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The Linden Public Schools Multilingual Learners Department is proud to announce the success of the Linden High School Chinese Club's inaugural Rice Festival, held on March 27, 2024. This multicultural event served as a celebration of cultural diversity and community engagement, showcasing an array of exciting activities, delectable Chinese cuisine, and captivating performances.

Under the guidance of club advisor and Mandarin Chinese teacher Lin Lin Hu, the Chinese Club organized an unforgettable experience for the school community. The festival delighted attendees with tantalizing Chinese food offerings and awe-inspiring acrobatic performances. Guests of all ages were treated to a dynamic Bollywood dance performance, encouraging many to participate on stage.

The festival also featured a variety of engaging game stands, including chopstick racing, sushi making, henna painting, calligraphy writing, origami, and more, providing endless entertainment for everyone. For many students, it was their first time making sushi, and they expressed excitement for future events.

Despite the rainy weather outside, the gymnasium was filled with enthusiastic attendees, laughter, and fun throughout the event. "Everyone had a fantastic time exploring different cultural music and activities at our Rice Festival," said David Grasso, a teacher at Linden High School. "It was heartwarming to see students, staff, and community members come together to celebrate diversity and foster meaningful connections."

The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Assistant Superintendent Annabelle Louis, Director of the Multilingual Department Danie Orelie, Supervisor of ESL/Bilingual

Education and World Languages Tania Miguelez, Linden High School Principal Charles Kooonce, LPS staff, parents, and students, all contributing to the festive atmosphere and



Photos by Linden Public Schools



underscoring the significance of cultural appreciation and unity within the school community.

The Multilingual Learners Department extends heartfelt gratitude to Chinese Teacher Lin Lin Hu, the Linden Education Association, the IT department, the Custodial staff, parents, students, and all those involved for their outstanding teamwork and dedication to making the Rice Festival a resounding success.

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Linden was awarded a Creative Aging Grant from NJ’s Council of the Arts. Only thirty

cities/towns were selected to receive this grant. This 8-session program will focus on assisting our seniors to access their personal stories or memoirs. It will culminate in participants sharing some of these stories in front of family and friends. Their performance will be recorded and made available to all those who participate. All materials will be supplied, and each session will be 90 minutes long allowing plenty of time for inquiry, writing, storytelling, and discussion.

Speaking on the importance of this program, Lieutenant Governor Tahesha Way said, “Abundant evidence shows that art making, and arts participation improves a number of health and well-being factors as we age. This investment is the key component of the Arts Council’s focus on lifelong learning, providing grants to arts organizations, libraries, veterans homes, senior and community centers to cover costs for artist-

led programs for New Jersey adults aged 50 and over.

“Past participants of the program speak of the importance and value of being able to express themselves and share their life experiences in new and engaging ways” states Council Chair Elizabeth Mattson. The spring session commences on May 14th at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen St. Linden, NJ. The remaining dates are May 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 18, and 20. Most sessions are on Thursdays and will start at 1:15 p.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.

Professional storyteller & workshop facilitator Judy England-McCarthy will be presenting the program. Parks & Recreation staff will be supporting Judy in her endeavors to make this program a success. Those interested in signing up should contact the recreation center (908) 474-8600. Space is limited so sign up early.



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On Memorial Day – Monday, May 27, 2024 the Linden Veterans Council will be honoring “Our Veteran’s”. Residents are encouraged to attend the Veterans Grave and Wreath Placement Ceremony.

The American Legion Post 102 will be the host post. In attendance will also be the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1397, Marine Corp League, Catholic War Veterans and Vietnam Veterans of America.

### SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 8:30 – Assemble at Linden American Legion Post #102 @ 112 West Elizabeth Avenue – for Coffee, Tea, Juice and Danish.
- 9:00 – All participants leave Post #102 parking lot with escort.
- 9:10 – VFW #1397, Pennsylvania Railroad Avenue, VFW Monument and All Veterans
- 9:20 – St Theresa Church, Catholic War Veterans Monument.
- 9:30 – Veterans Memorial Park, South Wood Avenue. All Veterans Monument
- 9:40 – Monument on Lower Road, Andy Beno Memorial Park
- 9:50 – Marine League Building, South Wood Avenue Martin Danowski Veterans Monument
- 10:00 – Melnyk Park, 11th Street, Marine Corp. League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 10:10 - Rosedale Cemetery, Route 1, Linden, American Legion Veterans Circle
- 10:20 – 8th Ward Monument, Park & Grier Avenue, All Veterans Monument
- 10:30 – Rosehill Cemetery, Linden Avenue, VFW Veterans Circle
- 10:40 – Farawell Park, Ziegler Avenue, Marine Corp League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 10:55 – School #1, Curtis & Wood Avenue and Gibbons & Wood Avenue, All Veterans Monuments (2 stops)
- 11:10 – Wilson Park, Summit Terrace, Purple Heart and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 11:25 – Knosky Park, Stiles & Elm St. Marine Corp League and Local Neighborhood Monument
- 11:40 – Linden City Hall, North Wood Avenue, WWII, Korea & Vietnam Monuments
- 12:00 – Return to American Legion Post #102 on Elizabeth Avenue, American Legion Monument and All Veterans

The above time schedule could vary. Residents are invited to meet the Veterans entourage at a specific Monument listed above or to join the Veterans escorted entourage from the American Legion Hall to visit all the City Monuments.



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# BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM OPINION

Submitted by Simone Palermo

The Blue Envelope Program's purpose is to raise Union County's police departments' awareness of special needs (such as Autism Spectrum Disorder, dementia, and anxiety) and how to best communicate with a special needs driver. One point of interest for me in this news article is how all police officers in Union County's twenty-one municipalities will go through a specialized training course on special needs, as well as learning the best methods in engaging with special needs drivers during a traffic stop. These specialized training courses will be vital in not only developing a deeper

understanding of special needs, but also on how to best approach special needs drivers to minimize potential misunderstandings and escalations in conflict when pulled over. They will also better communication to special needs drivers that are non-verbal to provide a safer, unprejudiced community that can ensure trust in its police force.

According to one source within the Clark Township's Police Department, the process of getting a blue envelope is very easy, as the special needs driver can simply call their local police department, press the number for their helpdesk, and ask to receive a blue envelope either directly from the local police station or having it delivered to them in their mailbox. A copy of their driver's license and vehicle registration, insurance details, and (if necessary) emergency contact card are placed inside the envelope, which is then placed onto the dashboard of their vehicle so that officers do not make the driver even more nervous than normal under a traffic stop. However, it does concern me deeply how easily accessible these blue envelopes can be as there is a possibility of individuals not in the spectrum to abuse them for their own benefit.

According to the same source, there are other towns in Union County that have implemented the Blue Envelope Program in their police departments; said source however does not know if it has currently spread throughout the entire

state of New Jersey. Regardless, my source said that the Clark Police Department has managed to hand out several of these blue envelopes to special needs drivers, which is a promising start for the program's progress. Upon further research, I have discovered on various websites – such as Crimewatch and the Montgomery County website – that it is being employed in police departments in California, Pennsylvania, Connecticut.

Overall, my opinion on the Blue Envelope Program is incredibly positive. I am advocating for the Blue Envelope Program for Union County's police departments and hope that it spreads beyond just Union County and the state of New Jersey.

Having lived most of my life with Autism Spectrum Disorder – specifically Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDD-NOS) – I was personally intrigued when I came across the Clark Monthly's "Blue Envelopes for Drivers with Autism" newspaper article. As someone who has lived with autism for years, I feel as though I have a voice in this matter, and I would like to let it be heard.

If you or a loved one are a special needs driver looking for more information regarding the Blue Envelope Program, contact your local police department and ask them how you can get started with your blue envelope today.

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The blue envelope brings together law enforcement and motorists with autism and other sensory disorders. It's a resealable and convenient place to keep all driver documents, and contains instruction for both the driver and the interacting officer in the event of a traffic stop.

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## PASSAIC COUNTY CASA EXPANDS TO UNION COUNTY

*Submitted by Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan*

Passaic County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), a leading child advocacy organization focused on protecting the best interests of abused and neglected youth, has announced the expansion of its service footprint to include Union County. With this expansion, critical volunteer advocacy for child victims removed from home and living under the jurisdiction of the family court will be made available to even more of New Jersey's most vulnerable children. This expansion allows for greater community impact, efficiency in operations, and greater long-term sustainability.

CASA recruits, screens, trains, and supervises community volunteers to advocate for local abused, neglected, and abandoned youth from birth to age 21 involved in the child welfare

system through no fault of their own.

Executive Director Erica Fischer-Kaslander, who continues to lead the expanded advocacy organization, said, "There's no doubt this expansion will reap even greater rewards for Union County's vulnerable youth. The synergy created from two experienced programs allows far greater community impact and enhances its agility to withstand today's shifting landscape as a strengthened, multi-county program." Acknowledging the nearly two-decade impact of the previous Union County CASA organization, Fischer-Kaslander adds, "The dedicated advocates in Union County remain focused on fulfilling CASA's mission: quality advocacy, continuity of presence, and increased access to services for local vulnerable youth-victims. As a combined force, we will build on that good work. I remain grateful to all professionals involved in these cases for their support – judges, attorneys, caseworkers, and more – and look forward to the collaboration required for us all to do our best for the children depending on us."

Gretchen Boger-O'Bryan, Content Director for CASA of Passaic and Union Counties, added, "In my 11 years working with CASA in Union County, I have seen the organization pivot to meet unforeseen needs, adapt to changing trends, and persevere through recent challenges faced by all nonprofits, including a global health

pandemic. Indeed, passion for and commitment to every child drives us, and this new chapter is simply an opportunity to enjoy greater efficiency, resource allocation, and space for innovation. Ultimately, the expansion of Passaic County CASA to include Union County breeds a strengthened organization that bolsters CASA's impact throughout the county. For our local youth, that's what matters."

Considered extra "eyes and ears" for judges hearing abuse and neglect cases, CASA volunteers are assigned to a youth or sibling set by court order, granting access to all parties in the youth's life. Advocates use unbiased observations to make fact-based recommendations to judges deciding the future of each youth. Often, CASA volunteers are the only long-term, caring, and informed adult in the corner of a youth awaiting a safe, stable, and permanent placement.

Volunteer advocates need no prior experience in child welfare. All prospective volunteers complete a 36-hour training course, extensive application, and screening process in addition to background checks. Volunteers with the newly expanded CASA of Passaic and Union Counties program are supported by a 26-person professional staff with extensive experience in child welfare. For details on becoming an advocate or other ways to get involved, visit [casapassaicunion.org](http://casapassaicunion.org).

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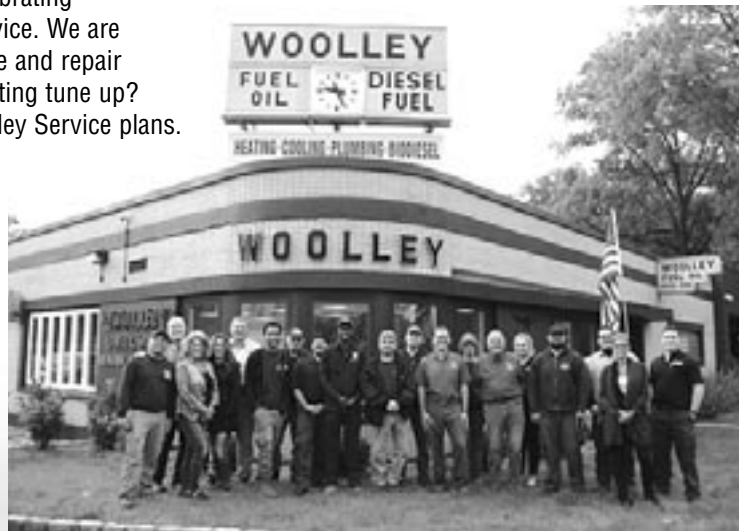
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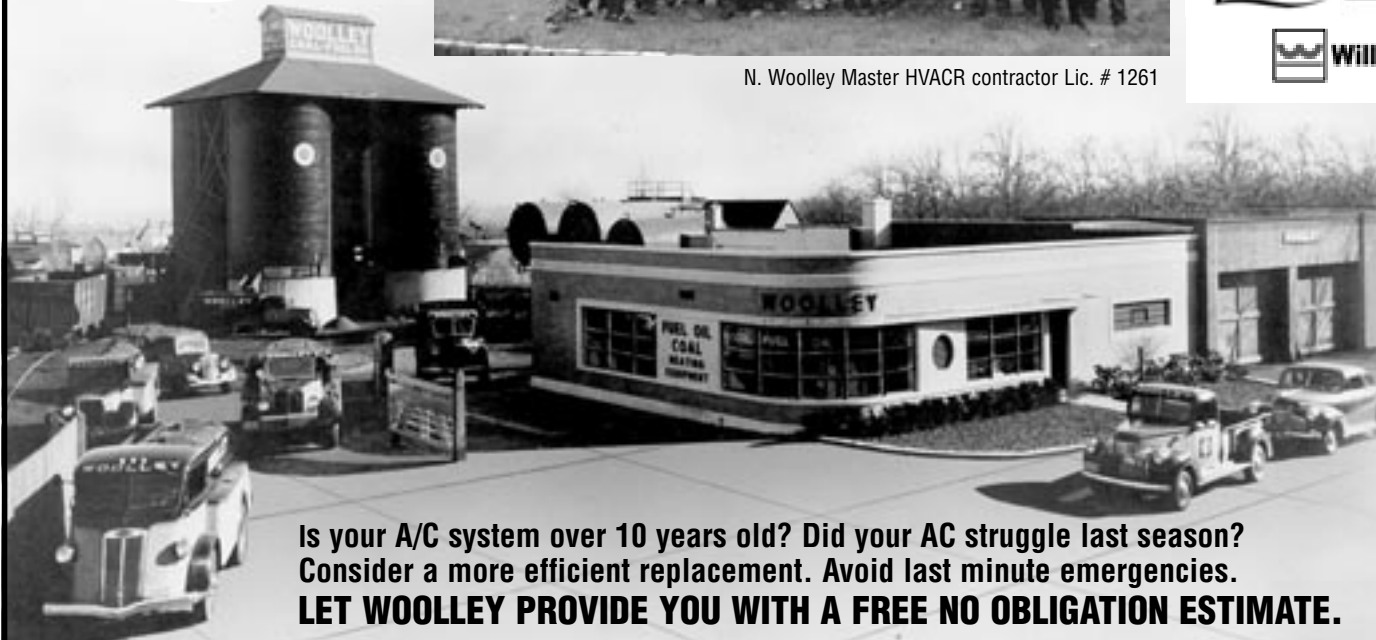
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With recently published research indicating blood pressure control has worsened in both men and women since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Gateway Family YMCA urges community members to make their health a priority by getting a blood pressure screening. Blood pressure guidelines from the American Heart Association indicate that nearly half of all Americans (46 percent) have high blood pressure. High blood pressure is often referred to as “The Silent Killer” because there are typically no warning signs or symptoms.

While high blood pressure and heart disease are serious conditions, the good news is a healthy heart is an achievable goal through lifestyle changes such as regularly monitoring your own blood pressure, lowering sodium intake, eating healthier, and getting more physical activity. Getting help can be as easy as contacting the Y and taking part in a free community chronic disease management program.

“While there are many ways to keep your heart healthy, making a conscious effort to tackle your blood pressure and decrease sodium intake are two quick, effective ways to prevent heart disease,” said Melynda A. Disla, President/CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. “No matter what your heart health goal is this year, the Y has a variety of resources to help you get started and achieve them.”

The Gateway Family YMCA offers the YMCA’s Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program that helps adults with hypertension lower and better manage their blood pressure. The program focuses on regular monitoring of one’s blood pressure at home using proper measuring techniques, individualized support and nutrition education to potentially reduce blood pressure and improve their quality of life.

Research shows that the simple process of checking and recording your blood pressure at least twice a month over a four-month period, along with regular physical activity, proper nutrition and reducing sodium intake, may lower blood pressure in people with high blood pressure.

Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring programs are available in Elizabeth, Rahway and Union – at both YMCA Branches and in the local community through community groups, senior centers and local library collaborations. The program is available in both English and Spanish. Nationally, the YMCA’s Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program is available at more than 700 locations in 71 states.

In addition, The Gateway Family YMCA is continuing its increased availability of the YMCA’s Diabetes Prevention Program – which is part of the CDC-led National Diabetes Prevention Program. The YMCA’s Diabetes Prevention Program helps adults at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes adopt and maintain

healthy lifestyles to help reduce their chances of developing the disease. Type 2 diabetes is a major risk factor for cardiovascular disease and people with diabetes are twice as likely to have heart disease or suffer a stroke as those who do not have it.

The program provides a supportive environment where participants work together in a small group to learn about eating healthier, increasing their physical activity and making other behavior changes with the goal of reducing body weight by 7 percent in order to reduce their risk for developing diabetes. A trained Lifestyle Coach leads the program over a 12-month period. Increased physical activity and moderate weight loss not only reduce diabetes risk, but also have an impact on lowering blood pressure and cholesterol.

In addition to monitoring your blood pressure, reducing sodium intake is a great way to keep your heart healthy. Per the American Heart Association (AHA), too much sodium in your system puts an extra burden on your heart and blood vessels. In some people, this may lead to or raise high blood pressure. Everyone, including kids, should reduce their sodium intake to less than 2,300 milligrams of sodium a day (about 1 teaspoon of salt). Having less sodium in your diet may help you lower or avoid high blood pressure.

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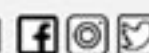
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# EDUCATIONAL PUPPETEERING COMPANY VISITS STUDENTS

## Linden Public Schools

The cast of *Nettie, Nana, and Friends!* Educational Puppeteering Company was recently honored with a special luncheon. The luncheon was to thank the company for coming to perform their puppet show *Corey Beats Bullying!* at all seven elementary schools in the Linden School District between March 6 and March 19. The show uses puppetry, singing, dancing, and games to support young people with their social and emotional wellness. Also attending the luncheon were students from Linden Public School No. 1 and School No. 5.

“Dream big!” was the theme of the day. The

words were written on a poster made for the occasion by two second graders at School No. 5, Mia Gray and Ivanna Almeida, the latter of whom was unable to attend. Superintendent of Schools Atiya Y. Perkins held up the poster as she entered the room and welcomed the group. “We’re here to celebrate the power of dreams and the power of dreaming,” said Superintendent Perkins, continuing, “There are no limits on dreams. So, dream big, dream bold!”

During the luncheon, the students of Linden Public Schools were able to ask questions of the performers such as how they started, their favorite parts of the show, their goals, dreams and whether they wanted to expand the company.

The puppeteering and performing arts company was started during the Covid-19 pandemic by Mrs. Ronnette Smith-Powell, a kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd


grade educator for over 25 years. Mrs. Smith-Powell noticed that because of virtual learning she was losing a sense of connection with her

students. Her daughter Destiny Powell, a middle schooler, was having a similar experience of losing connection with her classmates. The duo created a show that finds new ways of connecting to students. That small idea has now grown into a performing arts company that has 17 rotating cast members, including Mrs. Smith-Powell’s older daughter, other educators, former students, friends, and community members.

This is the performing company’s first time coming to the Linden School District. Mrs. Smith-Powell stated, “Coming to Linden was wonderful. Everybody was so hospitable, so kind, and the children at every single school were incredible. I want all the students to remember to dream big, and dream out loud, because sometimes we dream in our head but it’s important to make that dream reality by saying it, touching it, feeling it, and visiting it repeatedly.”

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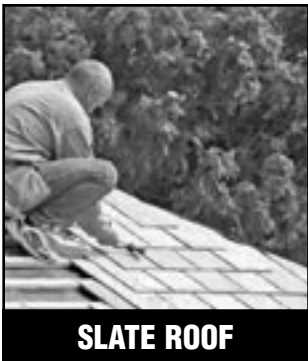
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This timeless tale, set to Felix Mendelssohn's iconic score with additional music written for film by Erich Wolfgang Korngold, promises to transport attendees into to a magical forest filled with fairies, elves, mischief, romance, and joy. Audiences of all ages will once again be cheering, laughing out loud, and mesmerized by

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With scenery by award-winning designer Howard Jones, lighting by Joseph Walls, and original costumes by ARB's Resident Costume Designer Janessa Cornell Urwin, Shakespeare's beloved masterpiece receives a modern transformation. The cast will feature the entire ARB Company alongside trainees from Princeton Ballet School.

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# JAZZ BANDS PLAY SALEM ROADHOUSE CAFÉ IN UNION - MAY 18TH

The Salem Roadhouse Café presents CMJ Jazz Band, with an opening act by Flesh World, Saturday, May 18, 2024. 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 Bailey Hall, below Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd, Union, NJ. The Roadhouse operates as a non-profit that raises funds for several carefully chosen local charities.

Returning to the Roadhouse, the CMJ Jazz Band is an energetic, dynamic band based in New Jersey that blends Smooth Jazz, Traditional Jazz and Hip Hop in a creative way to captivate audiences of all ages. Known for their stellar musicianship and intimate relationship with audiences, the band is blowing people away with their energy, creativity, polish, and lyrical word rhymes. People attending their concerts reflect on the fun they had dancing, singing, and interacting with the band.

New to the Roadhouse, Flesh World is a collaboration of drummer Justin Vedovelli,

keyboardist Peter Rushing, and saxophonist/keyboardist Carter Vames. They play an eclectic and experimental mix of diverse musical styles, ranging from free jazz to Afro-Caribbean and pop. Their repertoire includes cutting-edge original compositions as well as covers of tunes by popular artists such as Britney Spears, Juice WRLD, and Nine Inch Nails.

As always, the Salem Roadhouse Café music 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.

Now in its 16th year of operation, 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, Haiti Disaster Relief, The Union County YWCA Domestic Violence Program, Camp Johnsonburg, and others. Many thousands of dollars have been raised for these charities.

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