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# TMC CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF SERVICE

#### Submitted by Cathy Gotliffe

On September 26, 2021, at the Madison Community House (MCH), the Thursday Morning Club of Madison (TMC) celebrated 125 years of service to the Madison community. The celebration was attended by Mayor Bob Conley; the family of George Burroughs, the first director or the MCH; TMC past presidents; former MCH chairwomen; TMC members and guests. Music was provided by the Bottle Hill Big Band.

TMC began its mission of service in 1896. TMC became a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs in 1900 and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1907.

Amongst the first services, TMC hired Madison's first public health nurse in 1906; created the first supervised town playground in 1908, now known as Dodge Field; started the first morning kindergarten in 1912, now part of the Madison Public School system; and created the Baby Keep Well Station, which was the prelude to the Madison Health Department.

In 1924, TMC built what is now called the Madison Community House (MCH) with a bequest from member Mary B. Cash. With its own building, TMC created, operated or provided space for: a Thrift Shop in 1925; the Braille Association in 1925; Madison Friends of the Library in 1938, now an independent organization; Nursery School in 1960; Morris County Legal Aid Society in 1967; TIME OUT Adult Day Care Center in 1988, which is now Harmony House; Project Community Pride in 1995; and Dress for Success in 1998.



(above, l-r) Jeannie Kosakowski, Titi Conley, Mayor Bob Conley, and Phyllis Flemming.



(above) The 4lst "Le Bazar de Noel 2021", presented by the Thursday Morning Club will be held on Friday, November 12th from 10:00 to 5:00 and Saturday, November 13th from 10:00 to 4:00 at the Madison Community House, 25 Cook Avenue.

As TMC entered the 21st century, the club continued its mission of service to Madison with Before and After School Child Care, and full day Nursery School. In addition, throughout its 125 years of volunteer work in the community, TMC has supported hundreds of service projects including Operation Chillout, Support the Girls, Operation Cookie (for local care facilities, and the Madison Police and Fire Departments), May Day, Free Little Library, Tree Planting, CASA, the Battered Women's Shelter of NJ, and the Madison Eagle Christmas Fund. TMC offers summer adventure camps for children, and enrichment programs for children and adults throughout the year. TMC also funds numerous scholarships and awards to members of the community, including: the George Burroughs Scholarship, the Dress for Success Northern NJ—10 Counties Scholarship, Girls' Career Institute, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program, the Laura E. Allocco Preschool Scholarship, Memorial Day awards, and Madison Junior School Awards.

All activities and the MCH are funded through user fees, fundraising activities, donations, grants and hundreds of volunteers donating time and talent.

For information about the Thursday Morning Club or membership, call the Community House at 973-377-0244 or visit TMCMCH.org.



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# **TMC CELEBRATES** (continued from page 1)



(above) Pictured are Claire Burling, Janet Allocco, Karen Jeisi, Anne Lawless, Sharon Silver, Carolyn Stiner, Olga Soriano, Arlene Odell, and Ginny Campion.



(above) Pictured are Sarah Burroughs, Lottie Burroughs, Keva Burroughs, and Isobel Burroughs.

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# **MADISON ROTARY CLUB NOVEMBER MEETING**

The Rotary Club of Madison is an enthusiastic and engaged network of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to serve people in our local and global communities. At the Rotary's weekly meetings, the Club plans and reports on its service projects, and guest speakers present on a broad range of topics that are of interest to the community. Rotary meetings are held each Thursday morning in person at the Madison YMCA on Kings Road, and are also accessible by Zoom. The Club meetings start at 7:45 a.m. and conclude at 8:30.

On November 18th, the Club will welcome Dr. Claudine Mukabamano. After surviving the Rwandan genocide of 1994, Ms. Mukabamano obtained a doctorate in Humanities and has become an author and philanthropist. Her writings are focused on helping people develop to their fullest potential, and she uses her writing to support orphans in Rwanda. Her talk promises to be enlightening and uplifting and guests are welcome to participate.

Please note that Rotary meetings, speakers, or speaker schedules, are potentially subject to change. Please visit the Rotary website at madisonrotarynj.org for information on accessing the meeting via Zoom, and for any updates to the schedule and other meeting details.



(above) The Madison Rotary's November 18th meeting will feature guest speaker Dr. Claudine Mukabamano, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide of 1994.



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(above) Acting Police Chief John R. Miscia recently graduated from Northwestern University - School of Police Staff and Command.

### LAP BLANKETS **DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL CARE FACILITIES**

Continuing their commitment to the community, Madison Thursday Morning Club members sewed, knitted or crocheted fifty lap blankets for residents of local care facilities. These beautiful handmade lap blankets were distributed to Chatham Hills (12), Cheshire Home (12), Pine Acres (13) and Garden Terrace (13). These warm and comfy lap blankets were distributed in early October, just in time for the cooler weather of fall and the coming winter.



(above, l-r) Claire Burling & Olga Soriano

# **ACTING CHIEF MISCIA GRADUATES NORTHWESTERN PROGRAM**

#### Borough of Madison

Madison Police Department is pleased to announce the recent graduation of Acting Police Chief John R. Miscia from Northwestern University - School of Police Staff and Command (SPSC) as part of their 496th class. Acting Chief Miscia was among 24 graduates who completed the 23-week academic training that was held between March 1 and August 1, 2021.

Since the program's inception in 1983, this course, which is nationally recognized as a premiere leadership program and it is reputed for its rigorous academic curriculum, has graduated over 18,000 students both nationally

and internationally. The School of Police Staff and Command provides college level instruction in a total of twenty-two core blocks of topics during each session. The major study topics include leadership, human resources, employee relations, organizational behavior, applied statistics, planning and policy development, budgeting and resource allocation.

"I am proud to have graduated from one of the premiere law enforcement executive training courses in the nation. I look forward to applying what I have learned through the past twenty-two weeks to continuing to lead the Madison Police Department in an effective, professional, and efficient manner," said Miscia.

## **MEMBERS NEEDED!**

Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps (MVAC)

The Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps is exactly what its name implies; a group of dedicated, highly trained volunteers who have made a commitment to serve you and everyone else in Madison. MVAC's crews represent diverse ages and backgrounds. They might be a combination of one or two neighbors and a person who lives several streets away, assisted by a student from Drew University or Madison High School. MVAC responds to your 911 calls for emergency medical assistance no matter the day of the week, the weather, seasonal celebrations, or the time of day.

This is a call to all those retired or newly retired members of our community or to anyone who is willing to give back several hours of their lives to serve a greater purpose. The time has

come for you to respond to our "911 call for assistance." MVAC needs to expand its active membership. Several of our crews are now covering multiple shifts spanning in excess of 12 hours or more. They do it because they care! Show us you care as much as they do. Our staff will provide all the training you need to qualify as a driver or to become a qualified Emergency Medical Technician.

Ask yourself the following question; "If not me, then who?"

Call 973-377-2229 for additional information. Rest assured that one of our membership committee will respond.

V.H. Schumacher Ed.D. Vice President

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# **THURSDAY MORNING CLUB DONATES TO CASA**

The GFWC Thursday Morning Club collected backpacks and essential school supplies for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Morris and Sussex Counties. With the assistance of the Staples Connect Program and the generosity of the TMC members, volunteers filled twenty-five fully stuffed backpacks with PPE supplies and school supplies. Lisa Barsky Firkser, Ph.D. and CASA Executive Director picked up the supplies which will help foster children get off to a solid start for this school year.

The TMC is celebrating 125 years of service to the community. Different groups, such as preschool and Before and Aftercare Child Care, have been working on special projects for the foster children during this past year.



(above) Janet Allocco, Janice Corte, Claire Burling and Olga Soriano.

### **HELP US FIND PURPLE HEART HEROES**

#### **County of Morris**

In the final days of the American Revolution, on Aug. 7, 1782, General George Washington established the Badge of Military Merit to, as his general orders stated, "cherish virtuous ambition in his soldiers." It was the birth of what we now call the Purple Heart, presented to military personnel wounded in the line of duty.

Morris County has a rich and storied history of Purple Heart honorees and its historians have joined the mission of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, N.Y. to collect, preserve and share the stories of all Purple Heart recipients. The Morris County Office of Planning and Preservation wants to make a full accounting of the local men and women who earned the honor, and the office is interested in any photographs, news accounts or artifacts that help to tell the story of each soldier.

"The Purple Heart Project is another avenue for veterans to get their history out there. We want to include everyone, regardless of the conflict they served in. Veterans' history isn't just national or global history, it is also a personal history of families on a very local level – even gut level. It's important for future generations to know what their ancestors did. Their bravery and sacrifices should not be forgotten," said Jan Williams, a Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist with the Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation.

The county has a list of more than 350 area veterans who received the Purple Heart, but historians are convinced it is only a fraction of the actual number. Williams also noted that the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, which operates as a research center and maintains a

national database of Purple Heart recipients, also is trying to make a full accounting on a national level.

"This Purple Heart database contains service members' names and units, but it has gaps and I hope that families will add this important information to the archives. For researchers and family members, it's difficult to find information sources like this, completely cost free and easily accessed from home," she explained.

Anyone may enroll a Purple Heart recipient to the national database, but documentation is required. Go to thepurpleheart.com.

Please contact Jan Williams if you can add to Morris County's accounting of its Purple Heart recipients by emailing her at jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us.



(above) Sculpture and monument at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New Windsor, N.Y. Photo by Jan Williams, County of Morris

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### VETERANS DAY SERVICE, NOV. 11 Frank Patterson

Post 43 of The American Legion

The public is invited to attend a Veteran's Day service to be held on November 11 at James Park located on the corner of Madison Ave. and Park Ave., Madison, NJ.

The service will start promptly at 11:00 a.m. on 11/11.

We hope to too see a large turnout of both veterans and citizens to support our many vets living in the Madison-Florham Park area.

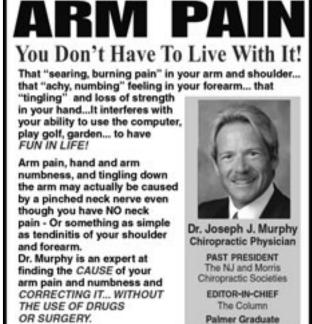
### THRIFT SHOP NOVEMBER SALES

The Madison Independent Thrift Shop will be welcoming shoppers during the month of November for the following: pictures, watches and lamps will be featured at 50% off the regular prices throughout the month.

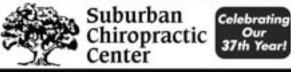
The Thrift Shop, located at 39 Kings Road, is open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. All proceeds received from sales are distributed to charitable groups in Madison and surrounding communities. If you have questions or need further information, we can be reached at 973-377-2450.



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(above) Madison Environmental Commission

# **46TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOTTLE HILL DAY**

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The Madison Downtown Development Commission held the annual Bottle Hill Day festival on Saturday, October 2, 2021. This year marked the 46th Anniversary of this signature Madison event which is centered in Madison's business district. The beautiful day brought out a record crowd to this free event which has continued to grow every year since it was first established in 1974 by Mayor Elizabeth Baumgartner.

The street festival spanned six blocks and included sidewalk sales, live music, amusement areas, food, and over 200 vendors including non-profits, crafters, retail businesses, and more.

Bottle Hill Day was created over forty years ago to promote the business district. The name originated from Madison's original establishment in 1715 of the village called "Bottle Hill".

Also, as in years past, the Madison Chamber of Commerce and Madison P.B.A. #92 hosted their annual Madison Car Show at the Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps headquarters. One of the most prestigious automotive events in New Jersey, the Madison Car Show featured many vehicles in several classes, including hot rods, trucks, customs, antiques, classics and street machines.



(above) Dunk-A-Cop was sponsored by Madison PBA Local 92 and Madison Local FMBA Local 74.



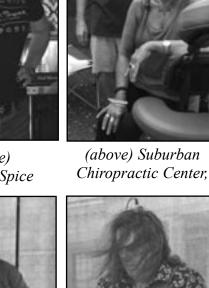
(above) Car Show judges, Mike Bowerge, David Hanrahan, and Peter Daniele,



(above) Tuesday Morning Club



(above) Mexican Spice





(above) Local Madison Band What's What



(above) Advantage Cleaners





(above) American Legion Post 43

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(above) Madison Boy Scout Troop 7



(above) Madison Volunteer Ambulance Corps



(above) Madison Kiwanis Club



(above) The Ertz family of Madison

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(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.

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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."

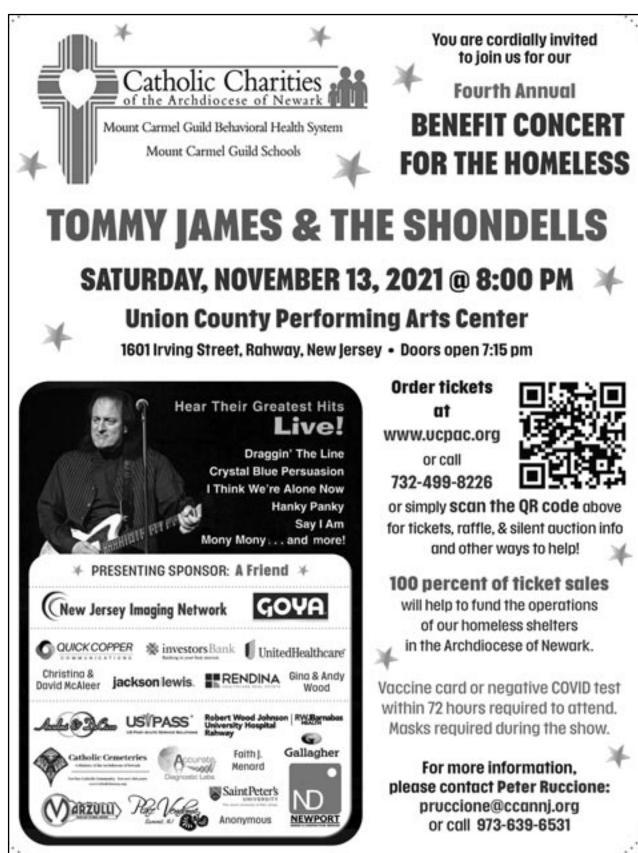
Turkeys can be dropped off at the IFPN, 2 please call 973-538-8049, ext. 210.

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 from IFPN's assistance,



# **MADISON LIBRARY NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

All programs are online zia Zoom. You will receive Zoom instructions and online meeting information in your registration confirmation email in addition to a reminder email prior to the date. Please register at madisonnjlibrary.org

#### History of Ellis Island

Monday, November 1st @ 7pm A brief summary of immigration to the United States from colonial days to modern times, and the role Ellis Island played during some of the busiest years of immigration from 1892 to 1924. In particular, major changes in immigration laws and regulations since 1787 will be reviewed....as well as reactions to "new immigrants" ever since the first colonies were established.

The presenter for the evening is Bruce Schundler. Bruce worked for two years as a seasonal National Park ranger at the Ellis Island National Monument. Besides leading regular tours and some VIP tours, he developed the basic outline of the park's website, and wrote the first version of "How to Trace Your Immigrant Ancestor"---a pamphlet which was distributed to visitors for several years."

Beginning Spanish Class Tuesday, November 2nd @ 6pm Come learn Spanish with us! This class will be held weekly and is designed for beginners.

Virtual Cooking With Chef T Tuesday, November 9th @2:30pm Tuesday, November 30th @2:30pm Theresa is the Chef and the owner of Jeremiahs

Catering & Cooking Studio. Known as Chef T, she considers food quality and the nutritional value of each food as being extremely important. This is why she tries to come up with balanced dishes, by using only fresh and highquality ingredients. The result is food that tastes

amazing and is filling at the same time, providing all the nutrients the body needs in order to stay healthy.

Join us for a series of cooking classes with Chef T as she teaches how to prepare a main course and suggestions for accompanying side dishes.

November 9th recipe

Creamy spinach zucchini cups and traditional mashed potatoes

**November 30th recipe** Beef and onion piroshki (like pierogies)

#### **Spanish Conversation Hour**

Tuesday, November 9th @ 5pm Come practice your Spanish with us! This program is intended for those who already have a foundation in the language.

**Eating Healthy Through The Holidays** 

Monday, November 15th @ 1:30 With the holiday season approaching, our appetites are craving all our favorite traditional foods that accompany holiday celebrations. If you are hoping to enjoy this holiday season without sacrificing your health and nutrition goals, this workshop will offer some easy and practical tips for staying healthy through the holidays without sacrificing your favorite foods and drinks. Join Jennifer Shukaitis, MPH,

Assistant Professor at Rutgers University to learn about tips and strategies to maintain your health and nutrition goals through the holidays.

#### Nonfiction Book Club

Wednesday, November 17th @6pm Join us to discuss The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel. "Many people dream of escaping modern life, but most will never act on it. This is the remarkable true story of a man who lived alone in the woods of Maine for 27 years, making this dream a reality--not out of

anger at the world, but simply because he preferred to live on his own." Provided by the Publisher. Discovery of a Masterpiece: A Rodin in Madison

Monday, November 29th @7pm Mallory Mortillaro serves as the Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation in Madison, NJ. While she was cataloging the artwork housed inside of the Hartley Dodge Memorial she uncovered a masterpiece that had been lost to the art world since the 1930's. After a year of research the piece was authenticated as an official work by Auguste Rodin. Mallory

will share the story of how a simple art cataloging project evolved into a search for a mysterious piece's provenance, and became one of the biggest art finds in recent history.

Speaker Biography:

Mallory Mortillaro serves as the Curator of Collections for the Hartley Dodge Foundation. In this position she worked to authenticate an original Rodin sculpture, lost to the art world since the 1930's. Mallory holds a BA and MAT, both from Drew University.



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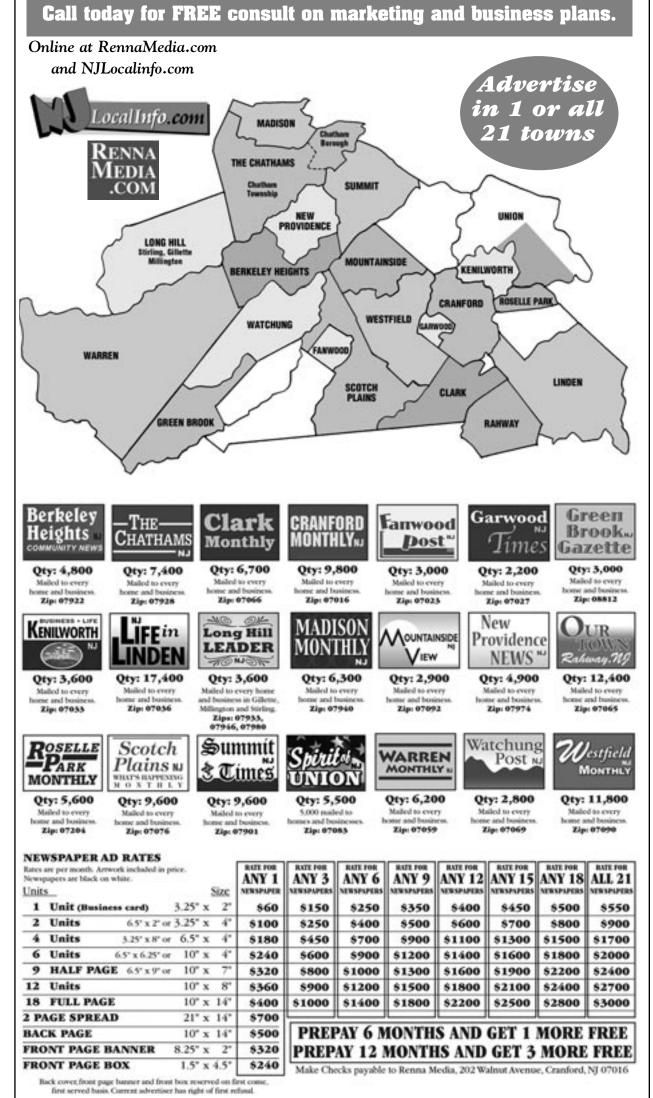
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# **HELP US SAVE A VET - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

#### 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 trauma run extremely high among our veterans 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

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

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