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AIDAN BARTH & ABIGAIL FRANCO RECEIVE JR LEAGUE AWARD

The Junior League of Summit (JLS) gave out more than \$37,000 in grants, scholarships and awards at its Annual Dinner on June 19, 2023, at the Madison Hotel Conservatory.

Grants were awarded to St. Andrew's Haven, Bridges, GRACE, Summit Speech School, Chatham Community Food Distribution, Overlook Foundation Healthstart, Imagine and Summit First Aid Squad. The JLS Community Grants Program focused on projects which meet the emerging needs of our communities arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. The program enables the JLS to support other nonprofit organizations creating change in the Summit area.

The Jean Hudson Gano Award was given to Aidan Barth and Abigail Franco of New Providence. The duo co-founded and managed the LINC Resource Pantry which provides food and household items to families in need. This award was established and named in honor of Jean after her early passing in May 1997. Jean's impact on the community was far-reaching and long-lasting - the award is given annually in her memory.

The Shirley Wight Keeney Scholarships were granted to

Madison Ryder and Eli Markowitz of Summit and Alexander Chatterjee of Chatham. Each student demonstrated academic excellence and has shown significant volunteer work that aligns with the JLS mission. Shirley was a beloved member and Past President of the JLS.

The Amanda Parrish Block Grant winner was the Summit Warm Hearts (SWH) program of the Summit Interfaith Council. SWH provided shelter and meals for individuals with nowhere else to turn during the winter months. Each year, the JLS awards this grant based on needs that arise in the community surrounding food insecurity and essential demands. The grant was established in 2017 in honor of JLS member Amanda Parrish Block, founder of Giving and Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials (GRACE).

The Junior League of Summit, Inc. is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer actions, collaboration and training. For more information about the Junior League of Summit, please visit the website at www.jlsummit.org or contact the office at 908-273-7349.

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Submitted by Peter DeSarno

Perhaps it is because I see today due to the generous life changing gifts of two donated corneas, I tend to become very reflective when I collect the donated glasses that are received in the Lions drop box.



(above) The New Providence Lions Club Eyeglass collection site is in front of the New Providence Library which is located at 377 Elkwood Ave. When collected, these glasses are sorted and sterilized and are then donated to a charity and/or medical organizations that provides free eye exams and eyeglasses to needy people in the countries they serve.

When I sort the glasses and package them to be sent into the Lions Processing Center, I am reminded of the good in people who are eager to help. I look at all the glasses that were once worn on the faces of members of our community which form a beautiful mosaic representing so many different shapes, sizes, colors, glasses for the old and young....and think that this is beautiful on many levels. I then think about the people who will experience that magical moment I had when sight is restored.

The New Providence Lions Club Eyeglass collection site is in front of the New Providence Library which is located at 377 Elkwood Ave. Since January 2022 we have collected 2,165 pairs of glasses.



(above) Mosaic of some of the 2,165 pairs of glasses collected to date.

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(above) Our goal is to reach 250 backpacks. Items can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran, 524 South Street, New Providence, 07974, in the marked green bin found underneath the sheltered alcove by the main doors at the bottom of the parking lot. You can mail a financial gift made payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “backpacks” in the memo line of your check and we will shop for you.

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Faith Lutheran Church

For the fifteenth consecutive year, Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence is collecting new backpacks and school supplies to be shared with St. Stephan's Grace in Newark's Ironbound, our Mission Partner congregation, and with school children in Plainfield through the Second Street Youth Center.

The backpack collection began as an idea brought up at a church council meeting but quickly grew into a full-fledged ministry spanning more than a decade. Multiple community organizations have received backpacks from Faith's collection over the years.

Backpacks don't often last from year to year and supplies always need replenishing. The aim of Faith Lutheran's collection is to make sure that local kids have items they need for a successful start to the 2023-2024 school year.

The community is invited to support the backpack collection. There are several ways to help.

You can purchase a new backpack of your choice and fill it with the following school supplies: one pack pens; one pack pencils; one notebook; one box of 24 crayons; one package of construction paper; one pair of safety scissors; one glue stick; one ruler; one small pencil sharpener; one toothbrush; one tube of

toothpaste.

You can drop off a new backpack, or any of the above individual supplies, and we will fill a backpack.

Items can be dropped off at Faith Lutheran in the marked green bin found underneath the sheltered alcove by the main doors at the bottom of the parking lot.

You can mail a financial gift made payable to Faith Lutheran Church with “backpacks” in the memo line of your check and we will shop for you.

The deadline for individual supply donations is August 20th, to ensure enough time to assemble the remaining backpacks. The deadline for completed, filled backpacks is Sunday, August 27th.

In 2022, Faith collected and distributed 200 backpacks. This year, the goal is to reach 250.

To learn more about Faith Lutheran Church, visit famfaith.org. Faith Lutheran worships on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. We practice an open Communion table, and all are welcome.

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After Commencement and some family time, almost 130 seniors headed off to Project Graduation - a drug and alcohol free, last hurrah as the NPHS Class of 2023. The destination for this overnight event was Rock 'n' Air in East Brunswick, featuring a HUGE adventure park, obstacle and ninja courses, laser tag, virtual reality, rock walls, ropes courses, food, music, and even room to relax with friends.

This event was made possible by the NPHS PTSA Senior Class Committee and Project Graduation team. PG Chairs Janet Barth & Nadine Geoffroy worked tirelessly to secure a new venue and ensure this memorable event had something for everyone. Solicitation chair Joan

Agresto and her team provided information to local businesses asking to help sponsor our event. Thank you to all our sponsors! A special shout out goes to our major sponsor - the NP Alliance.

Annual fundraisers, including the Pioneer Pathway - a paver project to highlight and honor members of the NPHS Community especially graduating seniors - also help defray costs. In addition, the PTSA was able to sponsor students who were unable to afford the ticket price with the additional help of "pay-it-forward" donations by senior parents.

Diane Bilicska (Pereira), Senior Class Committee Chair, noted that many parents helped on the Senior Class Committee throughout the year, spearheading various fundraisers, supporting efforts, volunteering time, and running various events for the Class of 2023. The support of the New Providence High School principal, administration, custodial staff, the New Providence Board of Education, the PTSA, and multiple volunteers is invaluable to our efforts each year and deserve recognition. It doesn't take a village, it takes a New Providence!

The NPHS PTSA supports ALL students. The Senior Class committee strives to provide a memorable senior year culminating in Project Graduation - a substance free event for the entire graduating class.

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“We are pleased to announce that Allen and Patricia are joining the Board of SAGE Eldercare. Their respective medical knowledge, business experience, and combined community engagement will be an asset to SAGE’s mission to provide a comprehensive array of programs and services for older adults and caregivers, promoting independence and quality of life.” said Leslie Hardin, Board President of SAGE Eldercare “We remain forever grateful to Claire Toth and Sue Luehs for their contributions and support of our mission.”

Dr. Allen M. Khademi of Summit is currently Vice President of Medical Affairs at Christian Health Care Center in Wycoff, where he

specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitative Services. He was previously the Medical Director of Rehabilitative Services,



(above, l-r) Dr. Allen M. Khademi of Summit
Patricia Daquila of New Providence

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Post-Acute Care Services and Care Transitions at the Summit Medical Group (aka Summit Health). He earned his MD from Georgetown University, and his BA in Biology at Rutgers University.

Patricia Daquila of New Providence is a Managing Director and Senior Wealth Planner with Peapack Private Wealth Management. Pat is a CPA and has extensive accounting experience at Levinson, Schwartz & Co, and KPMG. She serves on the board of the Community Organization in New Providence. Pat earned an MBA in finance at Rutgers University, and a BS in Business Administration from Montclair University.

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The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield awarded five \$5,000 scholarships at their Annual Dinner to college bound women who demonstrated a passion for volunteerism. The scholarship recipients are: Hagr Elweshahy of Linden, NJ who will be attending Princeton University, Olivia Encarnacion of Plainfield, NJ who will be attending Duke University, Sweksha Mehta of New Providence, NJ who will be attending Cornell University, Shalini Ramakrishnan of Springfield, NJ who will be attending Cornell University, and Madison Gabrielle Wright of Westfield, NJ who will be attending University of Michigan.



(above) The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield awarded five \$5,000 scholarships.

Courtesy photo

All five young women were committed to volunteerism during their high school careers. As Ms. Elweshahy mentioned in her application, "one act of positive volunteering can ripple across an entire community". We look forward to seeing what wonderful things they do in the future.

The Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield (JLEP) celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2023. In honor of the Centennial Celebration, the JLEP awarded five \$5,000 scholarships (an increase from its traditional \$2,000 scholarships) to college bound women who reside in Union County and demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism.

The JLEP is an organization of women whose mission is to advance women's leadership for meaningful community impact through volunteer action, collaboration, and training. The JLEP is

located in Cranford, NJ with our nonprofit thrift shop – The Jumble Store and our signature service project – The Career Closet. JLEP has been serving our community for over 100 years.

ABOUT the Junior League of Elizabeth Plainfield: The Junior League of Elizabeth Plainfield is a chapter of the Association of Junior Leagues International, Inc. and is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. Learn more about us at: jlepnj.org or contact Heidi Martindill or Laura Lanigan, Co-President 2023-2024, Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield president@jlepnj.org. For more information about becoming a member, please reach out to newmembers@jlepnj.org.

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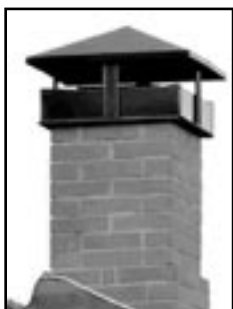
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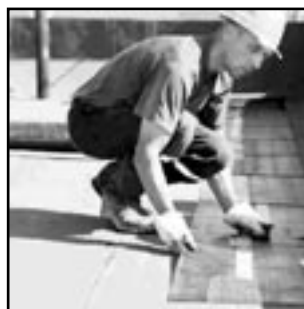
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BIKES AND SEWING MACHINE COLLECTION STILL IN PROGRESS

Faith Lutheran Church in New Providence recently held a successful collection of used bicycles and sewing machines for Pedals for Progress and Sewing Peace of High Bridge, NJ (P4P).

Volunteers performed light mechanical work on the 94 bikes collected to prepare them for overseas shipment. Flipping the bikes over on the handlebars, the team removed the pedals and zip-tied them to the frame. Then they turned bolts to loosen the handlebars which were then twisted down and to the side. P4P supplied the tools but volunteers provided the elbow grease. In the end, all the bikes were packed tightly into a box truck and driven away by P4P.

In addition, Faith gathered 18 sewing machines. This was a record number; the highest Faith has ever collected at one time.

It's never too late to drop off bikes and sewing machines. Just leave bicycle(s) in Faith Lutheran's lower lot next to the utility shed. If you are donating a sewing machine, please leave it underneath the sheltered alcove by the main doors at the bottom of the parking lot. Faith will hold onto these donations until the next collection day. Please also consider making a monetary donation of \$15-\$20 per item which can be made directly at p4p.org to cover shipping costs.

P4P will coordinate the delivery of bikes and sewing machines to partners in countries like Togo, Guatemala, Belize, Rwanda, Cameroon, Uganda, and Somalia. The bikes will provide reliable transportation for commuting to work, getting produce to market, and accessing health care while the recycled sewing machines will help supply clothing and needed accessories.

Faith Lutheran would like to thank members of the local community for supporting the collection. Several donors expressed gladness that someone else will benefit from a beloved old bike or a late parent's sewing machine. And as a bonus, these items will likely be kept out of landfills for years to come.

On June 17, a total of \$768 was collected toward getting these items to their final destinations. Costs of international shipping have become an increasing financial burden to Pedals for Progress. Thanks to all who contributed toward defraying this cost.

Faith Lutheran has been collecting bikes for P4P for 21 years and has collected over 2,500 bikes from neighboring communities.

P4P is a tax-exempt charity under section 501(c)(3) of the federal tax code. Visit <https://p4p.org> for more information.

To learn more about Faith Lutheran Church, visit famfaith.org. Faith Lutheran worships on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. We practice an open Communion table, and all are welcome.

The church phone number is 908-464-5177 and the address is 524 South Street, New Providence, 07974. The pastor of Faith is Rev. Jane McCready.



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DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF EVENT – SEPT 18TH

The Drive for Autism Foundation is pleased to announce that its annual golf event, Drive for Autism XXII will be held at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, NJ on September 18, 2023.

The Drive for Autism Golf Outing which has been held since 2002 has raised and distributed over \$851,000 to local school programs. Previous beneficiaries of grants were Morris Union Jointure Commission (New Providence, NJ), Salt Brook School (New Providence, NJ), AW Roberts School (New Providence, NJ), Union County Educational Services Foundation/Crossroads School (Westfield, NJ), Educational Partnership for Instructing Children, Paramus, NJ, Eden II/Genesis Programs (Staten Island, NY), Spectrum360 formally The Children's Institute (Verona, NJ), ECLC (Chatham, NJ) and Seton Foundation for Learning (Staten Island, N.Y).

Grant recipients use money to fund health and fitness programs, social skills programs, educational curriculum and teacher training, a van for community trips and transportation to job training centers, laptop computers, computer touch screens, iPads, video projectors and educational toys and games.

The golf event is the main fundraising

function for the foundation. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome as well as, product donations and corporate sponsorships. To register online please go to birdease.com/DriveforAutismXXII

ABOUT DRIVE FOR AUTISM FOUNDATION:

Based in New Providence, New Jersey, The Drive for Autism Foundation (EIN#20-1760417), is a 501(3)(c) tax exempt public charity that was created in the Spring of 2002 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds for educational facilities specializing in students with autism.

DRIVE FOR AUTISM GOLF OUTING 2023

The Drive for Autism XXII is scheduled for Monday Sept 18, 2023 at Royce Brook Golf Club in Hillsborough, New Jersey. The event consists of a morning round of golf followed by a barbeque. Special events include golf contests, raffles and a silent auction of sports memorabilia, game tickets and golf trips.

To register or for additional information please visit

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Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies:

"Moana" (Kids/Families)

August 9 @ 2:30 PM -4:00 PM

Take a break from the August heat and enjoy an adventure film in the cool Conti Room.

Creative Writing Group (Adults)

August 3,17,31 @ 10:30 AM

Phyllis Kalb will provide writing prompts every other Thursday at 10:30 AM.

Board on Thursdays (Teens)

August 3, 10, 17, 24 @ 1pm

A variety of board games will be set up in the Teen Area on Thursday afternoons.

They Only Come Out at Night: Bats (All Ages)

August 3 @ 7 PM

Learn all about bats with Randi Emmer of the Friends of the Great Swamp.

Movie - Pinball: Man Who Saved Game (Adults)

August 5 @ 3 PM - 4:30 PM

The unrated comedy drama "Pinball" will be screened in the Conti Family Room.

Knit/Crochet Night (Adults & Teens)

August 7 & 17 @ 7 PM - 8:30 PM

Drop by the Conti Room with a crochet, knitting or any type of needlework project,

Movie Matinee: "Moving On" (Adults)

August 8 @ 1 PM - 2:30 PM

Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin star as friends who reunite to seek revenge on the petulant widower (Malcolm McDowell) R-rated comedy/drama.

Artist Reception for Harry Douglas (Adults)

August 8 @ 7 PM - 8:15 PM

Reception celebrating the new art exhibit by Harry Douglas

Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies:

"Peter Pan" (Kids/Families)

August 9 @ 2:30 PM -4:00 PM

Take a break from the August heat and enjoy an adventure film in the cool Conti Room.

Summer Reading Celebration Party (Kids)

August 10 @ 2 PM - 4 PM

Come to the front lawn for crafts, games, treats and fun to celebrate summer reading.

Book Group "Vanderbilt" (Adults)

August 10 @ 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Discuss "Vanderbilt: the Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty" by Anderson Cooper.

Batter Up - Let's Talk Baseball (All Ages)

August 14 @ 6:30 PM - 9 PM

Baseball enthusiasts are invited to discuss teams, players and issues of the sport with other baseball fans.

Book Group: "The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton (Adults)

August 15 @ 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Discuss "The Sun Does Shine" by Anthony Ray Hinton and Lara Love Hardin.

Good Tyme String Band (Kids & All Ages)

August 16 at 10:30 AM

Join this string band for some toe tapping fun.

Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies:

"Tangled" (Kids/Families)

August 16 @ 2:30 PM -4:00 PM

Take a break from the August heat and enjoy an adventure film in the cool Conti Room.

Blood Drive (Adults)

August 21 @ 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Save a life - donate blood!

Cookbook Club (Adults)

August 22 @ 1 PM

Bring a cookbook or a recipe that you like to share with the group, or even cook and bring the dish. This month's theme is seasonal vegetarian recipes.

Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies:

"The Jungle Book" (Kids/Families)

August 23 @ 2:30 PM -4:00 PM

Take a break from the August heat and enjoy an adventure film in the cool Conti Room.

Virtual Author Talk with Cassandra Clare (Teens & Adults)

August 23 @ 8 PM

An exciting evening online as we chat with author, Cassandra Clare, about her newest.

Knitting Workshop (3th grade - teen)

August 24 @ 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Learn to knit from seasoned knitters.

A Year Inside College Admissions:

A Virtual Author Talk with Jeff Selingo

August 30 @ 2 PM

Bestselling author Jeff Selingo, who immersed himself in the world of admissions.

Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies:

"Aristocats" (Kids/Families)

August 30 @ 2:30 PM -4:00 PM

Take a break from the August heat and enjoy an adventure film in the cool Conti Room.

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS:

Storytime and Play at the Library

in the Coddington Room:

[Storytime will take a 2 week break after the school year ends from June 12th - June 23rd and a 3 week break at the end of summer from August 21st - September 8th.

Otherwise, regular storytimes are as follows.]

Tuesday Signs, Songs & Stories

with Miss Cathy

@ 10:30 AM (preschool - K)

Featuring stories, interactive rhymes and movement with sign language!

Tuesday Open Play

@ 11:15 AM - 8:15 PM (closed from 4-5 pm)

Anytime Stories with Miss Debbie

@ 7:00 PM (all ages)

Watch and hear stories from the Library's YouTube channel. New stories every Tuesday.

Wednesday Mother Goose Group

with Miss Debbie

@ 10:30 AM (babies-preschool)

An active storytime with songs, fingerplays, dancing and fun for babies to preschool.

Wednesday Open Play

@ 11:15 AM -1 PM

Thursday Storytime with Miss Anita

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