

WINTER 2018 NEWSLETTER

EVENT SPOTLIGHT:



The Catch A Cure team: Linda Humphrey, Robin Hoffman, Megan Rochelle, and Jean Condon



What started out as a chilly morning turned out to be one of those sun drenched fabulous October days. Over 300 people assembled on the boardwalk at Beach 102nd street. Father Jim Cunningham spoke a few words and offered a brief prayer before the start of the First Annual “Catch a Cure” 5K Family Walk/Run to raise awareness and benefit families in our community dealing with cancer related issues.

The race went off without a hitch and an absolutely fantastic turn out ensured a wonderful day for all who participated, as well as those who watched and cheered for the runners, walkers and strollers pushed by parents and grandparents. The day was about our local communities being united as one! We were not individually Breezy Point, Rockaway Beach or Broad Channel, on this day we were a family.

After the last walker crossed the finished line everyone assembled inside the Community House to hear the results, receive awards, drink, eat, enjoy great company and offer special recognition to certain people. Catch a Cure will always honor and remember one person from each of our local communities. Special thanks to the families who allowed us be their extended family. We remembered Donna Kase, Broad Channel, Coleen Tuohey, Rockaway Beach and Patricia Neinast of Breezy Point. The honorees of this day were Anna O’Connor, Broad Channel, Marty Andresen, Rockaway Beach, Miracle Maggie, Rockaway Beach and Jeannette Mulholland of Roxbury. They all had a special place in everyone’s heart that day.

All the money raised was donated to Rockaway Wish, a local non-profit organization who recognizes the needs of the community and volunteers their time and talents to assist our neighbors during difficult times.

The Catch a Cure Family Walk /Run was the brain child of Robin Hoffman who had the idea to bring all the communities together in order to raise money and awareness and honor those locals who have dealt with cancer. She could not have made this event the tremendous success it was, without the help and extra hands of Linda Humphrey – who created the logo, flyers, shirts, banners, signs and sweatshirts, Megan Rochelle, who spearheaded all social media, Jean Mullen Condon of Rockaway Wish and John Edwards of Rockapulco Runs. The day of the event special thanks goes out to Sue Carlton, Bozena Lipiec, Sarah Kenny, Elizabeth Duffy, LouAnn Mannino, Paige Humphrey, Keith Goldberg, Jeannette Mulholland, DJ Kelly Kelley, Miss Elaine’s Dance Company, Joe Leahy, Tom Farr, Ridgewood Savings Bank and the Rockaway Point Volunteer Ambulance for their support, time, and hard work. A special thank you goes to Kelley Brooke and the staff at Community House which in true fashion acted as a community gathering place, pre and post event. This event could not have taken place without the support of sponsors who so graciously gave their time and money to this cause.

Be sure to save the date, Sunday September 30th for the second annual “Catch a Cure “Walk/Run

UPCOMING EVENTS

WISHING

Sign up - February 14 - February 28th

Expected Delivery - early March

Know someone in the community that goes the extra mile? Perhaps someone who could use a pick me up? Consider dropping them a "WISH," a token of appreciation! All members who have paid their 2018 dues are eligible to send a "WISH." If you would like to nominate someone to be WISHED or volunteer to be part of the shopping or delivery committees, please contact Tara at Tduffy118@aol.com.

FOOD - TOILETRY - DRESS DRIVE

Sunday, March 18, 2018 from 8am - 1pm

St. Francis de Sales Small Hall

WISH will be collecting non-perishable foods and toiletries (including diapers and cleaning products) to donate to our local food pantries. We will also collect gently used and clean Communion dresses and suits and prom dresses to give to those in need. We welcome anyone who wants to join us as a volunteer to collect and sort these items.

WISH SCHOLARSHIP

April 15, 2018

This date is the deadline for current 8th graders (sons and daughters of 2017 WISH members) to submit their essay application to win \$1000 scholarship from WISH. For more information, please contact Jean at jcondonwish@gmail.com or Beth at beth81772@aol.com.

Save the Date

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OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER WILL BE HELD:

MAY 25, 2018

COMMUNITY HOUSE RBNY

DJ TEDDY

\$5000 GRAND PRIZE



Our Annual Ladies Brunch was a huge success. It was a great day to celebrate our honorees Kathy Roberts, Margot McGinn, & Eileen Cuomo.

WISH recently welcomed 4 new board members: Jenny Tubridy, Sarah Kenny, Lou Ann Mannino, and Jamie Pisani. These women have been a wonderful addition to the board and we are so grateful for their dedication and leadership. Below Jenny explains what made her decide to take on a bigger role in WISH.

I joined Rockaway WISH as a member in 2007. I was drawn to the organization because of its mission to help our community. I appreciate the commitment and focus on local needs and I also enjoy being a part of a fine group of professional women who are looking to give back to the community.

I was awed by the work that WISH did to help our community recover after Hurricane Sandy and those contributions made me very proud to be a part of WISH. When the leaders of WISH asked if any members had interest in joining the Board of WISH a few years later, the memories of WISH's Sandy support were on the forefront of my mind as I realized I too could do more.

I joined the WISH board in 2015. Seeing WISH from the inside has made me appreciate what WISH does even more! The continued support to those in need—many times given quietly—has made me even prouder to be a part of this organization. I am also grateful to take an active part in planning the events that I have enjoyed since WISH's inception over ten years ago. My commitment to this group has fulfilled me in so many ways I would not have dreamed of and I am thankful to meet so many wonderful women who have joined WISH.

I look forward to many more events and opportunities to help our community in the future!