Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays by prior arrangement. Turkeys can also be dropped off on Wednesday evenings November 10 and 17 until 7:45 p.m.

If you would like to sponsor a turkey/food drive, please contact Val Schuszler, Food Drive Coordinator, at 973-538-8049 x215. Additional information can be found at mcifp.org.

The Interfaith Food Pantry Network (IFPN) is the largest and most relied upon resource for emergency and supplemental food among Morris County residents in need. In 2020, the IFPN distributed 1.5 million pounds of food during more than 27,000 household visits to their food pantries and Mobile Network Partners, or the equivalent of 1.4 million meals to 86,000 people. For more information, visit mcifp.org. To donate, text 'Hunger' to 26-989. If you could benefit IFPN's assistance, please 973-538-8049, ext. 210.



(above) Interfaith Food Pantry Network clients lined up to pick up fresh produce at a recent Thanksgiving basket distribution event. The Pantry expects to distribute more than 2,000 complete Thanksgiving baskets this year.

#### **FLEA MARKET – NOV 13**

The Gillette Community Chapel will be holding an indoor flea market on Saturday, November 13, 2021. It will be held at the church at 123 Summit Ave., Gillette with two floors of items of all kinds. The church can be contacted at 908-647-2573 or through it's Facebook page for more information.



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Charles Sherrick

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Thank you Spring Grove.



Chrissy Sloan

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#### **HELP US SAVE A VET - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### Michael D. Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

For the last few years the New Jersey Veterans Network and its mobile outreach team has been aggressively seeking out veterans in need and providing them resources to have a better way of life. This is only possible because of our volunteers' commitment and dedication with helping our veteran community. Donations are wonderful and help us purchase food, clothing, medical equipment and other life changing items, however someone's time is what makes an enormous difference.

During our charity's existence, we have provided meals for thousands of veterans and servicemen, dropped off PPE and clothing to veterans, provided medical equipment for disabled veterans, had 30 cars donated to disabled veterans, and most importantly we successfully saved the lives of veterans who were in some type of a dangerous crisis.

Every day we lose approximately 22 veterans to suicide and unfortunately this number hasn't changed over the years. Depression, PTSD and and their family members. There are countless lifesaving programs out there for veterans, however it's a difficult task to get veterans to trust others and go get the help they need to live a better life.

The New Jersey Veterans Network also has a program called Operation Rebound that consists of a mobile outreach team that helps to train veterans for events like races, hiking, and other athletic activities. The goal of Operation Rebound is to do athletic events from 5k races to long distance Iron Man competitions in order to empower the veterans and show the public how people can do amazing things with the proper support. It is truly incredible to see the veterans go from no physical activity to completing these tremendous athletic challenges.

Our charity has been able to work alongside other amazing charities that always put veterans first and are capable of rapidly providing them with essential resources. Recently, we formed a veteran anti-suicide and PTSD awareness coalition, called Uniformed Heroes, that will

trauma run extremely high among our veterans provide peer support sponsors for any veteran in need. Our peer support sponsors will be trained by the VA and Penn Med and our goal is to have volunteers statewide to help veterans in need.

> To make this upcoming Uniformed Heroes campaign successful, we are in desperate need of volunteers from both the veteran and civilian communities. There are numerous events and daily tasks that our charity could use assistance with and we are always looking to have more volunteers willing to help us reach veterans in need.

> Our goal is to provide all veterans in need with a peer support sponsor that will do whatever they can to help veterans with obtaining the resources needed to live a better life. This is not an easy thing to do, but the New Jersey Veterans Network has already been able to make a huge difference because of the team's volunteers and its strong partnerships with other charities.

> If you are interested in joining the team, please send us an email at NJVN1775@gmail.com and provide your name, email, and phone number. Also, if you have any questions, and concerns please feel free to contact us at 973-332-1556.



(above) Memorial Day Murph Event

Photos by New Jersey Veterans Network



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(above) Knights of Columbus Tank Pull

#### **NEW VETERAN SERVICE PROGRAMS**

#### **Morris County**

Morris County is expanding programs offered through its Veterans Services Office by creating three new services to address the needs of military personnel returning from Afghanistan and elsewhere.

The initiative was unanimously approved by the Morris County Board of County Commissioners upon the recommendation of Commissioner John Krickus, a Marine Corps veteran. The plan is to support the programs with funds made available to Morris County through the American Rescue Plan Act.

"After the recent events in Afghanistan the need for supporting our veterans has increased. We want our Iraq, Afghanistan veterans to know that we not only honor their service on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, but we are here to support you every day of the year," said Commissioner Krickus.

The three programs were outlined at last week's Board of Commissioners meeting by Christine Hellyer, Director of the Morris County Office on Aging, Disabilities & Community Programming. She also introduced the county's two Veterans Services Officers, Jessica Tomalo and Maria Salazar. Salazar is a veteran who served in Iraq.

"The County is looking to partner with community-based organizations to provide services that offer greater support to veterans and their families, and create a support network," said Hellyer.

#### THE SERVICES OUTLINED INCLUDED:

"Peer to Peer Support Counseling"

This service is not currently available in Morris County. A non-profit agency will be enlisted to facilitate veterans being counseled by fellow veterans who shared similar experiences, who have an understanding of veteran issues and can empathically support clients.

"Veteran and Family Support"

This also involves enlisting a non-profit partner to help veterans re-establish themselves with their families and assist the veterans with family issues such as employment, education, financial planning and any special needs.

"Veteran Roundtables & Events"

This in-house service will involve organizing veteran events and gatherings, bringing veterans together in social settings.

"We are fortunate to have Maria and Jessica, who have great backgrounds working with veterans, and that experience as well as Maria's service in Iraq will do a great deal to inform these programs," Krickus said, as he met with the veteran services officers this week.

The new programs are not yet available, but interested veterans may check with the Morris County Veterans Services Office website for when they are open and for services already offered.

Commissioner Krickus also met with the veterans services officers to continue working on designs for two new Morris County Distinguished Military Service Medals. The Board of County Commissioners created the medals more than 20 years ago to honor residents who served honorably in the military. While many who have served during military actions in Iraq and Afghanistan over the years have received Distinguished Military Service Medals for their service, the Commissioners agreed last month with a request by Commissioner Krickus to create two new medals specifically identifying service in those regions.

Veterans may find out more about the medals on the Morris County website.



(above) Commissioner Krickus met on the programs and new service medals with (l-r) Director Christine Hellyer and Veterans Services Officers Salazar and Tomalo.



(above) Commissioner Krickus chats with Veterans Services Officers Maria Salazar (left) and Jessica Tomalo following a meeting on the new programs at the Morris County Veterans Services Office.

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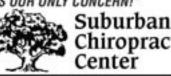
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# Why This Former NFL Legend was Forced to Hire a QB Coach for his Son

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But that's not how it went. Joe Montana had to hire a quarterback coach to help his son be a better football player. Here's possibly the greatest NFL QB of all time, needing to hire someone else to help his son. It was not that Joe Montana was not equipped for the job...it was that his son needed a second voice to help him get to the next level.

Many parents who have much less knowledge, experience, and skills than Joe Montana are in the same boat in regards to helping their kids get stronger, faster, and more confident.

Most parents we've come across want their kids to eat healthier, be more active, and have a stronger mindset. But many have told us they need help.

Even with the constant reminders of telling their kids to eat more vegetables, get outside instead of watching TV, practice their sport more, get to bed earlier...they find that sometimes the message falls on deaf ears...and some backup would be helpful toward their vision of helping their kid be the best they can be.

Parents have told us that having us(the Grit Athlete Performance Coaches) as a second voice to help reinforce the habits they want for their kids...is changing the game.

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And after they come through our program, parents tell how it's turbocharging their parenting. Here are some real-life examples that have been reported...

Before, parents struggled with getting kids to eat vegetables...now their kids are asking for more.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to get enough sleep....now their kids are getting to bed earlier on their own.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to watch less TV or play video games...now they are limiting these activities because they've learned they don't really help them become better athletes.

Before, parents struggled with helping their kids have more confidence...now their kids are doing things out of their comfort zone more often which is helping them believe in themselves which further improves self-esteem.

Before, parents had no clue how to help their kid get faster...now they are faster because they've learned that speed is a skill, and a few simple tweaks can make a kid faster immediately.

Before, parents could not get their kids to make their beds...now their kid makes their

bed each morning on their own because they learned that making their bed in the morning helps them have a better day.

Before, parents struggled with getting their kids to do even one good push-up...now they catch them in their room practicing on their own.

Before, parents wanted their kids to have more determination and grit when training new things...now they are staying calm under pressure and seeking out challenges instead of avoiding them.

Many times it's not about telling your kid to eat more vegetables or stop watching TV...but rather finding the right environment for them to be more successful.

Right in your backyard, there's a team of great coaches waiting to be second voices for your kids...so that all the things you're teaching as parents will be reinforced. But most importantly, the results you're after for your kids will actually become a reality. The Grit Athlete winter Sports Performance session starts on December 13th in Berkeley Heights NJ, visit www.gritathletes.com to fill out an application for your child.

Grit Athlete Performance is a Sports Performance Training Company located in Berkeley Heights that helps kids ages 6-18 get strong, fast, and confident so they can have a bigger and better future. They have just released the dates for their winter program that starts on December 3rd. Visit www.gritathletes.com to register for their winter session...or see below for more details...

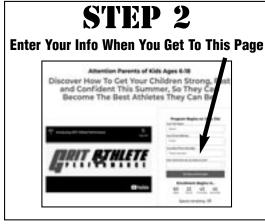
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- They need to improve their confidence and you want them to start to get better at recovering from their mistakes.
- They're doing pretty good right now but want to take their performance in their sport to a higher level.

#### This program is for your child if: Here's what parents can expect to happen:

- They will get stronger which means when they show up to their sport they'll be able to perform better than ever.
- They will run faster and jump higher so they can show up to their next season and people will start asking what the heck have they been doing.
- They'll become more coordinated and improve agility which means they'll pick up new skills their coaches teach them faster.
- Your children will start to eat better because we'll be educating them daily on what's good and what they should avoid...don't be surprised if they start asking you to buy more vegetables.
- Confidence will skyrocket. When kids get stronger, faster and more fit...their confidence will rise ...so will their self-esteem which means their performance in every aspect of life will get better.
- Their mindset will improve. We're going equip your child with very specific mindset skills that'll help them learn how to transform how they think about mistakes and failures.

#### HAPPY PARENTS TALKING ABOUT THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THEIR KIDS...

- "When my son started Grit he was quiet, shy, and had some difficulty with movements...Now he is confident in himself, has become more vocal, and is mastering the exercise he struggled with in the past."
  - Jen O'Brien, Grit Athlete Parent
- "My son is more disciplined and confident in himself"
  - Steve Hughes, Grit Athlete Parent
- "I have watched my children become more confident and vocal."
  - Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent
- "His confidence has shot up in the last few months...and has carried forward to the way he approaches other activities like sports and schoolwork. My son is now making his bed daily and exercising every day."

- Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent

#### **APPLY NOW**







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#### **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

On October 3rd Fr Richard Carton blessed animals at St Vincent de Paul Church in celebration of the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.



#### **US SPACE FORCE: GUARDIANS OF THE HIGH FRONTIER**

Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program (NJ-102)

As we explore new horizons, the United States expands beyond what is imaginable. With the creation of the US Space Force, the country truly embodies the notion of "reaching for the stars"! On June 29, 2021, Captain "Bud" Jackson Composite Squadron (NJ-102) of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), an Auxiliary of the United States Air Force, had special guest speakers from the US Space Force - Major Jose Almanzar and Captain Ronald Nguyen. In a virtual meeting of over 110 participants, including visitors from other CAP squadrons, attended and the speakers shared the goal and purpose of this new branch of the military, talked about their jobs, gave advice to the cadets considering the path and much more. There was time for a Q&A session, where the speakers provided valuable information towards a wide range of cadet/senior member questions. Cadets took away extensive information to inspire them about this new exciting path of space research and operations.

Headquartered at the Pentagon, the US Space Force is an independent branch of the military that was carved out of the Air Force in December 2019. With their Command motto as "Guardians of the High Frontier", the US Space Force is considered a critical asset, impacting everyday life. Although it is currently the smallest of the US armed services, the Space Force is responsible for operating and defending military satellites and ground stations and supports

communication and navigation on Earth. It provides a much needed position of strength, especially technology-wise, for protecting US interests in space or going on offense, if needed, in the future. Civilian life cannot survive without our space capabilities. Our military based missions are now largely supported by space operations. Additionally, as space tourism is about to lift off in the coming years, the US will have a growing space community.

As an empowerment message to the young cadets, Maj Almanzar and Capt Nguyen talked about the Space Force's need for bold and diverse leaders with new ideas. They stressed the importance of being exposed to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) experiences and education early on - "Always take advantage of opportunities presented to you and explore the growing areas of the Space Force. The sky is not the limit so it is your time to soar!"

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Cadet Program is open to all Middle School and High School students from ages 12 to 18. For more information about C.A.P., please contact the NJ-102 Squadron Commander, Captain Jose Vergara, at jose.vergara@njwg.cap.gov, or the NJ-102 Squadron Recruiting Officer, 1st Lt Josline Pinto, at josline.pinto@njwg.cap.gov. Visit the CAP National webpage at gocivilairpatrol.com or the NJ-102 squadron website at nj102.cap.gov. Also, be sure to check out the NJ-102 Squadron's Facebook page at facebook.com/NJ102/.

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#### **SCOUT EXECUTIVE SPEAKS TO ROTARY CLUB**

#### Submitted by Dr. D. Michael Hart

Marc Andreo, the Scout Executive and CEO of the Patriot's Path Council, Boy Scouts of America spoke to the Rotary Club of Westfield on Tuesday, September 21, 2021. His topic was to update the club on the state of the local Scouting. The pandemic has decreased the scouting program somewhat, but it is still going strong, and they are planning to rebuild it to where it was before the shutdown.

Paul Harris, the man who started Rotary International in 1905, was great friends with James E. West who started the Boy Scouts of America in 1910. Paul gave advice on how to spread the program throughout the US, mirroring the way Rotary clubs were spreading. Both organizations have a lot of similarities, including an ethical code, teaching leadership skills, being community based and service oriented. Rotary clubs currently charter 1,000 scout units across the US.

The Patriot's Path Council, BSA consists of 5 counties in northern New Jersey with more than 10,000 scouts and 4,000 adult volunteers. They are in the counties of Sussex, Morris, Somerset, Union and northern Middlesex. The headquarters in Cedar Knolls has only 25 full-time staff. There are two scout shops one in Cedar Knolls, and one in Mountainside.

The Council offers three Day Camps: at Watchung Reservation; Johnson Park, New Brunswick; and Camp Wheeler at Mt. Allamuchy Scout Reservation. The Council offers four overnight camping opportunities: Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, NJ; Mt. Allamuchy in Byram Township; Sabattis Adventure Camp in Long Lake NY, and the four national high adventure bases: The Summit in West Virginia; Northern Tier in Minnesota, Sea Base in the Florida Keys, and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

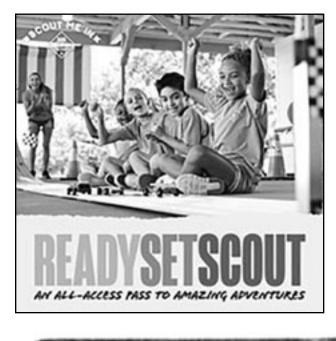
Recent changes to the Scouts include welcoming girls to the Cub Scout and the legacy Boy Scout programs three years ago. The purpose was to include entire families in the activities. To accommodate this change, the "Boy Scout" program for ages 5th grade through age 18 was renamed the "Scouts BSA". The name of the parent organization remains the Boy Scouts of America. The Cub Scout program is for children from K through 5th grade; Scouts BSA is for children 5th grade through age 18. Other programs have been coed for many decades, including Explorers - who explore career opportunities, Venture Crews - who go on high adventure trips, Sea Scouts who learn mariner skills, and a relatively new program -STEM- in which students explore science

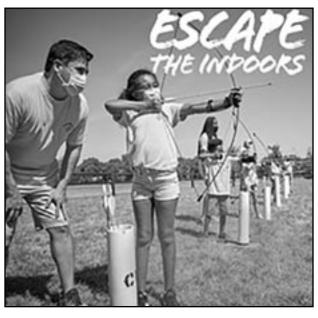
The Council offers three Day Camps: at related careers. These last four programs atching Reservation; Johnson Park, New welcome boys and girls from ages 14 to 21.

Cub Scout Dens may be all boy and all girl, or coed. Scouts BSA Troops are either all girl or all boy. This year there are 250,000 young women in the scouts, and 1,000 girls were the first graduating class of female Eagle Scouts. Only 4% of all scouts ever achieve the rank of Eagle, making it a mark of distinction.

The residents of Westfield are enthusiastic supporters of Scouting. There are 12 units: 7 Cub Scout Packs and 5 Scout Troops, with nearly 500 youth, which is double the national average. Last year the Patriots' Path Council recognized 315 Eagle Scouts and Scouts collectively earned more than 6,200 merit badges. The Rotary Club of Westfield has been a long time supporter of the Scouts. Several members are Eagle Scouts, and many of the children of Rotarians are in the Scouting program, and a number have earned the rank of Eagle. The club likes to support Eagle Service projects financially.

Scout Executive Marc Andreo asked the Rotarians to help spread the word about local Scouting. With units and camps open again, they are seeking more youth to join the local programs. Please visit beascout.org to locate a unit near you!













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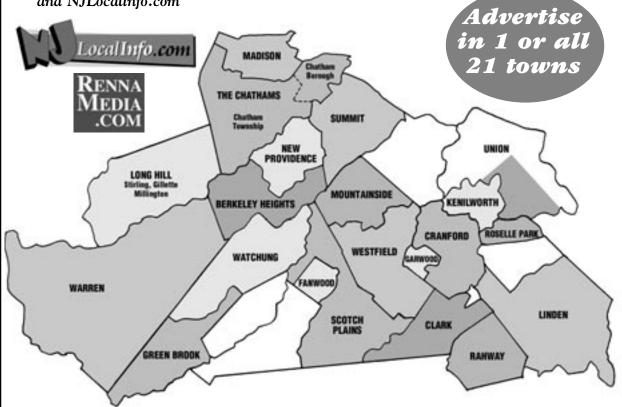
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Morris County Commissioners presented a resolution. It declared that "JBWS be recognized and commended for its 45 years of outstanding service to the community and that all residents support those working diligently to end violence in our lives."

The Morris County resolution noted that, after the hotline calls increased in 1976, the need to

help people find safety became more urgent following the tragic murders of two people who had reached out to the organization for help. The Morris County community responded by raising funds to open the Jersey Battered Women's Shelter in 1978. The organization later became known simply as the JBWS as its mission expanded beyond a hotline, safe house and counseling services.

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