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## CARING CONTACT RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEER LISTENERS

Caring Contact, the Westfield-based crisis hotline and listening community, recently celebrated its volunteer listeners and other supporters at its 42nd Annual Volunteer Recognition Night, held in March at Ferraro's of Westfield.

In addition to thanking their more than 100 volunteer listeners, Caring Contact also recognized four volunteers for milestones and welcomed its newest listeners. The hotline also recognized non-listening volunteers, such as board members, fundraisers and marketers.

Caring Contact is an award-winning, volunteer-staffed caring and crisis hotline and listening community, providing active listening support and best-in-class training to the Central and Northern New Jersey community. More than 100 trained volunteer listeners answered nearly 9,000 calls last year from people in crisis, having suicidal thoughts or simply feeling depressed and lonely.

Dayle Moore of Westfield and Kristal Ras of Westfield were welcomed as two of Caring Contact's newest listeners. Moore spent 55 years as a nurse and found she was bored after retiring. She tried delivering meals on wheels and teaching literacy classes to adults but did not feel fulfilled, she said. She volunteered at Caring Contact and has been on the phones since June, averaging about 20 hours per month.

"The part of nursing I loved the most was afterward when I could talk to the patients one-on-one," she said. "I feel that's what I'm getting now. It's very rewarding. When I listen and talk to the callers, I feel I can help them. I'm 76 years old and I have a lot of empathy inside. Sometimes when my shift is over I want to keep going because it's so rewarding."

Ras is a part-time hair stylist and college student studying forensic psychology at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. She also has been on the phones since June and averages eight hours per month, with an eye toward more.

"Mental illness runs in my family," she said. "Any way I can help, to be there and listen to someone in a time of need is more meaningful than I can say. It's very rewarding. If I have a week I'm not actually on the lines, I miss it."

Hotline volunteers come from all age groups and backgrounds, including retirees, those working in a wide variety of careers and college students.

Listeners are given 52 hours of training in empathetic and nonjudgmental active listening and mental health issues and attend a two-day intensive session on suicide intervention called ASIST, or Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training. Training is followed by an internship on the lines with experienced listeners.

Anyone interested in volunteering at Caring Contact, either as a listener or in some other capacity, should visit <http://caringcontact.org/give-support/volunteer>. If you are in crisis and need someone to listen, call us at 908-232-2880. To learn more, visit [www.caringcontact.org](http://www.caringcontact.org).



(above l-r) Ashley Bambo volunteer manager at crisis hotline Caring Contact, welcomes Westfield residents Dayle Moore and Kristal Ras, two of the hotline's newest volunteer listeners.



(above l-r) James Stewart, Jim Lenox, and Robert John of Westfield, were recognized for reaching 2,000, 1,100 and 1,300 hours on the lines, respectively, as volunteer listeners. John also serves as president of the hotline's board of directors. In addition, Caring Contact posthumously honored former listener Edna Nash for her more than 1,000 hours on the lines over her decade of volunteering.

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All volunteers should meet at The Bandstand, located in the center of the park. Planned activities include trash patrol, weeding, planting and spreading of mulch around trees. For more information, please contact us at 908-233-0028 or [info@mindowaskinpark.org](mailto:info@mindowaskinpark.org).


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The Student Council of Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield went on a shopping spree recently to purchase children's toys and baby items for the Children Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. The Student Council, which includes sixth, seventh and eighth graders,

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The Creative Hands Community Service Group of Second Westfield Senior Citizens Housing mission is to build a community of

women whose intent is to spread love and warmth with their knitted and crocheted items to those in need. Since 2014, these ladies have faithfully come together every week to knit and crochet items for donation.

Our Community Service Group would be grateful to receive donations of yarn/wool to continue their projects. If you would like to donate any yarn, please contact: Carezza Motley at 908-518-9586 ext. 5

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## IN A DIVORCE, WHO GETS CUSTODY OF THE PETS?

*By: James McGlew II, Esq.*

One of the issues which arises with ever-increasing frequency in divorce cases is who gets "custody" of the pets. A 2015-2016 survey conducted by the American Pet Products Association estimates that 65% of all U.S. households have at least one pet. Combining this with the constant reporting that 50% of all marriages end in divorce ensures that there will be ongoing contentious discussions as to who will be awarded the parties' pets.

Several weeks ago, Alaska modified its divorce statutes to make it the first state in the country to obligate judges to take "into consideration the well-being of the animal" and to explicitly empower judges to order joint custody of pets.

The "Dogington Post" (yes that's right) has reported proposed language one animal rights group suggests be used by Courts in awarding "custody" or possession of dogs in divorce matters. "In determining who should be awarded custody, the court may want to consider which party has paid attention to the animal's basic daily needs (food, shelter, physical care, exercise, grooming, flea control); who takes the animal to the veterinarian; who provides for social interactions (in the case of dogs) with other dogs and/or with people; who maintains appropriate supervision to assure that state and local regulations are complied with (licensing, not allowing the dog to run free and protecting against circumstances that would endanger her life or health); and who has the greatest ability to financially support the animal."

Generally without exception pets are legally considered

personal property and, in New Jersey, are awarded to one of the parties in the event of a divorce. However, as with other types of property, pets can be considered pre-marital property and be awarded to the spouse who owned the pet prior to the marriage. I have seen an increase in the number of individuals who insist on pets being covered in their prenuptial agreement to ensure that the pet remains their possession regardless of a future divorce. Spouses are now also including provisions in post-nuptial agreements as to the future "custody" of their beloved pets.

Over the years parties have adopted a more reasonable approach to pets, post-divorce. The former spouses have used a "time-sharing" agreement with respect to their marital pets and have used mediation to get the mutually desired schedule. If one of the parties violates such an agreement, Courts have enforced the agreements and sanctioned the spouse who violates the agreement.

As with many other 21st century issues in divorce the determination of who will be awarded possession or "custody" of the parties' pets in a divorce is evolving. At Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper we provide comprehensive legal advice to individuals who are planning to divorce or who have dissolved a marriage. Our New Jersey divorce lawyers represent people throughout the state in all areas of family law, including child custody and support, alimony, asset distribution, and more. Call today to schedule a consultation with James McGlew at (908) 233-6800.

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## WESTFIELD CHAMBER WISH LIST PROGRAM TAKES OFF

The Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce (GWACC) made its first Wish List Program “match” on March 1st. This new program pairs a member business and a nonprofit organization with the purpose of fulfilling a wish requested by the nonprofit. In March, Community Access Unlimited (CAU), a nonprofit based in Elizabeth, received their wish—a laptop donated by Mario G. Cesario of Cesar-Kai Academy/The Max Challenge in Cranford.

Community Access Unlimited provides comprehensive support services to approximately 8,000 New Jersey residents with developmental disabilities, youth aging out of foster care, and people with affordable housing needs. Their mission is to give the people they work with (referred to as ‘members’) the opportunity to live independently and to lead normal and productive lives as citizens integrated into the community. Supported housing units are located in four of the five towns served by the GWACC. CAU requested a laptop to provide technical assistance to staff members working in the community alongside the people they support. The new laptop will allow the staff to immediately access each member’s information, connect members to community resources, thus providing the most comprehensive care.

Mario Cesario said, “I remember starting my first business six years ago. If it wasn’t for an extremely supportive community, my journey could have been very different. Having the opportunity to support a local nonprofit

organization that does great work is just the right thing to do, and I’m honored to pay it forward and make doing their job easier. We should all support local businesses and nonprofit organizations on a regular basis.”

Stephanie Branna, Chairwoman of the GWACC Nonprofit Committee said, “This new initiative was developed to bring awareness to all of our members. We are looking for the next

business to step up and grant the wish for our second nonprofit organization, Boys & Girls Clubs of Union County.”

For more information about the Wish List program, please contact Stephanie Branna at [stephanie@brannaagency.com](mailto:stephanie@brannaagency.com).

The GWACC serves five communities in Union County: Westfield, Garwood, Mountainside, Scotch Plains and Fanwood.



(above l-r) Chris Devine, GWACC Board; Stephanie Branna, Chairman of Non-Profit Committee; Cara Pavia, Community Access Unlimited; Mario Cesario, Cesar-Kai Academy; Gene Jannotti, GWACC Executive Director.

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## TAMAQUES SCHOOL: LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

*Submitted by Lisa Spirn*

When a group of Tamaques parents checked off the volunteer box next to the little-known Service Learning Committee, they weren't taking the commitment lightly.

The five Tamaques mothers of the committee, Kate Virmani (chair), Katie Spikes, Maria Broaddus, Jodi Wallin, and Lauren Politi, had a vision that their committee would lay the foundation for responsible citizenship throughout the student body at Tamaques, with the goals of teaching the values of global kindness, respect and empathy. Ambitious as it seemed, these goals, backed wholeheartedly by Principal Duelks and Tamaques staff, were exceeded.

In a month-long effort, the committee teamed Tamaques up with Heifer International, a global charity focused on ending poverty and hunger by providing communities with resources to be self-reliant. Heifer's helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty by providing them with animals that provide both food and sustainable income.

After an initial schoolwide launch assembly with Heifer, each class was asked to choose an animal to raise money to buy –chicks, cows, sheep and even honeybees. Money was raised with saved allowances and by getting paid to do extra chores at home. A competition was set between classes based on the amount of money raised, which boosted enthusiasm for the program. The nature of the program seemed to come alive, "It was contagious," enthusiastically noted chair Kate Virmani, "The students grasped

how they could make a real difference."

Through hands-on classroom sessions with Heifer representatives, headed by Laura Berzofsky, Tamaques students had opportunities to learn more about how other children live and were able to start to further appreciate how life in these communities is quite different than that of in Westfield.

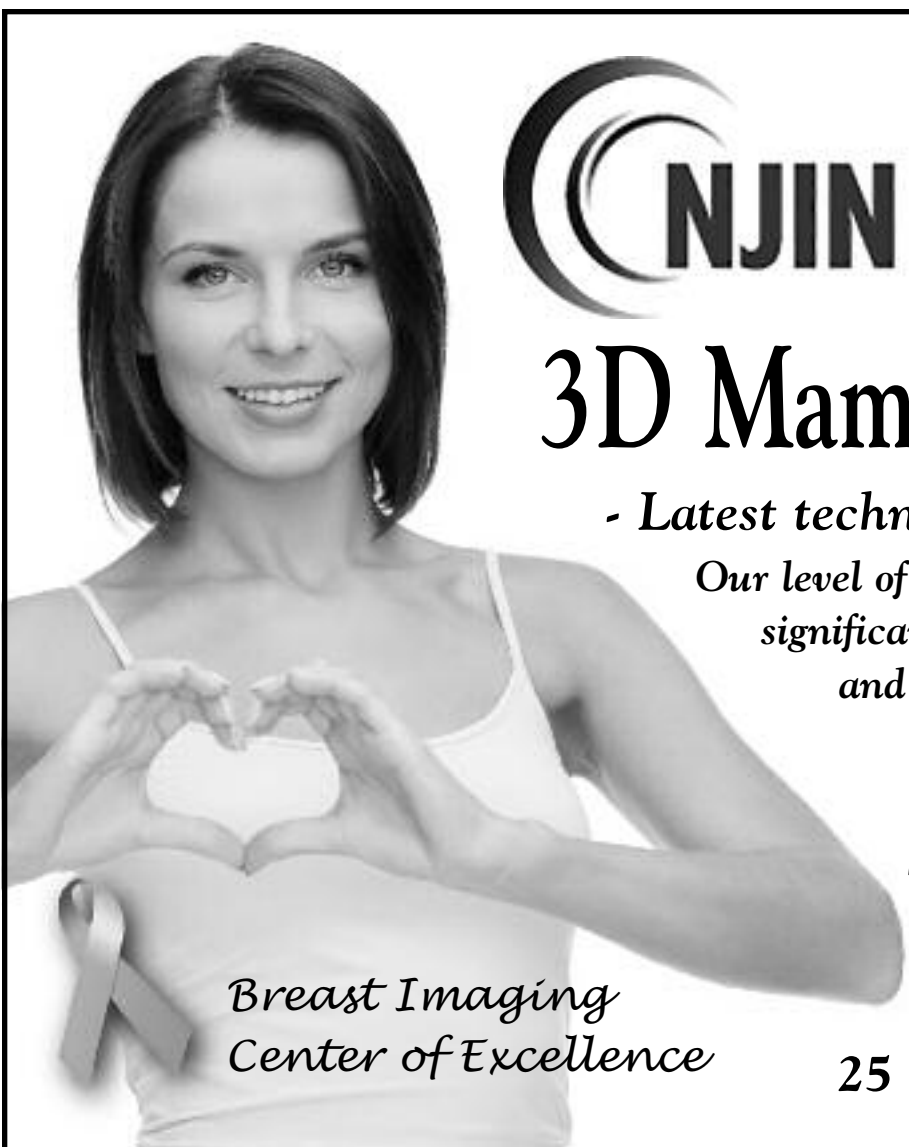
While the goal was to generate sufficient funding for 15 animals, at the end of the month, Tamaques had doubled its goals, raising enough


for 30 animals. The total funds raised exceeded \$3,000. Additionally, one Tamaques family has anonymously donated \$2,000 to the effort, bringing the total to over \$5,000.

Principal Duelks and students. noted, "This committee's drive brought out the best of Tamaques. It gave us all the opportunity to work towards a collective goal and deliver a tangible result for the larger global community, all while teaching the students an invaluable lifelong lesson."



*(above) Principal Duelks and students.*





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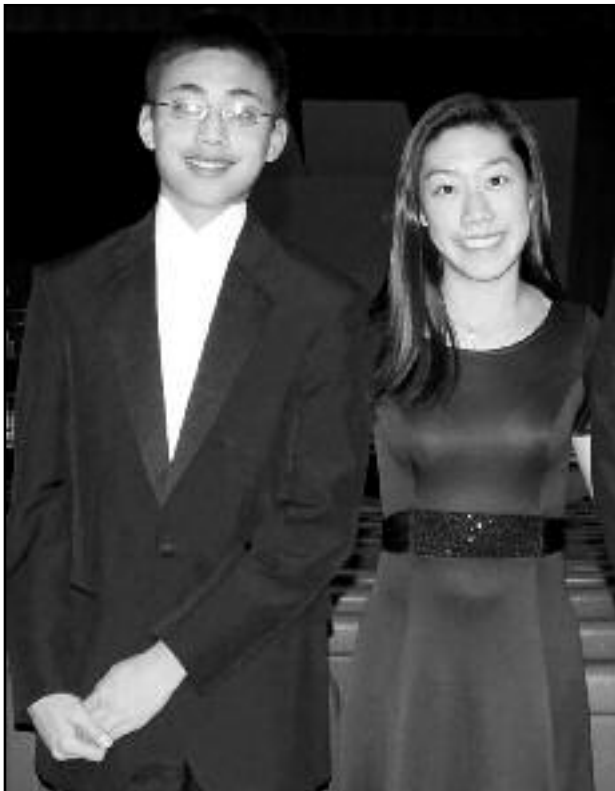
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# WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL VIOLINISTS EXCEL

Practice has paid off for Westfield High School violinists Morgan Eng and Kevin Li. The sophomores were accepted into the Central Jersey Music Education Association's Region 2 Orchestra and performed with other select musicians on January 8, 2017 at Montgomery High School. In addition, on Saturday March 18, Li auditioned for and was accepted into the NJ All-State Orchestra. The audition consisted of approximately 100 eligible students from the three region orchestras. The All State performances will be held on November 10, 2017 at the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City and November 19, 2017 at the NPAC in Newark. Craig Stanton, Westfield High School's Orchestra Director and Writing and Arranging Music teacher, said, "We are all very proud of Morgan and Kevin for their accomplishments. Making regional and state level orchestra is no easy task. It is a testament to all of their hard work that they made it this far."



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"We are delighted to bring this event to life with our named sponsor Trinitas Regional Medical Center. More importantly, we are

ecstatic at the enthusiasm of the community toward this event." said Gene Jannotti, Executive Director of the GWACC.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Ben Michaelis, a Manhattan clinical psychologist, author, and frequent mental health expert on The Today Show, Fox News, and MSNBC as well as numerous national publications. Dr. Michaelis presented The 5 Habits for Creating a Healthy Mind to a ballroom filled with participants. He

stayed after his presentation and spent time with both vendors and attendees.

The mission of the Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce is to promote business opportunities, economic development and community growth. For more information about the chamber and other upcoming business networking and community events, please contact Heather Bryant at 908-233-3021 or [heather@gwaccnj.com](mailto:heather@gwaccnj.com).



(above) A ribbon cutting opened the Expo presided by Scotch Plains Mayor Al Smith; Doug Harris, Trinitas Vice President of Marketing/Public Relations; Gene Jannotti, GWACC Executive Director and Expo Coordinator Heather Bryant, GWACC Membership/Events Manager.

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# CARING CONTACT NAMES JANET SARKOS OF WESTFIELD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Caring Contact, the Westfield-based crisis hotline and listening community, has named Janet Sarkos of Westfield as executive director. She had been serving as interim executive director.

Most recently, Sarkos was the chief operating officer of Chervo USA, an Italian golf clothing brand, and her broader professional experience includes marketing and public relations consulting. She also has been a Caring Contact volunteer listener since 2014.

Sarkos currently serves as president of the board of trustees of The Westfield Foundation. She also has 10 years of fundraising and leadership experience in Westfield's parent teacher organizations.

"The board is confident that in Janet Sarkos we have found a uniquely qualified individual to lead us into the next chapter of our critical work," said Bob John, president of the board of trustees at Caring Contact. "Janet is unquestionably devoted to our mission, as she so well demonstrated as a former volunteer and interim executive director."

"My goals are to continue the long tradition of care and support on our caring and crisis hotline that have been established over more than 40 years," Sarkos said. "I also intend to share what we know as a listening community by offering customized training programs to individuals and community groups, such as parents, school districts, first responders, businesses and other health professionals. I plan to partner with other organizations in our community, to increase the health and well-being of all."

"I look forward to growing the organization and finding new ways to increase the impact of our outstanding group of certified trainers and volunteer listeners."

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(above) Janet Sarkos of Westfield has been named executive director of Caring Contact.

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To make a donation to support the work of St. Joseph's www.sjeliz.org. Please do not call St. Joseph's or Union Catholic High School for show tickets or information.

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Third graders in Washington Elementary School in Westfield displayed their academic talents as well as their tea serving abilities on March 24. Capping off Women's History Month, the 78 students invited their special female adult relatives and friends to a celebration in the school gym, where student-created research biographies were read, wall art was admired and tea was poured for all the guests.

According to third grade teachers Karen Geddis, Lisa Bukowsky, Carol Fahrenthold and Elizabeth Reilly, the three-month interdisciplinary project began in January when the students learned to write non-fiction. Their research skills were honed in February through reading, incorporating a combination of Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum. During the month of March, those skills were put to use as the third graders took notes in preparation of their biographical report. Each report focused on a famous female figure and was peer-edited in class.

The project was enhanced with a timeline created through Google Docs, which was taught through a classroom visit by Westfield K-8 Master Technology teacher Jeanine Gottko. Completing this task as homework, the third graders put the finishing touch on the timeline display with an art project – a hand crafted paper doll representing the famous female historical character of their choice.

Commenting on her son's impression of the

project, April Stec said, "He kept coming home telling me different facts that he learned. I didn't think he would enjoy it as much as he actually did."

"Our March 24th event not only celebrates women in history, but also celebrates the women in our children's lives, the authors they have read, and the writers they are becoming," added Geddis.

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(above) Washington student CJ Strauss reads the biographical report she entitled "Blind and Deaf," based on her research on Helen Keller, to her grandmother Sunny Kaye.

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## WESTFIELD TEACHER WINS EDUCATORS' CHOICE CONTENT AWARD

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Ms. Tarashuk was selected from among 20 nominees by Smart Brief, a digital media company based in Washington, D.C. which honored her at an emerging leaders' reception at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's (ASCD's) annual conference in Anaheim, California in March.

An educator in the Westfield Public Schools for 19 years, Mary also is a creative consultant for the national nonprofit initiative, The Walking Classroom Institute.

"I'm happy to report that the 'do something meaningful syndrome' is still going strong in my fourth grade classroom," Mary said upon learning about the award.

"It's nice to know that other people can relate to the shared frustrations that many educators face today," she added. "I've made many mistakes and I have had many successes. . . and there is valuable wisdom in both."

"DSMS is already starting to show itself more openly in my classroom and in my lesson planning, as the kids and I are getting to know

each other and exchanging our own, individual wisdoms and curiosities, many of which occur on the reading rug," explained Tarashuk.

In reflecting on Ms. Tarashuk's award, Wilson Principal Joseph Malanga, stated, "Mary is a true professional who is so deserving of this award. She is a dedicated educator who never stops learning herself and who puts her heart and soul into making learning a joy for her students."

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(above) Mary Tarashuk, fourth grade teacher at Wilson School in Westfield.

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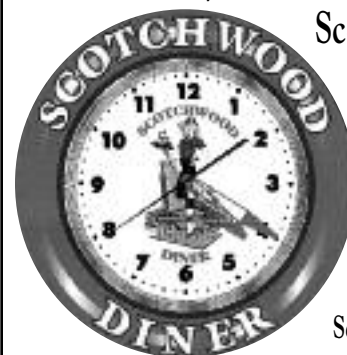
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Founded in 1917, the College Woman's Club is one of Westfield's oldest charitable service organizations. The club awards over \$50,000 in scholarship funds annually on the basis of financial need, academics and leadership. In addition to its fundraising efforts, CWC maintains an active calendar of social and networking events

for members, including guest speakers, museum trips and interest groups. Membership is open to all area women with a college degree and a desire to help future generations achieve that goal.

For tickets or membership information please contact [cwc.westfield@gmail.com](mailto:cwc.westfield@gmail.com) or visit [cwclubwestfield.org](http://cwclubwestfield.org).

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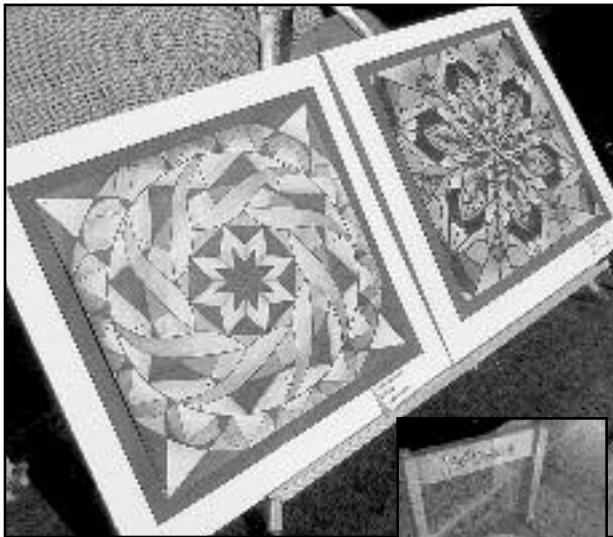
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"Youth Art Month is a time to celebrate the creative work of our children," explained Linda King, Supervisor of Fine Arts for the Westfield Public Schools. "The artwork represents children of all levels of age and ability. It is chosen by our art teachers for various reasons: work ethic, commitment to the project at hand, proficiency, emotional uplifting, and appropriate medium for the chosen store. I am honored and pleased with the work of our dedicated educators, the children whose work is displayed, and the many supporting community members who give of their valuable time to make this event occur each year," added Dr. King.

A nationwide tradition that began more than 50 years ago, Youth Art Month emphasizes the value of art education and encourages support for school art programs according to [www.arteducators.org](http://www.arteducators.org).



(above & right) Shoppers in downtown Westfield enjoyed art creations such as these.

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The new child advocates completed 30 hours in a new, flexible training option that comprises fewer in-person sessions than the traditional session, but incorporates an online learning component for scheduling flexibility. After the new advocates took their oath and received a commemorative CASA pin and certificate, they gathered with staff and board members for a celebratory luncheon, during which they were matched to their new case.

Volunteers with varied backgrounds make successful advocates and this class is no exception: Advocates range in age from 21 to 81; are parents and non-parents; recent retirees and students; and careers include business professionals, a teacher, nurse, attorney and professor; as well as homemakers. Languages

spoken include Spanish, Chinese, Ukrainian and German. Most have no prior knowledge of the foster system, and at least two of the volunteers are immigrants.

CASA volunteers have court-ordered access to all parties in a child's life, including foster parents, doctors, caseworkers, therapists and teachers, and incorporate into court reports findings from these contacts as well as time spent with the youth. Volunteers advocate both in the community and court to ensure their youth's needs are met and their time in care is as short as possible. There are 600 Union County children currently in foster care and CASA of Union County serves approximately one-third; its mission is to provide an advocate for every foster child that needs one.

For details on future trainings, contact Courtney at 908-527-7045 or [cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:cgreen@casaoofunioncounty.org). To inquire about other ways to support CASA of Union County, contact Executive Director Marla Higginbotham at 908-527-7041 or [marlah@casaoofunioncounty.org](mailto:marlah@casaoofunioncounty.org).

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Organized by Greta's childhood friends, Greta's Run is a neighborhood centerpiece that 1,300 people of all abilities look forward to participating in. All proceeds benefit people with special and adaptive needs.

Greta's Run will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2017, at Roosevelt Intermediate School located at 301 Clark Street in Westfield, NJ. The course is USATF certified and sanctioned. Registration

is \$30. Please register online to Run, Walk, Roll or Volunteer (no cost) for Greta's Run or learn more: [crowdrise.com/GretasRu](http://crowdrise.com/GretasRu)

Wheelchairs/Handcycles are welcome, and volunteers will be present for course assistance if needed. Day's schedule: is 9:00-10:45AM: Registration/Bib/Shirt Pick-up; 5k Start time: 11:00AM; 12:00-1:00PM: Awards & Refreshments.

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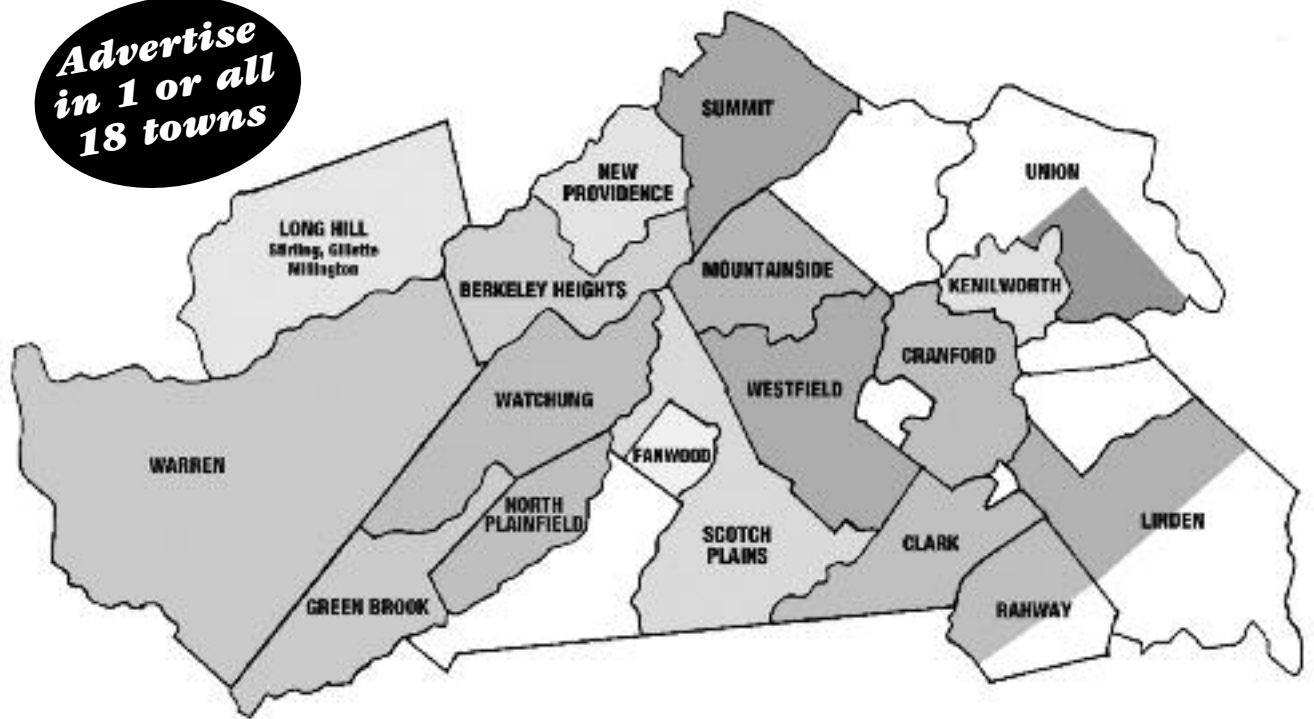
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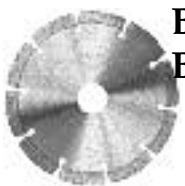


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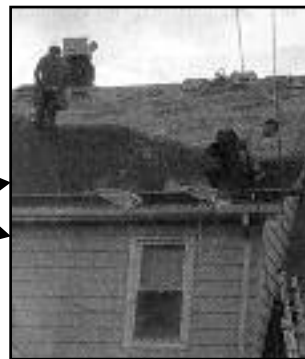


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