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Pictured, from left to right, Gregory Roser, "The Christmas Guy," Venus Majeski Director of Development and Community Relations at NJID, Robert J. Ferrara executive director, and Dominick M. Ursino, MA, president.



COMMUNITY ACTION...The Westfield Boosters recently donated funds to Westfield High School to renovate the two Trainers' Rooms used by all of the high school athletes. The Boosters were able to fund these projects for the student athletes due to the generous support from the community. The Boosters appreciate all of the help (by Stephen Root).

### Thank You From Fanwood's Famous 'Christmas House' 2018

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the Leader Newspapers, *The Scotch Plains - Fanwood Times* and *The Westfield Leader* for their assistance in promoting Fanwood's Famous "Christmas House" fund for NJID. The final donation was presented on January 11th to New Jersey Institute for Disabilities (NJID) for the display at 83 Paterson Road.

It was a great fundraising season, with \$7,079 donated by all of you. This is the fourth year I have been collecting donations for NJID, and to think it all started the first year with \$300 collected. I was pleased with that, but knew I could do better.

The second year \$700 was donated, and the third year \$2,700. Never did I think that all of you were hiding in the shadows just waiting for a worthy cause to support.

I owe my success to the generosity of my family, friends, neighbors, local businesses, and from people I have never met, from as far away as California. I enjoyed meeting many of you throughout the season, and discovered that people come from far and wide to view our display. Look for a new and exciting display with many new items, starting the day after Thanksgiving. The sad task of dismantling the display is about done,

#### Deadlines

- General News - Friday 4pm
- Weekend Sports - Monday 12pm
- Classifieds - Tuesday 12pm
- Ad Reservation - Friday 4pm
- Ad Submittal - Monday 12pm

and a list of repairs has been made for when I start all over again in September.

On December 8, 2018, Santa greeted 150 children and their families and all children received a gift from the Roser family. Over \$1,000 was donated to NJID that day in under two hours. While Santa was greeting his guests, Mrs. Santa (June) was entertaining in the house, serving coffee and homemade treats. The 2019 Santa visit is scheduled for Saturday December 7, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. There is no charge for this event, and all children will receive a gift.

I have been decorating for 35 years, missing some years because of health or family obligations, and the display gets larger every year. It takes about two months to prepare and install the display, and it seems to take a little longer each year as I get older. There is a lot of climbing involved, which I do before the weather turns too cold. The display is a mix of homemade displays and purchased displays. Over the last few years, I have changed over most of the display to LED bulbs, which has reduced my lighting bill from \$100 a week to under \$20 a week.

Special thanks go to all of my friends and family elves, for this event could not be possible without their help. I may install the entire display by myself, but Santa requires lots of help.

Gregory Roser  
Fanwood

### An Investment In The Future Of Westfield Graduates

Our thanks to those individuals and families who have generously supported the 2019 Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) Scholarship Fund. To date, we have raised over \$12,000 for the Fund. For those who have not yet contributed, there is still time, and we need your support!

Established in 1957, The PTC Scholarship Fund benefits graduating Westfield High School seniors who demonstrate financial need, academic perseverance and community involvement. The eight to 12 scholarships awarded annually—which last year totaled almost \$20,000—truly do make a difference in the lives of the graduating seniors. Each year, the PTC Scholarship Fund Committee must make tough decisions when selecting recipients, and due to limited funds, must unfortunately turn away several worthy applicants.

The PTC Scholarship Fund relies

solely on the generosity of our community for donations. Please help us meet the needs of our students in the Class of 2019 by supporting this Fund. Your donation, no matter what the size, will be greatly appreciated and will help us to move closer to our goal of providing \$20,000 in awards again this year.

Please make your donation payable to "Westfield PTC Scholarship" and mail by April 1st to:

Westfield PTC, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090 Attention: Donna Kenney

Thank you, in advance, for your support: 2019 Westfield Parent-Teacher Scholarship Fund Committee.

Jeannie Arida  
Westfield

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