

Westfield Foundation Gives \$51K In Grants Locally

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Foundation has announced that its board has awarded \$51,300 in grants to six local organizations. These grants will be used to train crisis hotline volunteers; to stock a food pantry with groceries for families coping with pediatric cancer; to underwrite four outreach ensemble concerts and two L.I.F.E. courses at the Westfield Senior Citizens Housing; to expand a career launch program for area youth, and to support advocates for at-risk children.

The Westfield Foundation, a local non-profit, was founded 40 years ago in 1975. The mission of the Foundation has always been to enhance quality of life in the community by supporting the arts, health, aging, historic preservation, social services and civic projects. Since the Foundation's inception, more than \$6 million has been granted to local organizations from the income earned on the Foundation's investments.

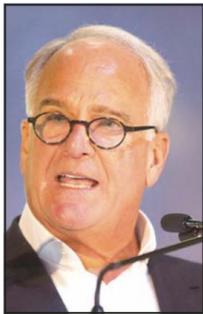
This quarter's recipients include: CONTACT We Care, a volunteer-staffed crisis hotline serving Central and Northern New Jersey; Boys and Girls Club of Union County, a club providing a safe haven, with academic enrichment and recreational activities, for youth ages 5 to 18;

Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, an agency providing such services as professional in-home counseling, material support such as food, clothing and household items, advocacy on behalf of families and emergency financial relief to any New Jersey family facing the challenges of caring for a child with cancer; New Jersey Intergenerational Orchestra, which provides orchestral education to musicians of all ages, including full orchestral concerts and outreach performances; Union County College Foundation, which provides support for scholarships, equipment, facilities and academic programs; and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Union County, which recruits, trains and supervises community volunteers to act as advocates for children who may have been removed from their homes due to neglect or abuse.

Money to support the Foundation's grants has been and continues to be provided solely by community residents. For more information about the Westfield Foundation grant program, leaving a living legacy or donor opportunities, contact Betsy Chance, executive director, at (908) 233-9787 or foundation@westfieldnj.com.

Lindabury's John R. Blasi Honored By Children's Specialized Hospital

John R. Blasi, President of Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, was recently honored by Children's Specialized Hospital of Mountainside, N.J. at its 28th Annual Umbrella Gala. John was named by the hospital as its 2015 Corporate Leadership honoree in recognition of his and the Lindabury firm's generosity and commitment to supporting the hospital and the services it provides to children and their families. The Gala was held at the skating rink at Rockefeller Center in New York City on October 24 and was attended by several hundred guests.



John R. Blasi, President of Lindabury McCormick Estabrook & Cooper

John has been involved with Children's Specialized Hospital since the late 1980s and has served in leadership roles with the organization including as Chairman of the hospital's Board of Trustees from 2001 to 2005. During his time as Chairman, John helped to coordinate the affiliation between Children's Specialized Hospital and Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. This affiliation has helped the hospital to expand its ability to serve a greater number of children and families.

"It is an honor to be recognized by Children's Specialized Hospital," said Mr. Blasi. "I am proud to be associated with such an amazing organization that works tirelessly to aid and support patients who need specialized medical care."

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STRONG FOUNDATION...Doug Stokes, president of the Westfield Memorial Library Board of Trustees and now a newly-elected town councilman, dedicated a plaque October 22 to the library recognizing the six original founding members of the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation. Created in 2010, the Foundation was established to raise funds to support long-term development of the library. It has purchased furniture for the Children's and Youth Services sections, as well as new computer chairs and laptops. Pictured, from left to right, are: Mr. Stokes, founding members Roger Sullivan, Linnea Rhodes and Lynn Kolterjahn, and Library Director Phil Israel. Not pictured are Randi Albert, Jay Hershey and Tom Smith.

Miller-Cory Museum Gears Up For Holiday Season

WESTFIELD — The Miller-Cory House Museum is preparing to celebrate the holiday season with a variety of family programs. Built in 1740, the historic farmhouse is located at 614 Mountain Avenue, Westfield.

The festivities will begin on Sunday, November 22, with "Thanksgiving Dinner Demonstration and 18th Century Table Customs and Manners," taking place from 2 to 4 p.m. During this event, a traditional colonial Thanksgiving meal will be prepared over the open hearth.

On December 6, "Gingerbread Sunday" will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m., with children's crafts, storytelling and refreshments. Advance registration is required for this program; reservations will be accepted no later than noon on Thursday, December 3.

Finally, "The Many Faces of Santa Claus" will be presented on Sunday, December 13, between 2 and 4 p.m.

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Admission for the November 22 and December 13 events is \$4 for adults and children age 13 and older; \$3 for children ages 3 to 12, and free for those under age 3. Admission for "Gingerbread Sunday" is \$5 per child; accompanying adults may attend for free. For more information or to make a reservation, call the museum weekdays mornings at (908) 232-1776 or e-mail miller-corymuseum@gmail.com. The website is miller-coryhouse.org.

Fall Qigong Classes Continue at FCC

WESTFIELD — Moving Meditation (Qigong) classes will continue on Tuesday evenings through December 15, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., in Patton Auditorium of the First Congregational Church, located at 125 Elmer Street, Westfield.

A suggested donation of \$15 to \$20 will benefit Heifer International, a non-profit humanitarian organization dedicated to ending world hunger.

Moving Meditation is a simple, graceful movement based on ancient Asian Qigong wellness systems. Benefits include stress reduction, flexibility and enhanced wellness. The practice is performed standing up and ordinary street clothing is appropriate.

The classes are led by Laura Berzofsky, a certified Integral Tai Chi and Qigong instructor with the International Integral Qigong and Tai Chi Institute at Santa Barbara College of Oriental Medicine and a member of the National Qigong Association. For additional information or to register, call Ms. Berzofsky at (908) 232-0169. Drop-in students also are welcome.

Greyhound Friends' Expo Is This Weekend at Armory

WESTFIELD — Greyhound Friends of New Jersey's (GFNJ) 19th Annual Pet & Craft Expo will return to the Westfield Armory this Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. The Armory is located at 500 Rahway Avenue. Admission is \$6, or \$5 with a coupon, available online at gfnj.org; children age 12 and under may attend for free. Leashed pets are welcome.

GFNJ's largest fundraiser of the year, the expo will feature an array of vendors offering a variety of items for people and pets. There also will be a raffle and a bake sale. Santa Claus will be on hand to pose for digital photos with pets and their people. Additionally, visitors will be able to have lunch in "The Grey Café" and to pick up holiday gifts for the whole family. Further attractions will include an animal communicator on both days and an Animal Reiki practitioner on Saturday.

The Craft Show & Pet Expo offers the public an opportunity to meet and learn about retired racing greyhounds, and pre-approved applicants can choose a new family member and finalize the adoption.

Weekend presentations will include: Tina Solera from Galgos del Sol, Spanish Galgo and Podenco Rescue on Saturday at noon, presenting the plight of the Spanish galgos and efforts to rescue them; on Saturday at 2 p.m., Sue Smith will give an introduction to GFNJ's award-winning Prison Foster Program, and on Sunday at 1 p.m. there will be a Blessing of the Animals by Chaplain Matty Giuliano of the Monmouth SPCA.

Lead sponsors of this year's event include: NorthStar VETS of Robbinsville; Gerald B. Shreiber Foundation care of J&J Snack Foods; Round Valley Animal Hospital, Lebanon, N.J.; Abba Products Corporation, Hillside; and Crown Veterinary Specialists, Lebanon, N.J.

Proceeds from the Pet & Craft Expo help defray transportation and veterinary costs for the hundreds of greyhounds that GFNJ welcomes each year. Matching retired racers

with families for almost 30 years, GFNJ provides each dog with spay/neuter surgery, updated inoculations, heartworm testing and dental care before they are placed in an adoptive home. GFNJ has extended its mission to include hounds in jeopardy in the United States, Spain and Ireland.

To learn more about greyhound adoption, the Pet & Craft Expo or how to become a sponsor, vendor or volunteer, visit gfnj.org or gfnjcraftsandpets.com.



FRIENDLY FACE...Retired racing greyhounds, like this one, are in need of loving homes. Greyhound Friends of New Jersey's 19th Annual Pet & Craft Expo will take place this weekend at the Westfield Armory.

Single Jewish Friends To Gather Sunday

AREA — The Circle of Single Jewish Friends 49-plus will hold a Meet and Eat Luncheon this Sunday, November 15, at noon. It will take place at Bahama Breeze Island Grille, located at 520 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.

The cost is the price of a meal from the menu and tip, plus \$3. Those interested in attending are asked to respond by contacting Roberta at (908) 668-8450 or roger678@optonline.net.

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Peter Kalellis Pens Novel Of Love During World War II

WESTFIELD — From a prolific writer of 10 psycho-spiritual self-help books comes "The Phoenix: A Story of a Love That Endured the Winds of World War II," a second captivating novel destined to be a motion picture.

Aging but ageless, author Dr. Peter M. Kalellis, a local psychotherapist and marriage counselor, faithfully continues his practice in Westfield, N.J.

In the last 40 years experience, he has addressed issues related to anxiety, boredom, conflicts, depression and loss of direction in life, low self-esteem and relationship difficulties. Besides helping his clients with utmost care and sensitivity, his personal passion is writing, and even his novels carry a therapeutic message.

Writing is my personal therapy, claims Dr. Kalellis.

"The Phoenix: A Story of a Love That Endured the Winds of World War II" is about the wealthy Greek-American widower, Costas Cambas, who leaves the United States, a country he loves, and returns with Nina, his young orphaned daughter, to the island of Lesbos in Greece,

the land of his origin. There he finds his loving sister, a religious woman, who helps to raise his daughter.

In her late teens, Nina dreams of becoming a nun and establishing a home for abandoned boys and girls — who have increased in number as of the invasion of Nazi Germany in 1941. On the island, Nina meets the handsome Danny Cohen, an American sailor who carries out a secret mission in occupied Greece. Thought to be a Jewish spy, Cohen was taken to a Nazi concentration camp where he witnessed cruelty against the Greek people.

Nina's desire to become a nun and Danny's sense of duty collide with a love and passion that is hard to control.

Readers of "The Phoenix" will encounter an emotional tapestry of love, passion, greed, power, anger, faith and forgiveness. There may be a difficulty putting it down as the reader will be taken on an intriguing yet emotional roller-coaster ride that is to be thoroughly enjoyed and sad to see it end.

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