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# A Preface to the 26th Annual Edition of *This Is Westfield*

“Coming Together” - This 26th edition of *This Is Westfield* tackles a difficult question that many of us, and generations before us, have struggled with. That is, “What makes Westfield and the region so special?” Certainly, the answer lies in the people; their many talents, energy, spirit and good hearts. But, there’s more. For some uncanny reason, “volunteerism” pervades every nook and cranny of Westfield endeavors. And it’s been that way from day one.

To celebrate “volunteerism,” we’ve attempted a seemingly simple task – to publish a list of Westfield volunteer organizations. As deadline approached, we realized the impossibility of the objective. Each one group contacted led to the discovery of three more. So, our list is incomplete. But, it’s a starting point. Presumably, our phone will be ringing from those not included. We apologize to them now.

It will take several iterations of publishing with continuous maintenance before the volunteer list approaches completeness. If your group is not listed, please call (908) 232-4407, write or email us - [press@goleader.com](mailto:press@goleader.com). We’ll continue the task as we feel it is useful to the community. This information and much more is available on our Internet site - [www.goleader.com](http://www.goleader.com).

We have been able to mail this 26th

edition of *This Is Westfield* to every resident in Westfield and Mountainside along with our April 9 edition of *The Westfield Leader* newspaper. Also, we’ve been able to mail the April 9 newspaper of *The Times of Scotch Plains and Fanwood* to every resident in those towns. This is in addition to our growing county, state and national newspaper subscriber base. We’re also reaching thousands each month via the Internet. Thank you for your support in our 108th year of publishing. If this is the first time you’ve seen our publications, we urge you to consider being a subscriber. With your help, we promise to do more.



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John Russell, a Westfield artist, illustrated the front cover by depicting the dedication and commitment of the people who live and work in our town.



John has a growing business illustrating homes, families and pets. The models for Mr. Russell’s rendition, with distinct talents of their own, are also residents.

Thomas J. Killian, 11, excels in several musical instruments including the violin, piano and tuba. He has a broad range of interests covering model railroading, writing and geometry.

Music teacher Bob Rietzke, of our public schools for over three decades, has nurtured many students to prestigious achievements. Mr. Rietzke is prominent in state music education groups. He is nearing completion of his book, “Sightreading for the Serious.”

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