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#### **OVER 200 ATTENDEES EAGERLY CELEBRATE EARTH DAY**

Groundwork Elizabeth

On Friday, April 22nd, Groundwork Elizabeth, a local nonprofit organization, collaborated with local governments, businesses and the community at a "Boots Not Suits," Earth Day event held in Union County's Phil Rizzuto Park.

Since 1970, Earth Day has been observed annually around the world, in recognition of the value of a clean and healthy environment. This year was no different in Union County, as so many came together for a heavily attended day of tree plantings, inspirational messages and comradery at the park.

Lucy Crespo, who is the Groundwork Elizabeth Director of Youth Initiatives, with support from the Union County Board of County of County Commissioners, Federal and State Senators, the Mayors of the City of Elizabeth and the Township of Union, the Union County Parks Department and fellow nonprofits, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, organized this three-hour program at Phil Rizzuto Park, which is located at the intersection of North Avenue and Morris Avenue, where the City of Elizabeth and Union Township meet.

Groundwork Executive Director Jonathan Phillips notes that Groundwork can help lead efforts to continue to build more sustainable and equitable communities, "Taking care of the Earth on Earth Day is a personal and community obligation. It needs to continue each every day. It's something we all need to do".

Over sixty-six (66) trees were donated by Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery. Darren Bryden, of





(above) Groundwork Elizabeth table exhibit

the City of Elizabeth, was the emcee of the program, who then introduced the Mayor of Elizabeth, J. Christian Bollwage, Rebecca Williams, Chair of the Union County Board of County Commissioners, State Senator Joe Cryan of the 20th Legislative District NJ, Diego Mazariego, who represented the Office of United States Senator Robert Menendez and Nancy P. Sadlon of Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, who has worked hand in hand with Groundwork to improve the site since 2015.

Groundwork Green Team Youth leader Kayly Hernandez administered a 'climate safe' pledge asking all to leave the earth in better condition than they found it. After the ceremony, attendees had a chance to really make a difference. Under the direction of Curt Collier, from the Society for Ethical Culture, youth and adults came together and planted groves of trees which will soak up rainwater, clean the air, and provide a healthier habitat for the foliage and animals which live at the park.

United Airlines, Atalanta Corporation, the local Elizabeth NAACP, the Terence C. Reilly school, Union County Recycling, the Pat Perkins Civic Association, the Port Authority of NY and NJ, Rutgers University Center of Environmental Exposure and Disease, City of Elizabeth Recycling Department and scores of volunteers were on hand to offer support for the program and to highlight their own commitment to preserving the Earth and promoting sustainability.

The "Boots not Suits" Earth Day event will continue next Earth Day. If anyone is interested in learning more about this or other events, you can reach out to Lucy Crespo at lucy@groundworkelizabeth.org. For more information about Groundwork Elizabeth, please visit their website at groundworkelizabeth.org or on any of their social media platforms.



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#### **COMMEMORATION OF HANNAH CALDWELL DAY**

Hannah Caldwell Day will be commemorated at the Caldwell Parsonage, located at 909 Caldwell Avenue, Union, on Sunday, June 5, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The museum is hosting two new exhibits:

"Hannah's At-Home Dress"--created for the Union Township Historical Society by Gail Alterman, costume consultant and former assistant to the textile conservator at the Museum at FIT

"Local Heroes of the American Revolution"--created by Michael Yesenko, author and historian.

Rev. James Caldwell, portrayed by Doc Burkhardt, will live recall, the heroism of his wife during the American Revolution on that fateful day--June 7, 1780.

Tours of the Parsonage and its adjacent carriage house will be conducted by student docents.

This is an interactive family-friendly event.

Children can create their own tricorn hats and colonial-style bonnets; make "church" dolls; play colonial and Native American games; collect Hannah Caldwell (pictured), James Caldwell, and Battle of Connecticut Farms trading cards; get Union County Passport booklets and have them stamped--the Parsonage is part of the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area and an official cancellation location.

Admission is free. Souvenirs and vintage books will be available for purchase. For more information, please call 908-591-4377.



(above) Hannah's At-Home Dress



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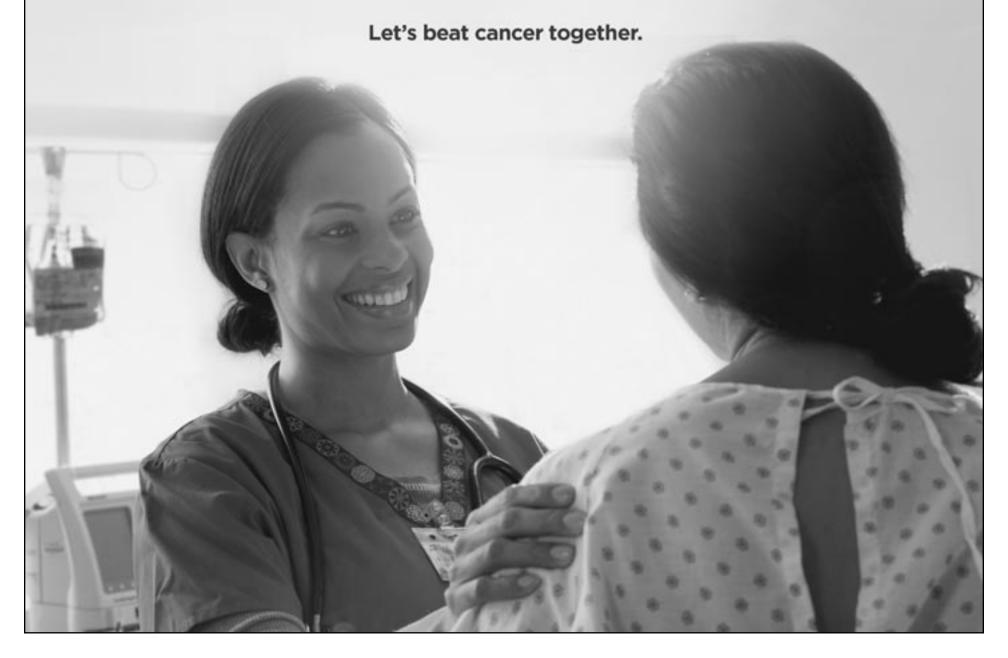
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#### Township of Union

The first of many new speed signs was installed on Whitewood Road, near Washington School in April to remind motorists to slow down. The speed signs are part of an aggressive public safety road initiative called S.P.E.E.D. 2022. The speed signs, in addition to new pedestrian signage, and crosswalk lines throughout town, are directed toward increasing pedestrian safety and reducing motor vehicle speeding.

"Our Administration, along with Union Police, are doing everything to slow down reckless drivers – through enforcement, education, and engineering – to create safer streets," said Mayor Figueiredo. "If you are speeding, driving aggressively, and putting people's lives in danger, you will be pulled over and get a ticket."

A total of 14 new speed signs have been installed in the following locations: Burnet Ave., Galloping Hill Road/Forest Drive, Salem Road, Walker Ave., Selfmaster Pkwy, Tucker Ave., Vauxhall Rd, Oakland Ave., Commerce Ave., Colonial Ave., Liberty Ave., Stiles St.



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(above) The first of the new speed signs installed by Joe Fontana & Doug Peterson, from the Union Police Department sign shop.

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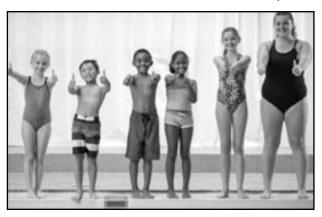


#### WATER SAFETY SHOULD BE TOP OF MIND

#### The Gateway Family YMCA

The Gateway Family YMCA wants to ensure that water safety doesn't get lost in our community's ongoing eagerness to return to a "normal" summer. As temperatures rise, kids want to cool off, whether that's in home pools, ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, or oceans. And that means the risk of drowning is ever present. We encourage parents and caregivers to reinforce the importance of water safety and equip their kids with the essential skills to keep them safe in and around water.

"As 'America's Swim Instructor,' The Gateway Family YMCA annually teaches more than 1,000 children valuable water safety and





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swimming skills," said Krystal R. Canady, CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Now more than ever, it's important to remind parents and caregivers that water safety needs to be top-ofmind as families start to return to their favorite summertime activities,"

As part of National Water Safety Month, The Gateway Family YMCA is encouraging parents to play an active role in promoting water safety and providing five tips to ensure a safe and enjoyable swimming experience for all.

- 1. Never swim alone or without a water watcher. When children are swimming, make sure they are actively supervised at all times. Teach your children that they should only swim in locations where a lifeguard is on duty, or where a responsible adult agrees to watch the children in the water without distractions.
- 2. Supervise your children whenever they're in or near water. Whether it's bath time or taking a dip in a pool or lake, make sure your children are within arm's reach at all times.
- 3. Don't engage in breath holding activities. Children should not hold their breath for a prolonged amount of time while swimming, as this can cause drowning and has several other severe physical side-effects.
- 4. Wear a life jacket: Inexperienced or nonswimmers should wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- 5. Don't jump in the water to save a friend who is struggling in deep water. If a child finds their friend in deep water unexpectedly, their natural instinct may be to jump in the water to try to save them. Even if a child is a great

swimmer, a panicked person will overpower them, pulling the rescuer underwater. The Y's Safety Around Water program teaches the "reach, throw, don't go" concept of using a long object to reach for them and pull them to safety. By using this technique children can help their friend without compromising their own safety.

"Water Safety isn't just a summer program, it's a life-long skill taught year round here at the Y," stated Melynda A. Mileski, EVP/COO, The Gateway Family YMCA. "Children learn essential water safety skills, as well as confidence and endurance in Y swimming lessons."

Throughout Water Safety Month, The Gateway Family YMCA will be sharing information on their Facebook page, facebook.com/GatewayFamilyY for the community, highlighting tips and information on water safety.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. The Gateway Family YMCA impacts the community by providing quality services for all. The Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or the Wellness Center and WISE Center Branch at 908-349-9622.

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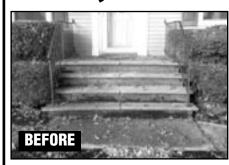
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#### **GRANTS AWARDED FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMING**

#### Submitted by Susan Lipstein

Township of Union Education The Foundation is pleased to announce the most recent recipients of grants. These programs will be implemented during the school year of 2022-2023.

Jhalon Motley, Pre-K teacher at Hannah Caldwell School, has received a grant for her project, "Classroom Sensory Play." The students will use materials under the guidance and supervision of the teacher to build on their curiosity skills, learn problem solving techniques and develop creativity through daily sensory play.

Mary Ellen Patricco, fourth grade teacher at Connecticut Farms School, has received funding for the program "Igniting the Future." She will receive a one-year subscription to "Generation Genius" which brings school science and math standards to life through fun and educational videos, paired with activities, reading material and more.

Cara Moore and Maria Sibilia, fourth grade teachers at Livingston School will receive a subscription for each child to Scholastic Storyworks which provides the students opportunities to incorporate daily reading in nontraditional print and digital methods. In addition, as part of their "Reading for Fun" grant, they will receive funds to purchase "flexible seating" options so children will have some new and different opportunities to be able to change and control their learning environment in safe, enjoyable ways.

Ayako Moore, music teacher at Washington Elementary School, will receive a full set of World drumming instruments for use of all the students in the K-4 grade school. All students will have a chance to play and create rhythm patterns. The drums will allow for active and creative music making by all children.

Ingrid Soares, school counselor at Union High School, requested materials to use in a new club at the High School, "Fearlessly Girl," which will help young girls set goals, develop positive relationships with others and express emotions and feelings in a positive way.

Patricia Bridges, School trauma Counselor, has received funding to provide furnishings and other materials to be used in a designated space at Union High School for students to use, in conjunction with school counselors, in times of traumatic loss, heightened emotional stress and recovery form post-pandemic challenges.

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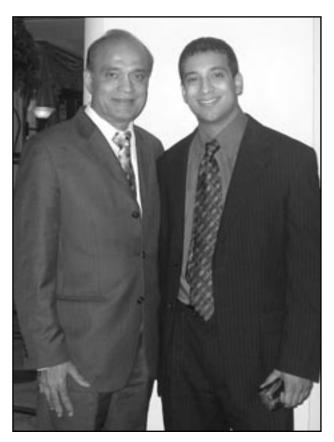
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#### **HONORING THE MEMORY OF A FATHER**

Father's Day is a special time of year for Rajesh Karnani of Paramus, NJ. It is a time when he joins his family members to remember his father, Sham C. Karnani, who unexpectedly passed due to heart complications on March 17, 2010. Rajesh recalls how his father always spoke to family members and friends about his support for organ and tissue donation. His father's selfless decision to be an organ and tissue donor ultimately restored sight for two other people with his donated corneas.

More than a decade later, Rajesh has made it his personal mission to inspire others to register as organ and tissue donors. He actively supports NJ Sharing Network's community events, activities and fundraisers to help raise awareness for NJ Sharing Network's life-saving mission.

According to NJ Sharing Network, there are nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents currently waiting for a life-saving transplant, and one



(above) Sham C. Karnani and his son Rajesh Karnani Courtesy photo

person in New Jersey dies every three days of his corneas to two recipients in need. waiting for a transplant. Just one organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 people. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit www.NJSharingNetwork.org.

The following was written by Rajesh to pay tribute to his father and help raise awareness about organ and tissue donation transplantation in our local communities:

My father, Sham C. Karnani, was born in India and migrated to New York in the 1970s. He came to America to help ensure that his family has a better life, and he worked as an importer of garments shipped from India and sold to prospective buyers in the U.S.

I can talk about my father for hours - about the great businessman he was, how he supported and loved his family so much, or how he would put other people's happiness over his own. His passion in life was service to his fellow man/woman. What motivated him in life was to make sure that those around him were happy. He was always determined to pay it forward in some way.

He was (and still is) not only my role model, but an inspiration, to me and to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. He taught me so much - how we are fortunate enough to live a good life, and so it is our responsibility to do our best to help others less fortunate do so too.

My father's major passion for the last two decades of his life was to spread the awareness of organ and tissue donation. His message to others was simple: Organ and tissue donation saves and enhances lives.

My father would often say, "When it comes down to it, we can't take our organs on our journey to heaven. We don't need them, so why not give others the opportunity to complete the rest of their journey in the present."

On March 17th, 2010, my father unexpectedly passed away while in a temple on a holy day (our Indian new year). He was dancing with the love of his life, my mother. I am proud to say that, upon his death, my father was able to donate both

My father kept a journal of his thoughts that we found after he passed away. His writings confirmed how much faith he had and how passionate he was about donation and transplantation. In the journal, he called it "recycling of organs for the benefit of mankind."

He noted that he believed that most people would want to make the selfless decision to donate their organs and tissue upon death. However, he believed that the biggest barrier is that most people do not let their family members know about their choice to donate. He noted that if only person just lets their family knows, about their wishes, countless number of lives can be

My father was also a very spiritual person. He once was able to ask one a spiritual leader his thoughts on the subject of organ and tissue donation. We all remember the spark and happiness in my Dad's eyes, when this spiritual leader, declared that organ and tissue donation is "the best gift anyone can give to their fellow man or woman."

It has been difficult for us to move on without my father here. Each day, I still expect him to walk through the door. However, I feel comfort in knowing that the gift of sight my father gave helps justify the passion he had all those years on how organ and tissue donation really is the best service we can provide to others. That passion has now been passed down to me.

#### **ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK**

NJ Sharing Network is the federally designated non-profit organization responsible recovering organs and tissue for the nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents currently waiting for a lifesaving transplant. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization is part of the national recovery system, serving the 110,000 people on the national waiting list. NJ Sharing Network was selected by NJBiz as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for the third consecutive year. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.





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#### Off the Shelf Book Club (Zoom)

Thurs., June 16 at 7:00 pm
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Sarah Blake.

### Hilton Readers Book Discussion Group (In person)

Monday, June 27 at 6:00 pm

Members discuss their favorite books and authors and new members are always welcome.

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### Great Storms of the Jersey Shore (Zoom) Wed., June 29 at 7:00 pm

Author Scott Mazzella shares dramatic personal accounts from storm survivors from the earliest recorded storms through Superstorm Sandy.



## FOURTEEN VOLUNTEERS SWORN IN AS ADVOCATES FOR LOCAL FOSTER YOUTH

CASA of Union County

The latest classes of community members to step up and train as advocates for Union County foster youth have officially taken their oath before Union County Superior Court Judge Lara DiFabrizio and become the newest volunteers with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County.

Since 2005, the nonprofit has recruited, trained, supported and supervised nearly 600 community volunteers to advocate for more than 950 such youth, protecting best interests and ensuring needs are met in the courtroom, classroom and community. As caseworkers, foster placements and schools can change frequently, CASA volunteers often are the only consistent, caring adult in a youth's corner, helping ensure already experienced trauma is not exacerbated as youth await permanency in a safe and loving home.

Judge DiFabrizio presided over two swearingin ceremonies via Zoom and, prior to asking each to repeat their oath "to protect, respect, and report," she shared appreciation and gratitude for the new advocates' desire to make a lasting positive impact on youth in the community. "I like to thank CASA volunteers who take on this very important role. You do this because you want to make a difference in a child's life and make the world a better place. The court is grateful and thankful. You have a special opportunity to seriously help a child and family live and succeed. You're part of the village now."

The 14 new CASA volunteers are Jackie

Parker and Lynda Sun Lee of Berkeley Heights; Loretta Masterson and Katherine (Katie) Rabiecki of Cranford; Dina Ghazi of Kearny; Ana Gutierrez of Basking Ridge; Janae Bunn of Linden; Julia Dranishnikov and Tamiah Chester of Scotch Plains; Philip Ross of Summit; Lila Monroe and Mark Papa of Roselle; and Robert Mallard and Roya Enayati Basu of Union. Next, each advocate will be matched to a youth or sibling set, and begin putting their 30-hour training into practice.

Anyone passionate about making a difference in a child's life can apply to volunteer; there is no prior experience or special background needed to serve as an advocate. Each undergoes a thorough training process and is supported by CASA staff throughout their work. Successful advocates have varied life experiences and these classes are no exception, as professional backgrounds include education, business, social work, law, and health management.

Upon being court-ordered to a case, CASA volunteers have access to the youth's foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists, and teachers and, through regular child visits, identify and report to the judge any concerns and needs. CASA of Union County is the only nonprofit serving as extra eyes and ears for local judges hearing cases of youth from birth to age 21 in the child welfare system.

To learn more about CASA of Union County, secure a seat in an upcoming training class, and for other ways to Change a Child's Story, contact info@casaofunioncounty.org.



The 14 new CASA volunteers includes Robert Mallard and Roya Enayati Basu of Union.





#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO "BUILD DIGNITY FOR ALL"**

St. Joseph Social Service Center

St. Joseph Social Service Center, one of the largest social service agencies in Union County, has launched a \$1,200,000 capital campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to improve and expand services for families and children in need in Elizabeth and to fulfill its vision to serve the homeless and poor with compassion and dignity.

Even before the pandemic, St. Joseph's witnessed a rise in demand for services. This trend stretched the capacity of the agency's facilities and created challenges for staff and volunteers. Spaces intended for one purpose needed to be used for multiple programs. Temporary storage units for food and clothing were placed on site. The increase in clients led to lines extending into the neighborhood, a particular concern during inclement weather. The parking lot and access streets became congested and overwhelmed with vehicles arriving to drop off and pick up food, clothing and supplies. And then the pandemic hit, leading to a spike in client demand, exacerbating all these problems.

"Dignity has been a core value of the agency since our founding in 1983," noted Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director. "Our goal is to help people acquire the material items they need to live with dignity. We believe that it is vital for our clients to receive food, clothing, supplies and support services in an environment that fosters dignity, where the homeless and poor are truly welcomed as brothers and sisters. In order to

achieve this goal and expand and improve the prescription assistance, health screenings, mental services we offer, we have developed a vision for a remodeled campus. Our vision is to construct a new building on our property where it will be possible to create a client choice food pantry with hours by appointment; to construct a second new building for the donation and distribution of clothing and home goods; to reconfigure and pave our lot to make it easier to pick up and drop off items and to reduce traffic on the surrounding streets; and to renovate space in our former church building, parish hall and house on site to improve the ability of St. Joseph's and The Elizabeth Coalition House the Homeless, our sister agency, to provide support services."

"St. Joe's has been open six days a week throughout the pandemic" stated Harold Kessler, President of the Board of Trustees. "We have never missed a day. Our staff and volunteers have placed the needs of the community in Elizabeth ahead of their own health and well-being. It's been extraordinary." Six days a week a dedicated team of volunteers, numbering in the thousands, makes sandwiches for the hungry in their kitchens in Westfield, Cranford, Basking Ridge and dozens of other communities, bring food, clothing and home goods, serve meals at the soup kitchen and help with the operations of the agency. St. Joseph's provides over 250,000 meals per year. In addition, the organization provides area residents with clothing, household items, health counseling, job training and case management.

To learn more about St. Joseph's please visit sjeliz.org. Members of the community who would like to support the capital campaign are welcome to contact Executive Director Bernadette Murphy at 908-354-5456 or at BMurphy@sjeliz.org.

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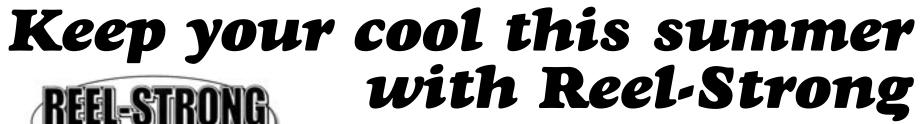
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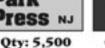


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(above) 4-man Eureka Timberline tents will be among the previously-owned camping gear available from Boy Scout Troop 23 during the city-wide garage sale on Saturday, June 11. The Scouts will have gear for sale in the parking lot of St. Genevieve's Church, on Livingston Road at Princeton Road, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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