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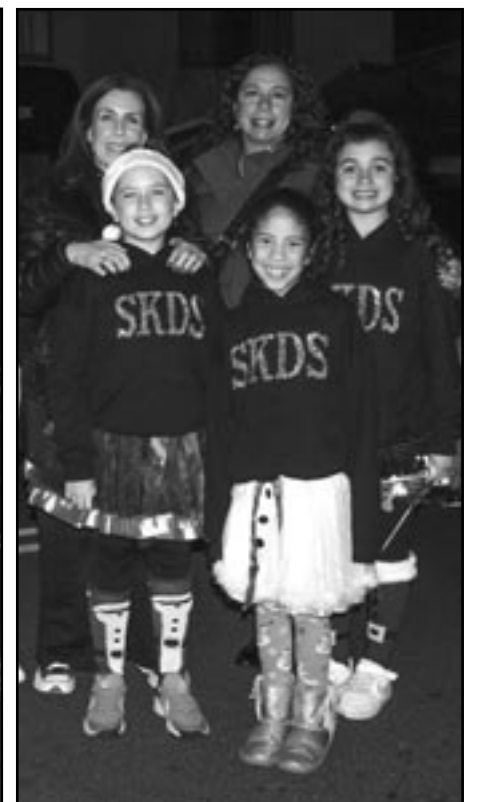
3RD ANNUAL WINTER MARKET AND TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Borough of Roselle Park hosted its 3rd Annual Winter Market the first weekend in December. On Saturday, December 2nd the Borough's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held. A large crowd of visitors came out in the mild temperatures and enjoyed an ice-skating rink and free portraits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, craft vendors, food vendors, various free kids' activities, and a beer garden. There were live performances from the Roselle Park School District Choir and Christmas carols by the Roselle Park High School Marching Band.



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IMAGINE, A CENTER FOR COPING WITH LOSS

As the staff at Imagine prepared to launch a new program year in September, it quickly became evident that the demand for Imagine’s grief support groups had grown. Imagine began its new program year offering three in-person Nights of Support at their Mountainside location, one Night of Support at their Newark location and a virtual option. Though each Night of Support (NOS) can accommodate up to 60 families, it became clear that a new night was needed to support all of the new families that had reached out to Imagine seeking support following the death of someone close to them.

The first step in launching a new NOS is to train new volunteers to facilitate each support group. Imagine held a training session November 3-5th, training 10 new facilitators for the new NOS that will meet on alternate Mondays beginning in November. The ten new facilitators were joined by new Imagine staff who participated in the training as well.

In addition to the story sharing and support for one another that’s part of Imagine’s training, the group had an opportunity to gain knowledge and skills regarding Alan Wolfelt’s Companioning Model for grief support that’s practiced at Imagine. Many of the participants in Imagine’s training program find the training experience to be meaningful and life changing. One participant

shared: “The training was truly amazing and inspiring. I am so honored to have had the opportunity to participate in it.” Another said: “The Imagine Staff are amazing. I so appreciate all the knowledge they shared and the encouragement they gave to me and the other participants.” The staff at Imagine are so pleased to welcome this new group to their wonderful team of volunteers!

Imagine has been providing free peer support groups for children and families for over 10 years and relies on both the generosity of volunteer facilitators who donate their time, and the generosity of donors who help fund Imagine’s programs. This holiday season, if you’d like to support Imagine’s mission of ensuring that no one grieves alone, please consider making a donation to support Imagine’s programs at imagineinnj.org.

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or info@imagineinnj.org.



(above, l-r) Imagine held a training session November 3-5th, training 10 new facilitators (pictured above) Back row: Brian Stump, Sandra Toppin, Cynthia Goodman, Tinah Bouldin, Shari Levine, Latoyya Schenck, Imagine’s Chief Development Officer, Paul Muir, and Marianne Rubino. Front row: Imagine’s Mountainside Program Associate, Kellie Saracino, Jen Schildge, Imagine’s Operations Consultant, Susan Pink, Rachel Heisch, Imagine’s Training and Development Operations Associate, Alexa Adubato and Pat Taeschler

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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 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.”

ABOUT THE ATLANTIC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The Atlantic Federal Credit Union was founded in 1935 as a not-for-profit financial cooperative to meet the savings and borrowing needs of Members. Today, The Atlantic Federal Credit Union exclusively serves Essex and Union counties in New Jersey with financial wellness resources, competitive rates and technology-driven solutions for personal and business banking. For full eligibility criteria and more information, visit TheAtlanticFCU.com.



(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.

The SHARE Alliance: The SHARE Alliance is a consortium of several congregations and other interested parties, including the Springfield Rotary Club, Springfield Unity Project (SUP), and more, dedicated to the proposition that no one should go to bed hungry, unless they want to, or wonder where their next meal will come from. Under the sponsorship of the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, SHARE seeks to approach the issue of food security in Union County. These objectives are achieved through the establishment of a Community Pantry and Community Kitchen that will operate from the Parish House, located at 37 Church Mall, Springfield. Learn more at share-alliance.net.

(above) Check Presentation St. Joseph Social Service Center: Since 1983, St. Joseph Social Service Center has served the materially poor and homeless community of greater Elizabeth, New Jersey, by providing basic human needs such as food, clothing and medications, as well as a wide range of services and programs to help them acquire the material goods and social services they need to live with dignity. St. Joseph Social Service Center's range of services include a food pantry, health and wellness programs, mental health counseling, an Adult Learning Center, access to clothing and household items, and more. Learn more at sjeliz.org.

(above, l-r) Mary Phillips, Development Director at St. Joseph Social Service Center; Bernadette Murphy, Executive Director at St. Joseph Social Service Center; Tama Hampton, Volunteer Coordinator at St. Joseph Social Service Center; Carla White-Garrett, Community Engagement Representative at The Atlantic; Anthony Mero, Chief Executive Officer at The Atlantic; and Adam Cadmus, Chief Experience Officer at The Atlantic.



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variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more in a fun, supportive community. Come sing with us and share the joy of music together! Stay for the friendship and fun!

Hickory Tree is an award-winning women's chorus singing four-part a cappella harmony in the barbershop style. We are passionate about

music, performance, fun & friendship. We believe every voice counts and encourage women singers of all ages, colors, ethnicities, and orientations to visit us and share our joy of music.

Please contact the Chorus for the Open House by email at info@hickorytreechorus.org.

Find more information at hickorytreechorus.org.



(above) The Hickory Tree Chorus invites the public to sing with them at an Open House, on January 10 and 17, from 6:45 to 9:30 p.m.

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ACROSS THE PROPERTY LINES SOLO SHOW AT KEAN UNIVERSITY

Submitted by Eliza Rodriguez

Roselle Park artist Daniel Gottschalk's BFA Solo Show, "Across the Property Lines," invited art enthusiasts on a captivating journey through the artist's unique perspective on nature and the comfort of one's personal space. The exhibition, held at Kean University in The Vaughn Eames Student Gallery from November 29th to December 8th, 2023, unveiled Gottschalk's profound connection with the environment and the intricate emotions tied to the concept of home.

The heart of "Across the Property Lines" lies in the artist's contemplation of nature, inviting spectators to experience the world through his

eyes. Each piece in the exhibition serves as a portal into his personal connection with the natural environment. The exhibition's title itself suggests a journey beyond conventional boundaries, prompting viewers to reflect on their own relationship with the world around them.

The concept of home and comfort also takes light in Gottschalk's showcase. Through sculptures and jewelry, he delves into the essence of what it means to be truly at home and in one's most comfortable space. The artist's craftsmanship is not only a testament to his technical skill but also an expression of the emotional and psychological nuances associated with the concept of 'home'. His keen observation and meticulous attention to detail create a visual narrative that tells a story to the audience.

One of the intriguing aspects of "Across the Property Lines" is the artist's deliberate choice to leave footprints throughout the exhibition. This deliberate act prompts viewers to consider the

impact of their own journey, both within the gallery space and in the broader context of their lives. The footprints become a metaphor for the choices we make and the traces we leave behind as we navigate our personal and collective landscapes.

The Vaughn Eames Student Gallery served as the perfect backdrop for this introspective journey, providing a small homie space where Gottschalk's artistic vision could unfold and resonate with the audience. As visitors navigated the exhibit, they were encouraged to follow the trail and to ponder their own connections to nature, home, and the indelible marks they leave in the world.

"Across the Property Lines" was not merely an art show; it was an invitation to traverse the boundaries of perception, to question the familiar, and to leave footprints of contemplation in the ever-evolving landscape of personal and shared experiences.



(above) Artist Daniel Gottschalk
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TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMS

TEEN TWEEN TUESDAY

TUESDAYS 3:30PM-4:00PM

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***ERASStorytime

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TUESDAY 01/16 5:00pm

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MONDAY 01/08 6:00PM

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***KNOW YOUR INSURANCE WORKSHOP

MONDAY 01/22 11:00AM

Learn about who to call and what to ask relating to Medicare, Humana, and financial planning with Natalia Ojeda (licensed insurance agent).

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(above) The adult Cookie Exchange held at the Library in December was delicious fun!

FOSTER YOUTH JOIN FOREVER FAMILIES AT ADOPTION DAY

CASA of Passaic and Union Counties

On a recent fall morning, five youth ranging from three to 10 years old entered the courtrooms of Superior Court Judges Gavin Handwerker, Paul Nieves and Chanel Hudson as foster youth and, shortly after, emerged as official members of their new families.

Adoption Day is eagerly anticipated by many at Union County's Family Court, as ample smiles fill the courthouse – a juxtaposition to the daily navigation of complex issues fraught with loss or discord. This year, county dignitaries presented families with proclamations and certificates, and festivities included performances by 30 high school students from Elizabeth's Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy A Cappella Choir; a former foster youth sharing her personal journey and adoption story; a roaming balloon artist; sheriff's officers dressed as superheroes and a Batmobile outside for visiting; furry greetings from Kenilworth's David Brearley Middle High School mascot bear; personalized cupcakes; and ice cream, face painting, and friendship-bracelet making stations.

CASA of Passaic and Union Counties

presented family fun-themed gift baskets made possible in part from donations by David Brearley Bears That Care program and the Union County Bar Association. Baskets were given to all those finalizing on Adoption Day, as well as several families who adopted earlier in the year.

Cynthia Evans of Scotch Plains was among the CASA volunteers to attend the ceremonies for their assigned children. "The day was a long time coming for these sisters, and it was amazing," she said. "I've been their advocate since 2020. Between their adoptive families and all involved, embraces and cheers were aplenty. My time as their CASA volunteer was both rewarding and challenging. I'm thankful I could help ensure their needs were met and services were provided while in care."

Adoption Day is a national movement to raise awareness of children in foster care. Since its inception 23 years ago, nearly 60,000 children have found permanency. More than 437,000 youth in the United States are currently in the child welfare system awaiting a permanent home, and the average wait is four years. For more than 23,000 youth, that doesn't happen, and they age

out of the system, facing life on their own.

For details on CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, becoming an advocate for foster children or other opportunities to support the organization's work, log on to www.casapassaicunion.org.



(above) Festivities included a roaming balloon artist; personalized cupcakes; and ice cream, face painting, and friendship-bracelet making stations.



(above) Sheriff's officers dressed as superheroes, and also maned a Batmobile outside

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