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## WINTER HOLIDAZZLE 2023

*A Commitment to Community and Commerce by the Millburn Short Hills Chamber of Commerce*

The Millburn Short Hills Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Winter HoliDazzle 2023, a new holiday tradition illuminating the heart of our business district. More than a festive display, this installation symbolizes the unity and resilience of our community and our steadfast dedication to bolstering local commerce. From December 2, 2023, to January 3, 2024, the vibrant lights will brighten Downtown Millburn and embody the spirit of togetherness as we support and shop locally.

Our journey to this momentous occasion began with a simple yet powerful vision: to create a holiday experience that embodies the spirit and colors of the Chamber and Millburn-Short Hills. As we selected the vibrant lights that now adorn the Clock Tower on the corner of Essex and Main Streets, we were mindful of their significance. These colors are not just aesthetically pleasing; they represent the heart and soul of our community, reflecting our values, diversity, and shared aspirations.

The initiative has been a collaborative effort led by the Chamber's Board of Directors, whose innovative ideas and collective spirit have brought the project to fruition. They exemplify the strength of community-driven leadership, contributing to the area's social and economic vitality.

On behalf of the Millburn Short Hills Chamber of Commerce, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our members, Millburn Township, and our gracious sponsors - The Hilton Short Hills, The Mall at Short Hills, Papermill Playhouse, Stone Mountain Properties, and Cooperman Barnabas RJW Health System. Their support has been invaluable. Many sponsors also have members who serve on the board of directors, volunteering their time to ensure the Millburn Short Hills Chamber of Commerce continues to make meaningful contributions to the Millburn Short Hills and the business community.



*(above) Members of the Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce and guests gathered in the Art Alley (located on Millburn Ave.) for a family-friendly networking mixer on Sunday, Dec. 4th, 2023.*

*For more information visit [millburnshorthillschamber.org](http://millburnshorthillschamber.org).*

As the Executive Director and Millburn Short Hills Resident, leading an organization with over 60 years of history in the community and a deep commitment to Millburn Short Hills's economic and social prosperity is a profound honor. We see this installation as just the beginning of our ongoing commitment to community engagement and enrichment.

We invite you to revel in the festive ambiance and cherish the time with your loved ones while supporting the dynamic businesses that are the cornerstone of our local economy. The Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce will continue cultivating a community that thrives on commerce, compassion, and connection.

Here's to a joyful and prosperous holiday season for all.

Sincerely,

**Puja Trivedi Parikh,**

Executive Director

Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce

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*Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](http://rennamedia.com) and on the Millburn/Short Hills Monthly page on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com) Feel free to "Like," "Tag," and "Share."*

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Submitted by Michael Boll, Director New Jersey Veterans Network

The New Jersey Veterans Network (NJVN) has received countless donations and other awesome support from Renna Media News readers. We are extremely fortunate to have so many readers that love helping our veterans live a better way of life. To date articles in Renna Media publications have resulted in 4 car donations. Veteran “Sarge” is the most recent recipient of a car donation after the donor read an article in a March publication. We are blessed to have such a generous following, donations like this will help our veterans get to work, and their medical appointments.

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(above) Diane R. recently donated a car to the NJVN. She handed the keys over to “Sarge”.

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36 Park Pl	4	3.2	2	\$1,888,000	\$1,900,000	28
22 Athens Rd	4	2.1	2	\$1,388,000	\$1,595,000	6
130 Cypress St	3	2.1	2	\$1,095,000	\$1,350,000	9
25 Rahway Rd	4	2.1	1	\$995,000	\$1,230,000	9

## Happy New Year

As we near the close of another year, we want to thank our clients and supporters who make our job so fulfilling. Your trust in our team when buying and selling a home is everything.

Wishing you a beautiful holiday season and a new year brimming with love, prosperity, and the comforts of home. We look forward to serving you in 2024.

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# ARYAN VATS WINS TOP HONORS AT CHESS TOURNAMENT

The 42nd Annual Student Chess Tournament was held at the Millburn Library on December 2, 2023. The tournament was started in 1981 through the support of the Friends of Millburn Library. Michael David Wojcio, longtime president of the Kenilworth Chess Club, directed a chess tournament until 2010 when master Scott Massey took the lead. Massey also teaches the Saturday afternoon chess classes at the library.

The Tournament attracted 40 students aged 5-

14. There were some tears, but mostly cheers for the fun of playing and competing against many schoolmates. Players came from distant towns and even New Your City to compete.

The first place honors for the oldest group, went to Aryan Vats, an eighth grader from Millburn Middle School. He was undefeated, winning three games and drawing one. There were ten players, 11-14 years old, competing. Max Li, a seventh grader for Millburn Middle School came in second place. He was also undefeated, winning two games and drawing 2.

Friends president Dorothy Kelly made sure that the tournament was well organized with much behind the scene work. Ruthie Binder and Michelle Brubaker greeted the children before entering the tournament hall. The 42nd Annual had apt help from Keigo Fujito, Minna Kelly, Daniel Klemchuk and Ethan Pu who aided during the tournament.

## RESULTS

### SECTION I, 5-7 YEAR OLDS, 13 PLAYERS

- 1st Place: James Fujita, NYC
- 2nd Place: Saharsh Bindal, Deerfield
- 3rd Place: Rishi Sambasivan, Hartshorn
- 4th Place: Arjun Korada, Glenwood

### IN SECTION II, 8-10 YEAR OLDS, 17 PLAYERS

- 1st Place: Arin Telang, Washington
- 2nd Place: William Zou, Hartshorn
- 3rd Place: Sanya Deb, Salt Brook,
- 4th Place: Himansh Rathod, Hartshorn
- 5th Place: Onel Manoratne Glenwood
- 6th Place: Joshua Sacks Hartshorn

### SECTION III, 11-14 YEARS OLD, 10 PLAYERS

- 1st Place: Aryan Vats, Millburn
- 2nd Place: Max Li, Millburn
- 3rd Place: Ches Chen, Livingston
- 4th Place: Mahan Malhotra, Millburn
- 5th Place: Atharv Karamcheti.



(above) 11-14 Winners: Mahan Malhotra, Master Scott Massey, Ches Chen, Max Li (partially hidden behind Ches) and Aryan Vats.

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# MISSY RODRIGUEZ SELECTED TO RIDE ON ROSE PARADE® FLOAT

## NJ Sharing Network

NJ Sharing Network, the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue for transplant in the Garden State, recently honored liver transplant recipient Missy Rodriguez of Short Hills, NJ, as she gets set to participate in the 2024 Rose Parade® in Pasadena, CA, on New Year's Day. Rodriguez was selected by the Sharing Network Foundation to ride on OneLegacy's Donate Life Rose Parade® float, which is recognized as the world's most visible campaign to inspire organ and tissue donation.

At the age of ten, Missy Rodriguez received a successful life-saving liver transplant. Today, Rodriguez is approaching the fortieth anniversary of her transplant – a milestone that will make her one of the longest liver transplant survivors in history. She thrives in her professional, social, and athletic pursuits.

Rodriguez went to great lengths to keep her medical history a secret for most of her life. However, in 2015, Rodriguez had a dramatic change of heart after she underwent emergency surgery. She decided it was "her turn to give rather than receive." Since then, Rodriguez has turned her passion into purpose as an advocate for organ donation. She serves as a mentor, priding herself as a resource for pre- and post-

transplant patients.

Rodriguez is a certified volunteer for NJ Sharing Network and principal for Missy's Miracle Scholarship Fund. This Sharing Network Foundation program supports initiatives that raise awareness for organ and tissue donation and provides scholarships for high school students touched by the Foundation's life-saving mission. To date, she has raised over \$120,000.

Rodriguez is a well-recognized community volunteer and advocate for donation and transplantation. She has been featured in dozens of television and print news media spotlights and acknowledged for her charitable efforts by local neighborhood businesses, alliances, and religious institutions. Her efforts have also been publicly recognized by the Township of Millburn, NJ, with an official Proclamation. Rodriguez also participates in the Sharing Network Foundation's 5K Celebration of Life and has won gold medals in tennis at the Transplant Games of America as a member of Team Liberty.

Rodriguez resides in Short Hills, NJ, with her husband, Brett, and their three sons, Jesse, Reece, and Mack.

## ABOUT ONELEGACY'S DONATE LIFE ROSE PARADE® FLOAT

For over 20 years, OneLegacy's Donate Life Rose Parade® float has inspired people worldwide to save and heal lives with the powerful message of organ and tissue donation. The 2024 float, Woven Together: The Dance of Life, will showcase the culture of the Hopi, native to the American Southwest. Transplant recipients (including Missy Rodriguez) will ride on the float and living donors will walk alongside it. Memorial floragraphs honoring organ and tissue donor heroes will also be displayed on the float. The floragraphs replicate photographs and are

made entirely of flowers, seeds, and organic materials.

## ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

NJ Sharing Network is the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue for transplant in the Garden State. NJ Sharing Network provides hope for nearly 4,000 New Jersey residents currently waiting for a life-saving transplant, and it is part of the national recovery system for the over 100,000 people on the national waiting list. The generosity of New Jerseyans is providing hope for the future. In 2022, the number of organ donors and organs transplanted in a single year reached all-time highs. This marked the fourth consecutive year NJ Sharing Network has reported new records in the number of organs transplanted, underscoring the clear trend of increased support for organ donation. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization has been recognized by NJBIZ as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for six consecutive years. To learn more, get involved, and join the National Donate Life Registry as an organ and tissue donor, visit [NJSharingNetwork.org](http://NJSharingNetwork.org).

## ABOUT THE SHARING NETWORK FOUNDATION

The Sharing Network Foundation supports the work of NJ Sharing Network, the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for the recovery of donated organs and tissue for transplant in the Garden State. The Foundation is committed to increasing the number of lives saved through clinical advancement, family support, public awareness and education about the life-saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation. For more information or to make a contribution, visit [SharingNetworkFoundation.org](http://SharingNetworkFoundation.org).

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**Celebrating Our 39th Year!**

(above) Missy Rodriguez is joined by her husband Brett and two of their sons, Reece and Mack, during a 'sendoff event' at NJ Sharing Network as Missy prepares to participate in the 2024 Rose Parade® in Pasadena, CA, on New Year's Day. Rodriguez was selected by the Sharing Network Foundation to ride on OneLegacy's Donate Life Rose Parade® float, which is recognized as the world's most visible campaign to inspire organ and tissue donation.

Photo Courtesy of NJ Sharing Network



## HELP PROTECT SENIORS FROM FRAUD WITH THESE TIPS

By Evelyn Queen-Baron, MSW, Owner Home Instead Millburn, NJ

Technology provides a great way to stay connected with family and friends, get access to news and entertainment, and simplify tasks like banking and scheduling appointments. But online activity can open us up to scams. What's more, scammers are particularly adept at targeting older adults. That's why it's so important for seniors to feel empowered when going online. Understanding best practices and signs of phishing, fraud, and other online scams go a long way to help boost confidence.

While new scams are perpetrated every day, the most common are those that attempt to create a sense of urgency around sensitive information, which is why older adults are often targeted by criminals for tax-related scams. Other cons regularly aimed at older adults include fake sweepstakes, tech support fraud, and imposters pretending to be a grandchild in distress in need of financial support.

In fact, a survey by Home Instead, Inc. revealed that two-thirds (67%) of U.S. seniors online have been the victim or target of at least one common online scam or hack. This is why older adults are encouraged to take the following precautions to protect themselves:

**Share with care.** It's easy to get caught up

in social media and lose sight of the personal details we are making public. While sites like Facebook and Instagram can be a convenient way to stay connected with family and friends, especially during COVID-19, it's crucial to proceed with caution and avoid sharing non-critical information (like your location). Consider adjusting privacy settings to limit who has access to the profile content.

**Think before you act.** Communication that creates a sense of urgency – such as an email asking for money – is likely a scam. Scammers can get access to personal information by prompting you to click links in the emails they send. If something appears out of the ordinary, it's best to just delete it or reach out directly to the company or person to determine if the email is legitimate.

**Beef up security.** Locking all devices – computers, tablets and cell phones – with a strong, secure password can add a second line of defense. Consider mixing in letters, numbers and symbols, and leaving out easy-to-guess information, such as name or birthdate.

**Use security software.** Installing antivirus software from a reliable source can add an extra layer of protection to online devices. Be wary of

security updates from pop-up ads or emails, as these may be malware (malicious software) that could infect your device. It's important to remember no software is infallible. Log out of apps and websites when you are done using them.

**Contact an expert.** It's natural to feel unsettled after being the target of an online scam. However, seniors must realize that it's nothing to be ashamed of. It's critical these incidents are reported to the proper authorities to provide support and to alert others who may be impacted in the future. If you do find yourself or your loved one affected by a scam, reach out to a trusted source – such as family member or a tech-savvy friend – for guidance.

Home Instead seeks to provide seniors and their loved ones with the necessary tools and resources to better protect themselves online.

To learn more, visit [www.ProtectSeniorsFromFraud.com](http://www.ProtectSeniorsFromFraud.com) for additional tips call your local Home Instead office at **973 379-4910**.

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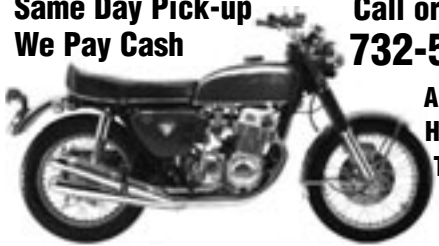
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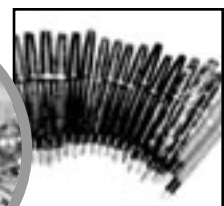
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Monday - Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.; Friday, Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.; Sunday: 1 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

### WINTER READING CHALLENGE

Monday January 1-Wednesday January 31

Join us for our 5th Annual Reading Challenge. Our goal is to read 2,204 books this winter! Log the books you read during the month of January at [beanstack.millburn.org](http://beanstack.millburn.org) to win prizes. For all ages! Sponsored by the Friends of the Millburn Library.



(above) Crafters were getting into the holiday spirit during a recently #creativeaging class. Missed the fun? Join us for collage with @oneriverschool on January 24. Register on our website at [millburnlibrary.org/events](http://millburnlibrary.org/events).



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Thursday January 18, 10:30-1130am  
Hybrid, Williamsburg Room and Online  
Learn how to keep yourself safe online by knowing what's real and what's a scam.

#### IN PERSON: THE HISTORY AND MYSTERY OF TAROT

Thursday January 18, 7-8pm  
In Person, Auditorium

Divination using Tarot cards dates back to the mid-15th century. Erol Delos Santos will explain the history of Tarot, what the cards mean, and what messages they convey. He will demonstrate the power of the cards, with readings for selected participants.

#### IN PERSON: THE TRIAL OF ALFRED DREYFUS WITH ALBERT GORIN

Thursday, January 25, 7-8pm  
In Person, Auditorium

The Dreyfus Affair was a political and criminal justice scandal in France from 1894 to 1906. The French High Command attempted to cover up blame for France's loss during the Franco Prussian War by trying and convicting an innocent Jewish Officer, Alfred Dreyfus.

### PROGRAMS FOR KIDS:

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Children's Room, Ages 5-12

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#### IN PERSON: CRAFTERNOON

Wednesday January 31 4-5pm

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### PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS (AGES 12+):

#### IN PERSON: SNACKTIVITY

Thursday January 4, 3:30-4:30pm  
In Person, Teen Area

Take a break from schoolwork! With a quick activity paired with a snack.

#### HYBRID: STUDY & TEST RESOURCES

Friday January 5, 3:30-4:30pm  
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Stop by for a quick tour of all our digital resources for students. Learn how to find online practice tests, practice with flash-cards, chat with live online tutors, and more.

#### IN PERSON: FOOD ADVENTURES WITH JANIS

Tuesday January 30, 3:30-4:30pm  
Room B

Hang with Miss Janis as we make (yes, you're helping!) Air Fryer Loaded Nachos! If you have any dietary restrictions, please email [janis.werner@millburn.bccls.org](mailto:janis.werner@millburn.bccls.org)

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## DEBORAH ZITOMER HONORED

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Congratulations to Millburn High School Social Studies Teacher Deborah Zitomer on being selected to receive the 2024 Elizabeth A. Allen Women in Education Award. This award is conferred by the New Jersey Education Association Women in Education Committee, and it honors an individual in NJ who promotes women's rights and equality for all, particularly in education. Ms. Zitomer was recognized for being a staunch advocate for women's rights in school and the workplace. "As a leader in her district, she has set it as a priority to ensure women have a voice, are protected, and become role models for the next generation," noted the committee.

Ms. Zitomer teaches Women's Studies, U.S. History 1 and 2. She has been an active club advisor and supporter of students' interests since she arrived here in 2006. Our students are so fortunate to have a teacher like Ms Zitomer who teaches her students to advocate for themselves. The award will be presented in January.



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## THE JANUARY SPEAKERS PROGRAM FOR THE SUMMIT AREA OLD GUARD

The Summit Area Old Guard was founded in 1930 and meets most Tuesdays at the New Providence Presbyterian Church located at 1307 Springfield Ave. Our motto is "Come for the Programs. Stay for the Friends."

January speakers include Kathleen Bassiacos, Melanie Hazim, Joe Kane, Iveth Gonzales, and Charles Clarkson. Please join us. Our programs are free to the public, and we

welcome you!

On January 2nd, Kathleen Bassiacos, a nurse at Unicity Healthcare, with over three decades of experience in oncology, geriatrics, assisted living and at-home care, will discuss how she focuses on her patients' health by managing emergencies mixed with adaptability. Her presentation will include not only nursing, but also treating the myths surrounding aging and

nutrition.

On January 9th, Melanie Hazim, Director of Outreach at the NJ Division of Consumer Affairs, will discuss her responsibilities for educating and promoting awareness of scams targeting New Jersey residents, and implementing the Division's mission and goal to protect New Jersey's residents from becoming victims of these frauds.

On January 16th, Joe Kane, a prevention specialist with The Council on Compulsive Gambling of NJ, will help us understand compulsive gambling and the need to support those suffering from this addiction. The Council focuses on educating the public, training professionals, referring gamblers and their families to treatment, and advocating for increased treatment services.

On January 23rd, Iveth Gonzales, a team leader with the New Jersey Sharing Network, will discuss organ donation, its benefits and how the acquisition and distribution system is organized. Iveth will also speak from her experience after her father was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis and why registering as an organ donor, you may change of even save someone's life.

On January 30th, our speaker will be Charles Clarkson, an attorney, and a project director for the Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) under the auspices of Jewish Family Services of Middlesex County. Medicare is for seniors, it expends many billions of dollars, and it must deal with the hazards of fraud. Charles will explain how to detect and how to report Medicare fraud and related healthcare scams.

Past speakers and much more can be viewed at SummitOldGuard.org but we encourage people to drop in on our meetings which take place at the church at 10:00 AM most Tuesdays. "Come for the Speakers. Stay for the Friends." We look forward to meeting you.



(above, l-r) Ms. Bassiacos, Ms. Hazim, Joe Kane, Ms. Gonzales, Charles Clarkson

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Photos from this and other events can be found online at [rennamedia.com](https://rennamedia.com) and on the Millburn/Short Hills Monthly page on facebook.com Feel free to “Like,” “Tag,” and “Share.”

## ATLANTIC FEDERAL GIVES RECOVERY GRANTS TO LOCAL NONPROFITS

The Atlantic Federal Credit Union (“The Atlantic”) distributed \$50,000 in grant funding to five local nonprofit organizations through the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York Small Business Recovery Grant Program (“SBRG”).

The SBRG is designed to support the financial security and health of organizations that have faced economic challenges due to the rate environment, inflation, supply-chain constraints, and/or rising energy costs.

The SBRG began in 2017 in response to hurricanes in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The Program relaunched in 2020 and was made available again in 2021 to aid small businesses and nonprofit organizations facing challenges due to the Coronavirus pandemic. By participating in the SBRG this year, The Atlantic was able to grant \$10,000 each to Bianca F.L.O.W.E.R.S. Inc. in Plainfield, Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey, Mobile Meals of Westfield, St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth, and The SHARE Alliance in Springfield.

“Thank you to the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York for their partnership and the opportunity to extend recovery grants within the communities we serve,” shared The Atlantic Federal Credit Union Chief Executive Officer Anthony Mero. “The SBRG funding will help our deserving recipients continue their selfless work throughout Essex and Union counties – ensuring community members in need have access to food, clothing, social services and other crucial resources through the holiday season and beyond.”

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(above, l-r) Rev. Reginald Harris, member of the Board of Directors of SHARE Alliance and Associate Pastor at Antioch Baptist Church in Springfield; Carla White-Garrett, Community Engagement Representative at The Atlantic; Rev. Dr. Roberto Foiss, Associated Pastor of Outreach & Community Engagement at the Presbyterian Church and Acting Executive Director of the SHARE Alliance; Natasha Newsom, Branch Supervisor at The Atlantic; and Anthony Mero, Chief Executive Officer at The Atlantic.



(above, l-r) Adam Cadmus, Chief Experience Officer at The Atlantic; Carla White-Garrett, Community Engagement Representative at The Atlantic; Peter Jacob, Director of Housing Services at Jewish Family Service of Central NJ; Anthony Mero, Chief Executive Officer at The Atlantic; Tom Beck, Executive Director at Jewish Family Service of Central NJ; and Janine Grieco, Director of Member Engagement and Delivery at The Atlantic.



(above, l-r) Check presentation Mobile Meals of Westfield - Adam Cadmus, Chief Experience Officer at The Atlantic; Josephine Walsh, Operations Manager at Mobile Meals of Westfield; Carla White-Garrett, Community Engagement Representative at The Atlantic; and Anthony Mero, Chief Executive Officer at The Atlantic.



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## GIVING THANKS / SEEKING PEACE

Dr. Christine Burton, Superintendent of Schools

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and unity, I want to acknowledge and thank all (200+) of the students, family, and community members who joined us as One Millburn on Sunday, November 19th at the Community Congregational Church to Give Thanks and Seek Peace. Together we packed more than

400 boxes of food that were delivered to Oasis, a food, period supply, and diaper distribution agency in Irvington. The student-led service that followed shared readings and messages of peace in many languages, and beautiful music by the church music ministry and the MS 8th grade choir.

You may watch the Peace Service on the Community Church, Short Hills NJ YouTube page. - I encourage you to take some time this holiday weekend to do so. Let there be Peace on Earth. We are already planning a follow-up event in the new year. We hope you will join us.



(above) Class President Joey Sorkin reads historical narrative of the first Thanksgiving



(above) Clytie Lin Buddhist Prayer



(above) Maanya Jindal Hindu Prayer



(above) Charlotte Troll Hebrew Reading



(above) Becker Kotob Muslim Prayer



(above) Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi



(above) Ashlynn Shannon Sikh Reading/New Testament



(above) 8th Grade Choir

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