

Dear Editor,

Thanks to the tremendous success of the 5000 Meter Lager Run held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, the Glen Ridge Community Fund recently distributed much needed contributions to the following social service organizations: Senior Care and Activities Center, Family Service League, 1<sup>st</sup> Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey, ARC of Essex County, CHR-ILL Service, Inc., American Red Cross, Human Needs Food Pantry, The Center for Hospice Care, Care Plus and the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance. For more than 60 years, the GRCF has worked hard to fulfill its mission of providing funding for the programs that serve essential needs of the residents of Glen Ridge.

Though the challenges of fundraising can, at times, be daunting, a fresh approach often can help renew the spirit. When Dan Murphy offered to help coordinate a professional-level race to benefit the Fund, the thought of breaking from tradition was both exciting and a bit terrifying. With picture perfect weather and an unsurpassed spirit of cooperation, the 5000 Meter Lager Run was not only a wonderful, family event, but also a terrific venue to bring broader exposure to the Fund and its mission. The event brought in more than 400 runners and a record-number of sponsors and supporters. Our fundraising goals far exceeded our expectations and our social service agencies are the deserving beneficiaries.

We would like to extend our thanks to Dan Murphy for his tireless commitment to orchestrating a successful run. The Glen Ridge Police Department, Mike Rohal and the Glen Ridge Municipal Officers, and the Department of Public Works were indispensable in keeping everything running smoothly. The residents of Herman Street were extremely hospitable during the post-race picnic and the owners of Fitzgerald's—Paul Brewster, Curt Schade and Dave Fitzgerald--were more than generous by providing the food and beverages to all race participants.

A large portion of our race profit came from the many generous sponsors. We would like to thank Coyne Public Relations, J. Day Construction, Mountainside Hospital, Rhodes Van Note, Fleet Feet, Frenkel & Co., Inc., Montclair Radiology, Nutley Chevrolet Buick, Saint Barnabas Health Care System, Wolf, Block, American Bank, Atlantic Track & Turnout, Bowden Agency, Brookside Garden Center, Castle Contracting, Garner Brothers Plumbing, Glen Ridge Auto, Glen Ridge United, Edward D. Gold, DDS, Joseph Mason, DMD, JT Murdoch Shoes, Jim's Super Service, Just Sandwiches, Noyes Agency, Ridge Bottle King, Roddy Insurance, Stevens Products, Stevenson & Smith, Femino Ducey Orthopaedic Group, Generazio Associates, Glen Ridge Shukokai Karate, The Glenmont Group, Imbrogno Chiropractic, Noteworthy and our many family supporters.

This event was the result of many months of planning, meeting and organization on the part of the trustees of the Community Fund, but the end result of supporting our local agencies made every moment worth the time and effort.

On behalf of the Fund, we would like to extend our thanks to the entire Glen Ridge community. We hope to see you at next year's race.  
Sincerely,

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Co-Presidents  
The Glen Ridge Community Fund