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## Musical Club of Westfield Brings Composers' Works To Ever-Growing Audiences

Begun in 1915 with approximately a dozen members, the Musical Club of Westfield has entered its 1998-1999 season with 103 members, including 80 performers and 23 associates.

The primary mission of the club is to provide qualified students with scholarship aid for musical study at the college level. Participants must audition before a committee. One individual received the first scholarship in 1922, for \$25. This season, 14 recipients will receive scholarships.

Another purpose of the club is to give members a chance to perform. This season, there are seven concerts. Performances are held mostly at the First Baptist Church in Westfield.

In 1981, a magnificent Steinway grand piano, which was owned by the late Janet Grimler Gleason, was left to the Musical Club and was dedicated in the First Baptist Church.

On Wednesday, May 12, a Music Week concert is scheduled at the First Baptist Church. The first Music Week concert was given in 1931 to honor National Music Week, founded by local resident Charles Milton Tremaine, who was then President of the National Association for Advancement of Music.

The Community Concert Association developed from the early sponsorship of concerts by the Musical Club of Westfield. In the past, these concerts featured outside artists who performed in Westfield. Among them were Sergei Rachmaninoff, Pablo Casals and Lily Pons.

Club members, male and female, are required to audition. Individuals who do not wish to perform may join as Associate Members. All members pay minimal dues and support the scholarship program.

The Junior Musical Club holds two concerts this season at the First Baptist Church. This group is led by Dariel Belcher and is comprised of 30 members. The scholarship recipients are announced at the club's annual luncheon in May, an event held at one of the local country clubs. Some of the students perform at the meeting prior to the luncheon.

The Musical Club of Westfield continues to project the noblest works of many composers of vocal, organ, instrumental, and chamber music to a constantly growing and appreciative audience.

**How to Get Involved**  
Musical Club of Westfield  
(908) 233-1352  
mcw@westfieldnj.com

## Human Services Department: A Source For Referrals For Seniors, Social Services

Westfield's Department of Human Services serves as a mecca of information and services for senior citizens and those persons receiving financial assistance.

In the area of Social services, Director of Human Services Lillian Corsi and her staff provide information and referral services on local, county, state and federal programs that a resident may need to contact for assistance.

These services can involve legal services, hospitals, nursing homes, home health providers, Veterans Administration, Social Security, Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Mobile Meals on Wheels, Visiting Nurses and homemaker services, the court system, utility companies, etc.

After assessing which program or agency is appropriate for an individual, the Department initiates the contact and provides follow-up services.

The department assists persons receiving Welfare assistance by referring clients for medical, psychiatric and substance abuse services on an as needed basis after verifying physical and mental disability claims per the Work First New Jersey General Assistance program.

Welfare assistance is now a temporary program following a 1996 federal law change. In 1998, 244 general assistance cases were handled for Westfield netting \$62,480 in state funds.

In terms of senior support services, Ms. Corsi serves as Westfield's community senior coordinator and as an information and referral agent.

Throughout the year Westfield seniors as well as families receive cash and in-kind services through The Caring Neighbor Fund and The Salvation Army Service Unit of Westfield, Mountainside and Garwood. Approximately 837 Westfield men, women and children were assisted through the program in 1998.

The Department of Human Services accepts monetary donations for the Caring Neighbor Fund, funds which, in turn, provides for emergency assistance to Westfield residents.

Seventy-five percent of the funds are earmarked for medical assistance for services such as prescription drugs. The Fund also assists with utility emergencies, the prevention of homelessness, food certificates and clothing.

The Fund also sponsors a Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner held at the Senior Housing Complex for seniors living there as well as throughout Westfield.

The Caring Fund also provides recreation scholarships for pool, sports camps and other programs run by the Westfield Recreation Department.

The Human Services staff work closely with school social workers and other school personnel to make sure that "at-risk" youth are referred to the proper support services.

The Town of Westfield, as an established unit of The Salvation Army, receives an allocation from funds collected by the Salvation Army through donations, drives and from the United Way.

**How to Get Involved:**  
Human Services Department  
(908) 789-4079

## United Fund

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For more information, please call (908) 233-2113. The organization may also be reached by e-mail at [unitedfund@westfieldnj.com](mailto:unitedfund@westfieldnj.com)

American Red Cross Westfield-Mountainside, 321 Elm Street, Westfield (908) 232-7090.

Association for Retarded Citizens, 1225 South Avenue, Plainfield, (908) 754-5910.

Boy Scouts of America, Watchung Area Council, 1170 Route 22, West, Mountainside, (908) 654-9191.

Community Access Unlimited, 60 Prince Street, (908) 354-3040.

CONTACT We Care, P.O. Box 74, Fanwood, (908) 889-4140.

Girl Scouts, Washington Rock Council, 201 Grove Street, Westfield, (908) 232-3236.

Jewish Community Center, 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, (908) 889-8800.

Jewish Family Service Agency, 655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, (908) 352-8375.

Mental Health Association of Union County, 15 Alden Street, Cranford, (908) 272-0300.

Mobile Meals of Westfield, 170 Elm Street, Westfield, (908) 233-6146.

Union County Legal Service, 60 Prince Street, Elizabeth, (908) 354-4340.

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