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## A HELPING HAND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

*Submitted by Taylor Mason*

There is no lack of support when it comes to being neighborly in Mountainside but this team takes it to a new level. From cleaning out attics and moving furniture to participating in charity work, Mountainside youth can usually find different ways to help out. Anthony Zacieracha, a junior at Governor Livingston High School, took this concept one step further.

Anthony moved from Springfield, NJ to Mountainside at the age of three and attended Deerfield Elementary and Middle School before moving on to Governor Livingston. He noticed many people asking for help on the town's Facebook page, Mountainside Matters. Anthony believed it was a great opportunity for him to be an active member of the local community while simultaneously helping people in need. "I found a need to start this business after I saw many people in town asking for a teenager who can do tasks for them," he said. In doing a multitude of jobs including spring cleanups, furniture assistance, mulching, and more, Anthony created the business called Helping Hand Buddies.

With the business he created, he was able to organize his work and have residents of the town be able to reach out comfortably to a local teen and have confidence that their tasks would be completed in a precise and efficient manner. Creating this business was a huge step for him in his high school career, for his schedule got more crowded as the business grew. With so much interest and word-of-mouth around town, Anthony needed more help and thought it would be fun to include his friends in the jobs. He hired some students from Governor Livingston to assist him in the tasks he was hired to do and fill in when he was not able to work.

Anthony states, "I have engaged others to help out, as I bring many people to work with me, including local friends who attend volunteer events with me." Helping Hand Buddies has helped out in numerous charitable events such as Relay for Life, which was actually the very first time Anthony worked under the name of the business. With the assistance of several friends, Anthony set up the majority of the event in under four hours, which showed his extreme efficiency for an event of that level. Anthony and a few friends also helped set up for the play at their former middle school, Deerfield; a process that took multiple days and a good deal of effort from the boys.

The business has grown into a fun hobby and interest that Anthony and his friends have grown very committed to. Andrew Gamboa, another junior at Governor Livingston High School and a primary helper for Helping Hand Buddies, said he enjoyed working for the business, and claimed "I am very grateful for all the people who have hired us in the past." The work this team does is undoubtedly efficient, reliable, and of very high quality, as the online reviews for the Helping Hands Buddies business have been nothing but four star praise. One review said "This morning we used Helping Hand Buddies to load up a truck and unload it at a local storage unit. Anthony Zacieracha and Andrew were amazing. On time, quick, and made a task we were dreading so much better. If you have any tasks that you need extra hands for, they were great!"



*(above) Founder Anthony Zacieracha with friend and partner, Andrew Gamboa*

As for the future of Helping Hand Buddies, Anthony claims "I'm hoping to take the business very far, including through my college career because I enjoy what I am doing for me and for my town. I expect it will slow down when I go off to college in another year or so, but I do not intend on stopping the business." Creating this business has changed Anthony's life, as well as provided relief to so many Mountainside residents. Now, people burdened with chores know they have a helpful ally in the Helping Hand Buddies organization whose range of services is broad and growing every day. Anthony's desire to help out the people of his community has only grown since he began this group. As he stated "I do not help people for the money, but for the enjoyment of helping others. I like to help people any chance I can."

To reach the Helping Hands Buddies for a service or event support, please contact Anthony Zacieracha at [Helpinghandbuddies@gmail.com](mailto:Helpinghandbuddies@gmail.com).



*(above, l-r) Helping with Deerfield Play, Path Work*



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*(above, l-r) Scott Daniels, Chairman and Bob Gardella, CARS coordinator, place signs announcing the Mountainside Restoration Committee's Spring CARS vehicle donation drive.*

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(above) Knights, with Rev. Fr. Jevi Hercules, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Mountainside.

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*Submitted by Kenny I.*

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Ms. Rajoppi held the group spellbound with excerpts from that book. She talked of the hard lives new widows tried coping with as best as possible after the loss of their husbands, and/or sons, and brothers in the American War. Most of those present at the meeting were aware of the horrors men and boys faced during that war but little or nothing of the depression, heartaches, and financial hardships the women carried, mostly alone. A Q. & A. period followed with Ms.

Rajoppi answering every question in great detail. This was the last meeting on the M.A.R. schedule until this coming September 11th. Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

from September thru May in the Community Room at Borough Hall, Mountainside, starting at 10am. All Mountainside residents, 55+, are welcome.



(above) Joanne Rajoppi, Union County Clerk and author was the guest speaker at the May 9th meeting of the Mountainside Active Retirees club.



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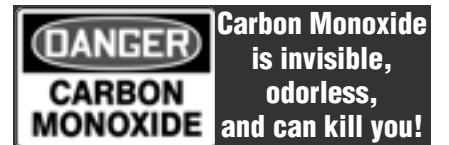
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(above) Ethan with Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Melissa Varley and GLHS Principal  
Rob Nixon.

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School honors senior Ethan Wong.

Ethan is an accomplished student-athlete who has achieved much in his time at Governor Livingston High School. A member of National Honor Society, where he is the Vice President of Tutoring, Ethan is additionally a member of the Athletic Honor Society, as well as Science and French National Honor Societies. He is also a member of Interact Club and the Technology Student Association at GLHS. This past year, following his experience successfully applying to the United States Naval Academy, Ethan began the Service Academy Interest Club at GLHS in hopes of sharing information related to the benefits of attending a service academy, to share information about application requirements, and to develop a support system for future students who are interested in attending a service academy.

Ethan is a 2022 recipient of the Johns Hopkins Book Award for intellectual and moral aspiration, scholarly promise, and strength of character. This past year Ethan was appointed as GLHS’ sole representative to the Junior Board of the Overlook Foundation where he met monthly with the team during the school year and personally raised over \$1,000 for renovations to the Overlook Medical Center’s maternity center. Ethan also attended the Mandarin Learning

Center (Chinese Culture University) in July 2017, a 3-week Chinese study abroad program.

Ethan is a decorated swimmer and has been swimming competitively with the Summit YMCA Swim Team since 2013 and is currently their Senior Captain. At GLHS, Ethan is the Captain of the Varsity Swim Team and a 4-year Varsity Letter Winner. He is the 2023 Union Country Champion in the 100 Butterfly, and held the title of County Champion in the 100 Breaststroke in 2022. Ethan was a member of the Varsity Lacrosse Team for three seasons and is currently on the Varsity Track and Field Team. His passion for swimming has led him to offer countless hours as a Volunteer Coach for the 8 & under team at Summit YMCA Swim Team (Sept. 2021-Present). Ethan works in the summers as an Assistant Coach for the swim team at the Berkeley Heights Community Pool and as a lifeguard.

Ethan is proud of the hard work that led him to be a high achiever at GLHS, noting that it was not always easy and that he particularly found Calculus challenging at the beginning but that with hard work, extra help and diligence he succeeded.

Ethan looks forward to continuing his studies at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland where he will focus on quantitative economics.

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The leadoff speaker on June 6th is distinguished professor Arnold J. Levine who will speak on the Origins and Treatments of Cancer. Professor Levine is a professor emeritus at the Princeton Institute for Advanced Studies.

On June 13th, Judge David Hittner will review his life and experiences as a federal judge, including involvement with Enron litigation, and cases involving gerrymandering, redistricting, and financial fraud.

On June 20 we feature our own Old Guard member Merv Gersten who will talk about his career in traffic and transportation engineering and nearly lifelong hobby of model railroading.

The only June speaker not born in Brooklyn is Gordon Meth, who will review his career as a forensic engineer engaged around the nation as an expert in cases involving pedestrian and vehicle injuries and deaths. Mr. Meth will conclude the June series on Tuesday, June 27th.

Past speakers can be viewed on Facebook, but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 a.m. every Tuesday. “Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends.” We look forward to meeting you.



(above, l-r) Gordon Meth, Professor Arnold Levine, Judge David Hittner, Marv Gersten

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Eat Better

- ☐ Drink AT LEAST 4 Water bottles
- ☐ Have a fruit or veggie with each meal
- ☐ Have nuts instead of chips as a snack
- ☐ Have a source of protein in each meal
- ☐ Take a multivitamin
- ☐ Limit sweets to only one serving

Get stronger

- ☐ Perform 50 bodyweight squats
- ☐ Perform 50 pushups
- ☐ Perform a plank for 60 seconds 3 times
- ☐ Perform 25 vertical jumps
- ☐ Get at least 8 hours of sleep a night

Be Happier

- ☐ Get at least 30 minutes of exercise
- ☐ Do a morning routine that you enjoy
- ☐ Write 5 things that you are grateful for
- ☐ Adopt a Growth Mindset
- ☐ Listen to music whenever you can

Run Faster

- ☐ Do 10 hill sprints
- ☐ Perform 15 Broad Jumps
- ☐ Sprint for 50 yards
- ☐ Perform single leg jumps
- ☐ Perform High Knee Marches

Build Confidence

- ☐ Do something outside of your comfort zone
- ☐ Read a book
- ☐ Practice or spend time on your hobbies
- ☐ Learn a new skill
- ☐ Work towards a new Goal

Be More Active

- ☐ Walk during TV show commercials
- ☐ Schedule exercise time
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- *Christine Stramandinoli, Grit Athlete Parent*
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- *Catherine Solfaro, Grit Athlete Parent*

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The New Jersey Council of Farmers and Communities (NJFCFC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to developing and growing the network of community farmers' markets and farmers throughout northern and central New Jersey.

## IMAGINE WELCOMES NEW FACILITATORS

Imagine trained a wonderful new group of volunteer facilitators recently. The group attended a training from April 1-3 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day.

If you're a high school age youth interested in training to join our team of youth facilitators that co-facilitate Imagine's children's groups, please visit our website at [imagine.nj.org](http://imagine.nj.org) where you'll find a link to register for our training on

September 10th.

Imagine has a current team of 81 incredible volunteers facilitating 36 groups on 5 Nights of Support. We're so grateful for this wonderful team of facilitators who create safe spaces where Imagine's participants can share their stories and receive support following a loss. This amazing community of volunteers is helping Imagine ensure that no one grieves alone.



(above) Imagine's newest group of facilitators Mike D., Morganville; Reenie H., Westfield; Marissa C., Cranford; Nicole H., Maplewood; Maria S., Somerset; Ron F., Summit.

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# 5K CELEBRATION OF LIFE - JUNE 11



### NJ Sharing Network

NJ Sharing Network’s 5K Celebration of Life Walk and USATF Certified Race will be held on Sunday, June 11, at NJ Sharing Network, 691 Central Avenue, New Providence, NJ. The event, which is presented by RWJBarnabas Health and Hackensack Meridian Health, is one of the Garden State’s largest and most-recognized charitable events. It brings together thousands of transplant recipients, donor families, living donors and dedicated volunteers and advocates. Funds raised by event participants, teams, sponsors, and contributors will support the

Sharing Network Foundation.

To sign up to participate in the 5K Celebration of Life or make a contribution to a team, visit [SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K](http://SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K).

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. One organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 others. To learn more, get involved, and join the National Donate Life Registry as an organ and tissue donor, visit [NJSharingNetwork.org](http://NJSharingNetwork.org).



(above) NJ Sharing Network’s 5K Celebration of Life Will Unite Thousands of Organ and Tissue Donation Supporters in New Providence on June 11. To sign up to participate in the 5K Celebration of Life or make a contribution to a team, visit [SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K](http://SharingNetworkFoundation.org/5K).

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(above, l-r) Sister Jacinta Fernandes, Founder and former Executive Director of St. Joseph's for 32 years, places soil in a planter in which a tree will be grown along with Julissa Campos, Vice President of the Board of Trustees.



(above r-l) Debbie Durand and Teresa LaStella, organizers for the groundbreaking event, greet guests at the Welcome Table.

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# ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITIES

More than 100 supporters, partners and community leaders gathered at St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth on April 5 to celebrate the start of construction on the agency's new facilities, which will make it possible for the organization to expand and improve services to residents in need in Elizabeth and to achieve its vision of dignity for all. St. Joseph's is one of the largest social service agencies in Elizabeth and Union County, providing residents with food, clothing, household items, prescription assistance, health screenings, mental health counseling, job training and case management.

There are four components to the new facilities plan. The first is to build a food pantry. This new building will give St. Joseph's a dedicated space, a larger space, and a more functional space to operate its food pantry. Perhaps most importantly, the new building will allow the organization to offer a better food pantry model – an individual choice food pantry. With this model, clients will come at an appointed time and will be able to choose their food. The second project is to construct a clothing and household goods distribution center. Clothing and home goods will be displayed in different sections much like one would find in a retail store. The third project is to renovate the former parish hall and church building on campus to expand and enhance the many support services offered by the agency. The fourth project is to reconfigure and repave the parking lot.

Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director, remarked that the overarching goal of the plan is to "serve our sisters and brothers in need with dignity." At the Groundbreaking Event, she introduced the agency's new logo and tagline, "Connecting Communities – Nourishing Each Other." To fulfill its mission, the agency relies

on 6,000 volunteers who come from schools, community groups, businesses, churches and other houses of worship in five counties in New Jersey. "In addition to serving the hungry, St. Joseph's is also a place that feeds the hunger to serve," stated Murphy. The volunteer program welcomes people of all ages, faiths, abilities and economic circumstances to provide hope and hospitality to their neighbors.

Karen Maher, Board President, thanked the audience for their contributions to the \$1,400,000 capital campaign, which will fund the facilities plan. The agency received support from foundations, businesses, community groups and individuals in Union County and surrounding communities. Lead donors included The Westfield Foundation, The Harold B. and Dorothy A. Snyder Foundation, The Mushett Family Foundation, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation, Robert and Marion Schamann Brozowski Foundation, Columbia Bank, The Hyde and Watson Foundation, E. J. Grassmann Trust, The Tepper Foundation, Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and several individual donors.

Harold "Kess" Kessler, Past Board President and the leader of the capital improvement plan, noted that "construction work will be completed in four phases over the next two years. In the first phase, the new food pantry and clothing distribution center will be built and outfitted and the driveway will be reconfigured and repaved." Kessler stated that the construction work has been planned to ensure that services to the community will not be interrupted. "We are excited to begin a new chapter in St. Joseph's service to the community" noted Murphy.

To learn more about St. Joseph's please visit [sjeliz.org](http://sjeliz.org).

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# NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE

*Michael D. Boll, Director, NJVN*

A few years ago, I was approached by a veteran who is a friend of mine who expressed how extremely depressed he was and that he wanted to take his own life. Initially, I was completely shocked because this guy seemed to be upbeat and happy all the time. Immediately, I asked him to come with me to a private office so we could talk about his awful situation. This was the first time in my life that I had a friend talk to me about suicide, and I knew I had to really do my best to help him get through this horrible ordeal. We spoke for a few hours and I listened closely to everything he said. I was able to convince him to immediately get some help and we went to the hospital. I stayed with him at the hospital and met with him when he was released. I did everything to show my friend that I had his back, and because of this he is alive today. This awful situation inspired me to do whatever I possibly can to help others in need, and shortly after the New Jersey Veteran's Network created our mobile outreach program.

In today's day and age, most of you have known a veteran or first responder who has taken their own life. We lose nearly 22 veterans and approximately 300 first responders every year to suicide. Even with all the awareness and new anti-suicide programs available, this number has not changed, and in some cases has

increased.

The VA hospitals with PTSD and mental health programs are packed with patients and unfortunately, the numbers continue to increase. More of our first responders are also seeking help and are utilizing some of the state programs being offered. So many people want to help and put an end to this crisis, but sadly there isn't a foolproof program available that will stop this ever-growing crisis from destroying our uniformed heroes and their family's lives.

For the last two years, our team has been working tirelessly with other charities to come up with a better solution to help prevent this epidemic from continuing. Personally, we believe our Mobile Outreach Team is really making a difference and everyday it helps our uniformed heroes live a better way of life.

The first thing we learned as a team is that we must lose our ego and seek out other groups and organizations that are looking to save lives. Then we find the right volunteers who are committed and dedicated to being a men-tor to a person in crisis. Volunteers are extremely valuable because they want to be there, and they usually care more than the people who get paid for their services.

To date, we have been able to change and save countless lives because of the incredible commitment from the volunteers and other

supporting groups. In the next few months we are excited to be launching the "Uniformed Heroes Project," which is a statewide peer support/mentorship program for veterans, first responders, and active duty military. This project is a collaboration between the NJ VFW, NJ American Legion, NJ FMBA, PFANJ, NJSPBA, NJ FOP, NJ MAVA, NJ legislators, other military/first responder organizations. The Uniformed Heroes Project will provide peer support training throughout the state for volunteers and host numerous recreational therapy events for our heroes in need.

**ABOUT NEW JERSEY VETERANS NETWORK**

We are a group of veterans and volunteers dedicated to helping our veterans and their families live better lives. Our mission is to identify veterans and connect them with resources and programs designed to meet their unique set of needs. Help us save Vets! We are always looking for volunteers, with various skills, to join the team.

If you are a veteran or family member that's in need of assistance; or are interested in volunteering, would like us to speak at your event, or contribute to our mission, call 973-332-1556 or email [njvn1775@gmail.com](mailto:njvn1775@gmail.com). To learn more about the team please check out our website [njvn.org](http://njvn.org) (accomplishments). Help us save Vets!



(above) New Jersey Veterans Network veterans and volunteers at a recent Memorial Day Parade.







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The Salem Roadhouse Café presents the Stephen Fuller Quintet, Saturday, June 10, 2023. The doors open at 7:15 p.m., the show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes show, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, and dessert. The venue is located in the basement of Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Stephen Fuller's deep rich voice and soulful renditions have long made him a favorite with sophisticated audiences around the world, performing in Israel, Jamaica, Costa Rica and The US Virgin Islands. In addition to his overseas engagements, Fuller has also performed in renowned New York City and New Jersey venues and has opened for both Stevie Wonder and Bill Withers while attending Colgate University.

Stephen will perform at the Roadhouse with his quintet. Last year he did a total calypso show which got the audience totally involved and

thrilled. Stephen has always been top notch entertainment. This show he's working on some special treats for us.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café is live, intimate, up front, and personal. All ages are welcome.

### ABOUT SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ

It's not "church music." It's music music. Folks who've come to the Salem Roadhouse Café know that it's a clean, safe place for people who enjoy listening to live music — in a world otherwise filled with clubs and bars. The Roadhouse has always offered its stage to local and independent mainstream musicians. Jazz, rock, folk, and other groups have performed. What's the common thread? They're all great musicians playing the kind of music people like to hear. There's no message, just music.

The Roadhouse started in 2008 by members of Townley Presbyterian Church with a grant from the Presbytery of Elizabeth. Hey — that's why we're located where we are, 829 Salem Rd,

Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities. That's its social mission.

But the many musicians who've played the Salem Roadhouse Café see it as a solid performance venue. They love it because of its special intimacy and great audiences. They say people here "really listen." Ask any of the musicians you meet here — they love to play the Roadhouse, and they want to come back often.

The Salem Roadhouse Café has raised funds for many carefully chosen charities. They include: The Presbytery of Elizabeth E-port Center, Center For Hope Hospice, Community Food Bank, Monarch Housing, Angel Paws Animal Rescue, National MS Society, Haiti Disaster Relief, Hurricane Sandy Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Making It Possible To End Homelessness, Camp Johnsonburg, The Music Institute, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these deserving charities.

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