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The Summit High School (SHS) Theatre Arts program will present the dramatic comedy, *She Kills Monsters*, Young Adventurers Edition, for their fall play on November 17, 18, and 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium.

One of the most widely produced plays in colleges and high schools, *She Kills Monsters* explores themes of grief and loss, bullying, friendship, female empowerment, and acceptance of others who are often marginalized.

After the death of her younger sister, Tilly, Agnes, a high school senior, discovers a Dungeons and Dragons notebook in Tilly's room. In an effort to connect to her sister, Agnes enters the world she once mocked. She finds herself catapulted into an imaginary and mystic world that was her sister's comfort place. In this dramatic comedy, filled with creatures, sword fights, and pop culture, acclaimed playwright Qui Nguyen offers a heart-pounding journey that ignites the warrior within us all.

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APHASIA COMMUNICATION GROUP OFFERED

The Adler Aphasia Center is currently offering an Aphasia Communication Group for stroke and brain injury survivors with aphasia in Scotch Plains, NJ. This group provides those diagnosed with aphasia an opportunity to socialize with others who share similar experiences, provide tips to communicate more effectively, and time to practice communication skills in a natural environment. Aphasia is a language disorder caused by stroke or other brain injury. It affects spoken language, reading, and writing, but does not affect one's intellect.

This group is facilitated by a licensed speech language pathologist and is offered two Fridays of each month for two hours. A person with aphasia may join the group at any time but must pre-register. There is a nominal charge, but we never turn people away for lack of funds, we offer scholarships to those who are not able to pay \$80 for eight sessions.

To learn more about this communication group and to pre-register, please contact Gretchen Szabo, M.A., CCC-SLP at 551-287-2238 or email gszabo@adleraphasiacenter.org.

Adler Aphasia Center, a non-profit organization with three full-service facilities based in Maywood, West Orange, and Toms River, NJ and Aphasia Communication Groups located throughout the state, is an innovative, post-rehabilitative program that addresses the long-term needs of people with aphasia and their families. Aphasia is a communication disorder

that impairs the expression and understanding of spoken language, reading, and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or other brain injury. It affects a person's ability to communicate, but not his or her intellect. This communication disorder affects 40% of all stroke and brain trauma survivors. The Center is considered a world leader in long-term, post-rehab community-based care for people with aphasia. With 2.5 million people diagnosed with aphasia in the U.S., the Center is the only one of its kind in NJ, an area with an estimated 70,000 people living with aphasia. For more information about the Center's programs and services in Maywood, West Orange, or Toms River, NJ, or for information about the Center's Aphasia Communication Groups in Bridgewater, Haddonfield, Hammonton, Maywood, Monroe, Scotch Plains, Toms River, Virtual Spanish Speaking Group and Virtual NJ Group, visit their website at adleraphasiacenter.org or call 201-368-8585

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 **Charles Sherrick**
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I have been at Spring Grove for a few weeks now, they have exceptional service and excellent staff. All the nurses have been professional and attentive to all my needs. I never thought a rehab center can have such a beautiful layout and well put together. The newly renovated room I have stayed in, is up to date and extremely clean. The therapy staff have gone above my expectations with their expertise and getting me to where I am today. Alyssa the social worker has gone above and beyond with all her assignments.

Thank you Spring Grove.

 **Chrissy Sloan**
★★★★★

The nursing staff and administration is professional, patient, attentive and understanding. The facilities are very clean and well maintained. My parents room is always clean and tidy. Although it was a difficult decision to make relocating my folks from a home environment to a senior living facility, Spring Grove made my decision easy.

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UKRAINE, A JOURNEY: Q&A WITH MARK DI IONNO AT LIBRARY



(above) Reporter Mark Di Ionno will speak on Wednesday, November 30, from 7:00- 8:30 p.m., at the Summit Free Public Library.

Courtesy photo

NOVEMBER 8 GENERAL ELECTION LOCALS

The General Election is on Tuesday, November 8. Polls will be open from 6AM to 8PM. A list of Summit Wards and Districts is available on the city website at cityofsummit.org/elections.

SUMMIT POLLING LOCATIONS:

- Ward 1 District 1 at Summit Community Center, Investor's Bank Gym on 100 Morris Avenue.
- Ward 1 District 3, 4, 5, 6 at Lincoln Hubbard School gym on 52 Woodland Avenue.
- Ward 1 District 2, 11, 12 at Summit High School Auxiliary Gym on 125 Kent Place Boulevard.
- Ward 1 District 7, 8, 9, 10 at Washington School gym on 507 Morris Avenue.
- Ward 2 District 1, 2, 3 at Summit Community Center, Investor's Bank Gym on 100 Morris Avenue.
- Ward 2 District 4, 6, 7 at Summit Middle School on 272 Morris Avenue, gym entrance on Summit Avenue (Handicap accessible entrance on Oakland Place).
- Ward 2 District 5 and 10 at Cornog Field House on 5 Myrtle Avenue.
- Ward 2 District 8 at Vito A. Gallo Senior Building, Community Room, 12 Chestnut Ave. Broad St entrance.
- Ward 2 District 11 at St. John's Lutheran Church on 587 Springfield Avenue, Hinman Hall.
- Ward 2 District 9, 12, 13 at Franklin School on 136 Blackburn Road.
Entrance to gym on Warwick Road.

For more information on the General Election visit cityofsummit.org/elections or contact the City Clerk's Office at 908-273-6400.

Reporter Mark Di Ionno spent most of the summer in Ukraine volunteering to bring needed supplies to people affected by the Russo-Ukrainian war. On Wednesday, November 30, from 7:00- 8:30 p.m., he will speak at the Summit Free Public Library and discuss some of the people he met and the journeys he took.

Di Ionno went to Poland during the first weeks of the war to assist Ukrainian refugees fleeing Russia's missile attacks and military advances. He was in Ukraine for the majority of Summer 2022, delivering supplies to both refugees and to the Ukrainian military, often very close to the Russian border.

Di Ionno was raised in Summit. He was a longtime columnist at The Star-Ledger and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist in news commentary in 2013 for his coverage of Hurricane Sandy and other local events and issues. He is a six-time winner of the New Jersey Press Association

Award for column writing.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with HomeTowne Television and Mark Di Ionno to bring a discussion based on his recent experiences in Ukraine to the community," said Amy Behr Shields, Director of the Summit Free Public Library. "The Library strives to bring programs that allow for public discourse about current events, and this collaboration does just that."

The program will be held in the Liss Meeting Room on the library's lower level, and later broadcast on HomeTowne Television. This event will feature a Q&A, where participants can ask questions directly with Di Ionno.

This program is co-sponsored by HomeTowne Television and the Summit Free Public Library.

To attend, visit the Library's website at summitlibrary.org, or call the Library at 908-273- 0350, option 3.

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APPLE PIE “BAKE-OFF” WINNER ANNOUNCED

Summit Downtown, Inc. (SDI) once again hosted another Sunday Funday at the Summit Farmers Market on October 9. These events are always popular with customers at the Market as they show off the talent of many local amateur bakers like those who participated this time in the Apple Pie “Bake-off”.



Courtesy photo

(above) Kylie Freeman won first in Farmers Market Apple Pie contest. The winning recipe can be found on the Summit Downtown, Inc.

Coming in first place was Kylie Freeman, a 14-year-old resident of New Providence who frequents the Summit Farmers Market and is a sophomore theatre major at APA. The judges had a hard time choosing between what they described as all really delicious entries. The first-place recipe can be found on the SDI website.

Summit Downtown, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the ongoing development and promotion of the business community in downtown Summit, NJ.

Apple Pie Recipe

By: Kylie Freeman Papple

Papple Pie Crust Ingredients: 1 cup of butter, 2 ½ cup flour, 1 tablespoon sugar, 6 tablespoon ice water, 1 tablespoon salt

Cut butter into ½ in cubes, then mix all dry ingredients (including sugar) in a large bowl. Add in cubed butter and Squish with fingers until there

is a texture of grainy sand, then add in ice water 1 tablespoon at a time until dough just sticks together when pinched. Roll dough into a ball and chill before using.

Papple Pie Filling Ingredients: 3 large granny smith apples, 2 Bartlett pears, 1 heaping teaspoon of cinnamon, 1/8 teaspoon of nutmeg, zest and juice of one lemon, ½ cup of brown sugar, +1/2 cup white sugar

Wash and peel apples and pears, then slide them into ½ inch slices. Put in large bowl and add lemon (juice & zest), the 2 sugars, nutmeg, and cinnamon.

Cut pie crust in 2 and roll both out, put one in pie tin, and cut the other into long strips. Poke holes in bottom of pie crust and cover with a layer of brown sugar. Put filling in and cover with lattice, then bake for 55 minutes at 400 degrees.

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The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is asking area residents to support the vital, life-saving services it provides for the Summit community in its 2022 annual fundraising appeal. Requests for tax-deductible donations to directly fund its operations were mailed to homeowners and businesses in Summit.

While many towns have been forced to hire paid Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units, Summit remains one of the exceptions with its team of full-time, dedicated Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) volunteers, many of whom are Summit residents. Founded in 1962 and celebrating 60 years of service, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad responds to more than 2,100 calls a year. All services are provided free

of charge and funded entirely through private donations.

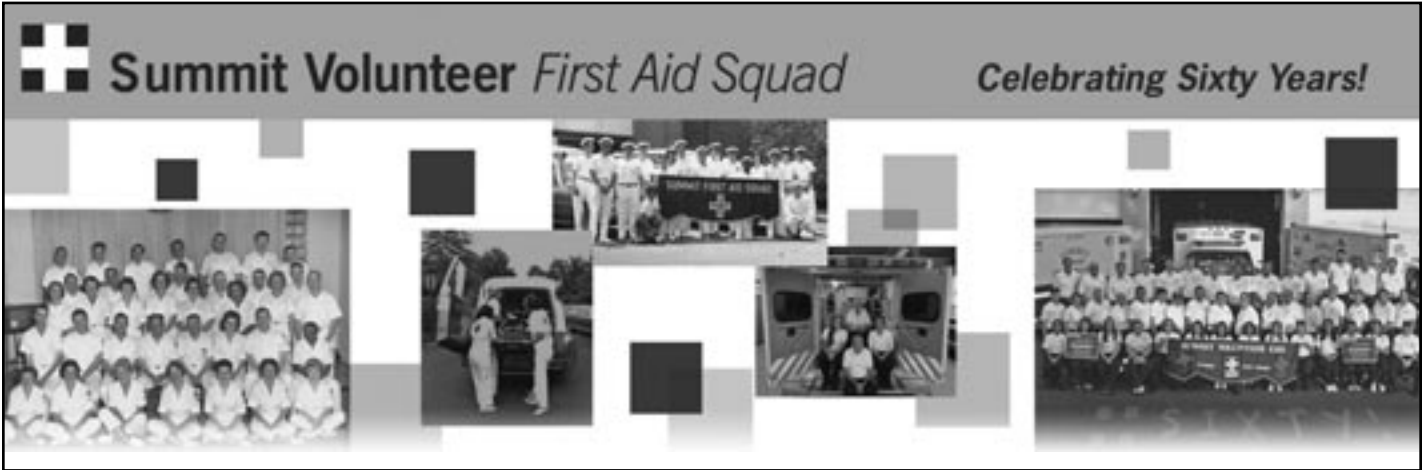
“Our annual fundraising appeal was recently mailed by to all homes and businesses in Summit,” explains Squad President Kevin Caropreso. “During our 60-year history, the squad has evolved to meet the changing needs of this community while our mission remains constant: to provide highly-skilled emergency medical care and transportation to individuals and families free of charge. Now we need your support to continue our essential work. Please help us with a donation today.”

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad is not a city agency and receives no funding from the municipality; it relies solely on private donations

to fund the purchase of medical supplies, equipment, and for professional training of its members. The First Aid Squad has no paid staff and provides all its services for free. In addition to its 65 adult members, the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad includes 20 junior members, high school students ages 16 and older that assist in emergency calls.

To donate online, visit the Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad website at summitems.org or call 908-277-9479.

The Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, Inc. is an independent non-profit corporation dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS), non-emergency ambulance transportation, and safety training to the Summit community.



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After a 3 year delay because of the pandemic, Lodge Linne #429 VOA will once again be sponsoring their annual Import Sale on Saturday, November 19, 2022. The 42nd annual Scandinavian Import and Gift Sale will be held at Salt Brook School, 40 Maple St, New Providence, NJ (off Springfield Ave.). The sale will be open to the public between 10:00 a.m. and

3:00 p.m. and is handicapped accessible. Admission is free.

The sale will feature a variety of traditional holiday and everyday Scandinavian items made from silver, amber, wood, paper, wool, straw, and other materials. These gift and handicraft items are either manufactured in one of the Nordic countries or are designed in a Scandinavian style or motif and manufactured elsewhere.

Many of the traditional Scandinavian decorating items will be offered, including a large variety of elf-like tomten, Jul Bock or straw goats in many sizes, and many Christmas ornaments. Among paper items for sale will be a wide selection of advent calendars, including those filled with chocolate candy, Carl Larsson calendars, Christmas cards, and stationary. An assortment of table linens will be available including runner fabric by the yard for both Christmas and everyday use. For the home one will find trays, baking needs, aprons, knives, Danish wrought iron candleholders, and wooden candleholders for Christmas and general use. Personal items will include lovely sweaters from Dale of Norway for men and women in both cardigan and pullover styles. The jewelry department is selling necklaces, earrings, and pins.

We will be selling a large variety of Scandinavian baked goods, such as limpa bread, coffee braids, and pastries. Imported foods that

will be sold are cheeses such as authentic Farmer's cheese, several types of herring, lingonberries, cloudberry, and various chocolates and marzipan. Scandinavian pastries will be served throughout the day. Drawings for door prizes will be held frequently during the day.

The location of the sale is easily reached by taking either route 24 to Summit or route 78 to New Providence. Springfield Avenue is also known as route 512. The school is also a 5-minute walk from the New Providence Railroad Station on the Summit/Gladstone line from New York City.

Lodge Linne #429 Vasa Order of America is a non-profit organization originally for individuals of Scandinavian descent. However, now membership has been opened up to people who are interested in Nordic heritage and culture. For further information about membership contact Vibeke (908-646-0425) or Judy (908-464-0139). The lodge meets on the third Friday of the month at Faith Lutheran Church, 524 South St., in New Providence.

Proceeds from the Import Sale benefit many organizations and charities such as First Aid Squads, Summit Speech School, Sage, Bling Foundation, a New Providence High School scholarship, and annually we sponsor a New Providence girls softball team.

Admission is free. Only checks and cash are accepted.

THANKSGIVING RECYCLING COLLECTION

There is a modified recycling collection for the week of Thanksgiving holiday. Recycling collection on Monday 11/21, Tuesday 11/22, and Wednesday 11/23 is unaffected and will continue as planned. There is no recycling collection on Thursday 11/24. Thursday collection will be pushed to Friday 11/25 and Friday collection will be pushed to Saturday 11/26.

Recycling items should be placed at the curb by 6AM the morning of your pickup, or the night before. Please use the SeeClickFix app or the Report a Concern module on the city website to report missed pickups:

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HOLIDAY BOOK SALE – SAT., DEC. 3

Get into the holiday spirit with a visit to the holiday book sale fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Library of the Chathams, 214 Main Street, Chatham, on Saturday, December 3. There will be a large selection of beautiful children's and adult "giftable" books with holiday themes, best sellers, DVDs, puzzles and games for all ages. You

are sure to find just the right thing for the people on your list. Masks are optional and it would be helpful if customers brought their own bags.

The sale is made possible by the Friends of the Library of the Chathams and the many generous donations from the Chatham community. Come, shop and join in the fun!

PROVIDING BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES FOR 14TH YEAR

Christ Child Society

Just a week before the start of school, the Christ Child Society of Summit was able to provide more than 360 Summit students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch brand new backpacks prefilled with school supplies. For many families in Summit, it is difficult to afford the high cost of the many school supplies needed each year. Providing these items can alleviate some expenses that can be utilized instead for food, rent, or other necessities.

Distribution of the backpacks took a concerted

effort of over 50 volunteers from Christ Child Society, Summit students, and the Elks Club of Summit.

Thanks to generous donations from the Elks Club of Summit, the Summit Luminary Fund, and the Christ Child Society of Summit, the program has served the Summit community for 14 years.

The Christ Child Society is a non-profit association of volunteers dedicated to serving at-risk children in the area. For further information, please visit christchildsummit.org.

OFFICER KAREN STENSTROM SAUERS

The Summit Police Department, City of Summit Fire Department, Summit PBA Local #55, Summit FMBA #54, Summit Volunteer First Aid Squad, and city officials are raising awareness about the immediate need for a living donor kidney transplant for Summit Police Officer Karen Stenstrom Sauers.

A loving wife and mom to three, Karen grew up in Summit and is a 1989 graduate of Summit High School. As a police officer, she has faithfully served the City of Summit and its citizens for the past 20 years. At age 24, she was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease - now she needs a kidney transplant to survive.

Please visit cityofsummit.org/police to learn more about Officer Sauers and the process of kidney donation.



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This year's Santa Claus Shop will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Avenue in Summit. Families will be offered shopping hours by invitation only during the first week of December.

The Santa Claus Shop is chaired by Summit residents Sarah Fitzsimmons, Kristen Goldman, Kiera Mathey and Katie Mucci and co-chaired by Elizabeth Somerlot, Katie Orr, Alison MacMillan and Michelle Kalmanson. The Santa Claus Shop exists solely on donations and volunteers. With

the monetary donations from area residents, local organizations and businesses, the Santa Claus Shop can purchase the gifts that allow less fortunate neighbors to experience the joy of holiday giving without financial burden.

To keep the holiday spirit alive for local residents in need, the Santa Claus Shop chairwomen ask for members of the community to consider giving. Checks can be made payable to SHIP, with Santa Claus Shop noted on the check's memo line, and mailed to the Santa Claus Shop, P.O. Box 119, Summit, NJ 07901. The ability to make an online donation is also available at summitsantaclausshop.com.

If you would like to find out more information or get involved please visit our website or follow us on Facebook at Santa Claus Shop - Summit, NJ and Instagram - @santa_claus_shop_summit.



(above) The Santa Claus Shop will open for its 56th year this December. The Shop serves more than 400 low-income families and senior citizens from Summit, New Providence, Berkeley Heights and other local communities.

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(above, l-r) ANJEC Executive Director Jennifer Coffey and Summit Environmental Commission Chair Donna Goggin Patel.



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Eight members of the City of Summit Fire Department attended the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland, on October 8 and 9, 2022, to honor the 148 firefighters who died in the line of duty in 2021.

Thousands of fire department members from across the country were in attendance, including Summit Fire Chief Eric Evers, Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo, Lieutenant Chris Dorko, Lieutenant Brian Harnois, Firefighter Chris Esposito, Firefighter Matthew Lemons, Retired Deputy Chief Rick DeGroot, and Retired Battalion Chief Joe Wurtzbacher from the Summit Fire Department. The department was one of six teams that helped to set up stages, tables, tents, and other equipment earlier in the week for the main event on October 8 and 9.

The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation invites the families of the honorees to attend the event and pays for their accommodations for the weekend. The event featured counseling sessions, family activities, and a candlelight service and vigil on Saturday, October 8. The memorial

service was held on Sunday, October 9, during which the families of the honorees were presented with a flag and badge for their fallen firefighter. Each firefighter's name is added to a plaque that is placed at the memorial located on the Foundation's campus, where the memorial weekend takes place.

"The Summit Fire Department has been attending the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend for over 20 years," explains Fire Chief Eric Evers. "We are honored to attend and be part of this special event to honor the fallen firefighters for their service and dedication to their communities. It is very inspiring to see how many other departments from around the country come to give their time and support to make this event happen. The National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is a truly wonderful organization, and we are happy to support them and this event each year."

Visit firehero.org to learn more about the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the memorial weekend event. Visit cityofsummit.org/fire to learn more about the Summit Fire Department.



(above, l-r) Summit Fire Department members pictured are Retired Battalion Chief Joe Wurtzbacher, Lieutenant Brian Harnois, Firefighter Matthew Lemons, Firefighter Chris Esposito, Deputy Chief Paul Imbimbo, Lieutenant Chris Dorko, Fire Chief Eric Evers, and Retired Deputy Chief Rick DeGroot.

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With many cast members from all over Union County and beyond, Shining Stars Network has been producing live programming for the special needs community for ten years.

This year's Christmas Spectacular marks the return of the Shining Stars to one of the most beautiful theaters in New Jersey and will feature 35 special needs cast members and their volunteer buddies from local high schools, who serve as mentors to the cast during rehearsals.

Two previous Shining Stars shows at UCPAC drew more than 1,000 audience members for each performance, and already, the buzz is building in the community.

"We're so excited to ring in the holiday season," noted Shining Stars Network co-founder and President Mike Curci. "Our stars are ready to share their smiles, energy and amazing talents with everyone. This will be a great way to cap off our 10th anniversary celebration."

"We strongly believe in creating an inclusive environment for our cast, and our buddies are an integral part of the Shining Stars experience," noted Shining Stars co-founder and director Sally Curci. "We are so excited to bring a new show to the stage and cannot wait to connect with our incredible audience again to celebrate the holiday

season."

Shining Stars Network is wrapping up a big year, which included their annual "Evening of Shining Stars" Spring Show, Summer Performing Arts Workshop, and their successful Paper Mill Playhouse debut performing in front of a sold-out audience at the Paper Mill Brook Side Cabaret.

"Shining Stars Network is not only about

performing, but more importantly we're about building self-confidence and self-esteem," said Shining Stars co-director Nicole Greene. "Our cast members are not only talented, but inspire us every day, and we are all very excited about taking the stage again to share another magical night with the audience."

Tickets are on sale now at UCPAC.org. For groups of 10 or more, email shiningstarsnetwork@gmail.com.

The night will also feature a Tricky Tray and 50/50 raffle. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

Shining Stars Network is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization based in Cranford, N.J. that offers opportunities in the performing arts for the special needs community.

Plans for the 2023 season include their 2nd "Reach for the Stars" Gale, set for March 14 at the elegant Park Chateau Estate & Gardens in East Brunswick.

For more information on Shining Stars Network or to make a donation, please visit shiningstarsnetwork.org.



(above) The Shining Stars will take the stage for their 2022 "Christmas Spectacular" on Friday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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“We know that Ray will bring great value to our board both in terms of his finance knowledge and his commitment to our students,” said Margaret Momber, Executive Director of Student/Partner Alliance, “Ray has already stepped up to serve as a mentor to one of our freshmen students. We are thrilled to have him join our board.”

Student/Partner Alliance provides tuition assistance and mentoring to private high school students in New Jersey’s urban areas of Essex, Hudson and Union counties.

ABOUT STUDENT/PARTNER ALLIANCE

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To learn more about the role mentoring plays in our community and to find volunteer opportunities with us visit studentpartneralliance.org. If you would like to learn more about our program, please contact Laura DeGennaro, Director of Marketing and Communications at ldegennaro@studentpartneralliance.org.



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To accomplish this, our charity has joined forces with the NJ VFW. We work together on numerous outreach events that are dedicated to help veterans and their families. Also, we built relationships with the NJ National Guard, NJ American Legion, NJ SOS Stakeholders, Catholic Charities, NJ RWB, Backpacks For Life, Rebuilding Warriors, NJ Elks, Branchburg Rotary Club, and many other organizations. These partnerships are vital to help our veterans, and we are extremely lucky to have so

many dedicated organizations putting veterans first.

What makes the NJVN different is that we are able to provide veterans various services because of our strong network. Our Team is comprised of people from all over the state with different skillsets and this gives us an edge when it comes to helping veterans with their unique needs. Through the NJVN veterans have access to volunteers from all different professions, like lawyers, mechanics, service officers and physical therapists. Our volunteers do their very best to help assist veterans and their family members. We are the unit or detachment that provides the veteran a new purpose and empowers them to help others. We believe "Paying it Forward" is the best way to help veterans get in a better place and motivates them to live a better way of life.

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The Flintlocks meet every Thursday at Camp Winnebago, Rockaway, NJ, all year round. They are organized as a 501c3 non profit corporation. All of the members are registered with the BSA. They provide a variety of skilled services to the Council. They have built cabins, picnic tables, painted the dining hall, built the archery range, built all the structures at the waterfront, financed, built and equipped the STEM Lab at Allamuchy Scout Reservation, repaired damage to camp structures, etc. In addition to building structures

and doing repairs and maintenance, they also volunteer at many Council activities throughout the year. More than half of the Flintlocks have been awarded the Silver Beaver or have received other Council and National Awards. They typically provide approximately 5,000 hours of volunteer skilled labor every year. Previous years were interrupted by COVID shutdowns, and the camps were not operational some summers, but now the Flintlocks are all vaccinated and have been back to work. The Council most recently opened the summer Scout camps again, and the Flintlocks have brought them up to code to receive campers.

The Officers and Trustees elected for the coming year are as follows: John Koneski, President; George Van Dyke, Vice President; Michael Hart, Secretary; Russ Jenkins, Treasurer; Bob Pysher, Chair of the Trustees; Ted Marquardt, Trustee; Bob Germinder, Trustee; and Frank Wallace, Trustee.

Visit the Facebook Page "Flintlocks". Guests are always welcome. For more information contact Secretary Dr. Michael Hart at drmhart@yahoo.com.

INVITE TO VOLUNTEER ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Summit is actively seeking volunteers from the community to serve on several of its boards and commissions.

"Volunteering for the City of Summit is a very rewarding experience and allows residents to make a lasting impact on our community," explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. "If you are passionate about helping to make Summit a better place to live and work, I urge you to volunteer."

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

The deadline to apply is November 18, 2022. A complete list of boards and commissions can be found on the city website at cityofsummit.org/volunteer. Residents can apply now using the online portal. Please contact the City Clerk's Office at 908-273-6400 with any questions.



(above) Flintlocks pictured during their Annual meeting.

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ROB DENSEN RECOGNIZED BY ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND NEW YORK

Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) New York hosted an in-person Tower of Hope Gala on October 27, 2022, at The Harmonie Club in New York. The honorees included Summit Resident Rob Densen, Founder and CEO, Tiller, LLC, ICRF International Vice Chair and Past President. Densen received the Leadership honor.

The other awardees were Inspiration Honoree Arnold Baskies, MD, Surgical Oncologist and Former Chairman, American Cancer Society, ICRF International Vice President, International Treasurer of ICRF, and Partnership Honoree Ambassador Asaf Zamir, Consul General of Israel in New York.

Actor and Comedian Jason Alexander, 2020 ICRF Tower of Hope recipient, was the evening's Honorary Chair. In accepting this honor, Alexander said: "I am thankful and humbled to be serving as Honorary Tribute Chair for this year's Gala. I hope that my participation will help call attention to the urgent need to support the brilliant, world-class work being done in cancer

labs across the State of Israel. Help bring us closer to the day when no deserving research proposal goes unfunded. We must never give up in the fight to eliminate this cruel, relentless, life-threatening scourge on humankind."

Rob Densen, who has been a staunch supporter of ICRF for more than seven years, has also engaged in a wide range of efforts in support of cancer research including creation of the James Sivertsen Pediatric Cancer Research Award at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, establishment of the Targeting a Cure for Lung Cancer initiative at the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, and establishment and implementation with his daughter Arielle of Leaders of the Lung Cancer Free World, a national lung cancer awareness and advocacy campaign that played a critical role in support of the enactment of the Recalcitrant Cancer Research Act of 2012. Professionally, Rob is the CEO of Tiller, LLC, a leading cause marketing and strategic philanthropy consultancy which has

advanced the public's understanding of a range of issues including the financial empowerment of minority girls and women, the foster care crisis, child abuse, childhood grief, and intimate partner violence.

Upon learning of his Leadership award, Densen noted, "It has been my honor to be associated with this wonderful organization and to support the truly groundbreaking work of Israel's world-class scientists. But the real honor should be reserved for the hundreds of brilliant scientists working tirelessly and without applause and acclamation in labs across Israel to better understand this dreadful disease and lead us to cures and life-extending treatments. When it comes to funding cancer research, I believe there are few better values than ICRF."

"At the Tower of Hope gala, we will be honoring three towering figures in their chosen fields of endeavor," said Alan Herman, New York Executive Director. "We are looking forward to coming out in-person to pay tribute to these worthy honorees and to express our gratitude on this special occasion."

For more information, please contact Alan Herman, Tel. 212-969-9800, ext.225, icrfonline.org/nygalasponsor.

ABOUT ICRF

Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) supports Israeli scientists making major breakthroughs in cancer research. To date, ICRF has funded over 2,700 grants totaling more than \$87 million to scientists at leading Israeli institutions. ICRF-funded research has been the basis for many innovations in the fight against cancer from lifesaving drugs like Velcade to 3D bio printed cancer models. ICRF grantees continue to be at the forefront of cancer discoveries in nano medicine, immunotherapy, stem cell research, and targeted therapies.



(above) Summit Resident Rob Densen received the Leadership honor from Israel Cancer Research Fund New York at the Tower of Hope Gala on October 27, 2022.

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