



NewBridge

Helping People Move Forward

Serving Morris and Passaic county residents since 1963

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The rewards of giving

Contributions small and large make big difference

What better subject to focus on this November than giving?

It is joked that “a house is just a place to keep your stuff while you go out to buy more stuff.” People are realizing that they actually need less, and others—those less fortunate—need more. As this philosophy grabs hold, more people are experiencing the personal gratification of giving and are realizing that helping others is far more rewarding than any tangible item. Subsequently, many are turning to giving as a rewarding endeavor.

Giving can take a variety of forms and the recipients are inevitably grateful. Corporations and public

and private foundations donate money and award grants to help NewBridge do what it does best—help people achieve more fulfilling lives. In fact, many key services offered by NewBridge are a direct result of grants and corporate contributions, and would not exist without them.

But whether it's a large corporation donating thousands or an individual writing a check for \$5, every gesture helps. For example, *Linda, an employee at NewBridge, threw herself a birthday party recently. She asked all of her guests to

**by request, name changed*

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Dear Friends,



This month, people all across our country will be sitting down to Thanksgiving dinner. It's easy to get wrapped up in the preparations—shopping, cooking, baking and cleaning—but it's even more important to keep it “real,” by stopping to reflect on all the gifts in our life and finding ways to show our thanks.

NewBridge chooses this season of giving to conduct its annual appeal. Choosing to give can lift our moods and make the holiday season even more meaningful. In the spirit of giving, we ask you to send in a donation to help those in need—whether in need of housing, counseling, day programs to help foster independence, school programs to help children make healthy decisions, or assistance to the elderly trying to remain in their homes. Last year, more than 7,500 people benefited from these vital NewBridge services, and your contribution, small or large, during this season of giving, can help continue that mission.

Thank you for your anticipated support, and Happy Thanksgiving.

Bob Parker

Robert L. Parker, Executive Director
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Students from Pequannock Valley Middle School's Cornerstone program took a field trip to the Enrich horticultural therapy garden. From left, teacher Sue Conner, Sammi Smith, horticultural therapist John Beirne, Jason Lugo, Brandon Sener, Pequannock Township Board of Education member Alberta Alleva, Louie Gencarelli, Mike Lisowski, and teacher Meghan Wagner.

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**NewBridge Links Teens With First Job ❖ Golf Outing Nets \$34,000
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NewBridge program finds teens first job

Summer Youth Employment program links teens with work

Fifteen-year-old Jenna Park wanted a summer job in childcare, but wasn't sure where to start her job search. Her mother learned about NewBridge's Summer Youth Employment program, then called Jill Worrall, the program's coordinator,

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who launched into action linking Jenna with a summer job at Mountain Lakes Country Day School in Mountain Lakes, NJ.

For several years, Worrall has worked to link Morris County teens ages 14-17 with summer jobs. The program has gained tremendous momentum among teens, and is always in need of more local businesses to fill requests for job opportunities.

"Who says today's youth don't want to work?" said Worrall. "So many bright and enthusiastic teens

are looking for jobs, it's a challenge to keep up."

In Park's case, she was such a good fit for her job that she was offered a year-round position.

"This program helped me a lot," said Park. "Jill really cared about what I wanted to do."

The employer is equally delighted with the results.

"Employing part-time afternoon caregivers is very difficult. Jenna came in here formally dressed and prepared with working papers and a resume," said Mary Collito, director of the daycare center. "We find it helpful that Jill follows up; it's as if the teens are doubly supervised. We would absolutely recommend this program."

NewBridge wishes to thank the following companies for participating in the 2006 Summer Youth Employment program: **Simply the Best Inflatables** of Fairfield; **A&P, Post-Net,**



Jenna Park of Kinnelon gets quality play time with Anthony, Emily and Vinnie at Mountain Lakes Country Day School. Jenna got this job through NewBridge's Summer Youth Employment program.

Rhyme & Reason Daycare, Heritage Grill, and Cycle Center, all of Denville; Paddicakes Daycare of Succasunna; Mount Tabor Country Club; Creative Heartworks of Morris Plains; JCC Camp of Flanders & Whippany; Chicken Heaven and Dell's Dry Cleaners of Boonton; Camp Merryheart of Hackettstown; Boys and Girls Club of Pequannock, and Mountain Lakes Country Day School.

For more information about this program, call Jill Worrall at (973) 839-2521, ext. 298.

This is our giving issue.

Please use the enclosed envelope to mail your tax-deductible donation.
Your contribution helps provide vital programs and services to the community.

United Way of Passaic County donates \$25,000 Passaic county seniors to benefit from enhanced services



Yvonne Zuidema, President and Chief Professional Officer, United Way of Passaic County, presents a \$25,000 check to Robert L. Parker, Executive Director, NewBridge, to benefit case management services to NewBridge SAIL (Senior Assistance for Independent Living).

For more information on this program, call (973) 839-2520 or visit www.newbridge.org.

affirmations

"I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done for my Mom and me over the years. Words cannot express my gratitude for all your help, guidance and assistance in enabling Mom to remain in her home until recently, at the age of 93. As you know, she is now at a nursing home and I pray that she will be happy and safe there."

excerpt from a letter to **Camille Faith**,
Coordinator of Geriatric Services at
NewBridge SAIL

Agency news & events

Golf outing nets \$34,000

Giving was in full swing on Columbus Day, when golfers and sponsors of the NewBridge Golf Outing raised \$34,000 for the agency's five focus areas: counseling, youth services, senior programs, housing and substance abuse services.

This year's major supporters included Washington Mutual, PNC Bank, Smith Barney/Citigroup, Federal Direct, Atlantic Stewardship Bank, Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Valley National Bank, and Wayne Dodge.

To view a slide show from the outing, visit www.newbridge.org.

Chilton Hospital, Monarch Housing and United Way of Morris leaders to be honored at gala

NewBridge will hold its annual gala, The Magic of NewBridge, on March 29, 2007 at the Knoll Country Club in Parsippany, NJ.

This year's honorees include Richard W. Brown, Executive Director, Monarch Housing Associates; John Franklin, CEO, United Way of Morris County; and Deborah Zastocki, President and CEO, Chilton Memorial Hospital. For more information, call (973) 839-2521, ext. 420.

Parker receives Morris Chamber's business development award

The Morris County Chamber of Commerce awarded NewBridge Executive Director Robert L. Parker "Business Development Person of the Year" in the category of nonprofit organization.

"I am proud to accept this award on behalf of NewBridge," said Parker. "It is because of our forward-thinking Board of Trustees and Fund Board, our excellent staff and volunteers, and our strong public and private partnerships, that help NewBridge respond to changing needs in the community."

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bring a homemade food item, which they bid on as their dinner. The event grew, and as her friends heard about NewBridge, they all wanted to give.

"The proceeds will be used to purchase something that enhances

the clients' lives, and they will be told that their gift was an anonymous donation from supporters of mental health," said Linda.

But donations are just one facet of giving. Volunteering time allows one to experience the rewards of giving firsthand. NewBridge volunteers are greatly appreciated for their work serving on boards and committees, pitching in at fundraisers, and assisting with programs.

In the end, individual gestures, community efforts and corporate grants all make a tremendous difference to others, as well as to the community at large.

In Linda's case, she got the best birthday gift possible—the personal satisfaction of helping people in need and the chance to



Sally Cropper of The Book Shop in Pompton Plains has sold dozens of NewBridge cookbooks, for which she generously made room in her store. All proceeds benefit NewBridge.

witness their appreciation firsthand—people she knows who don't have much.

"I've had a million blessings, so I'm thrilled to be able to celebrate my birthday by giving back," said Linda.

To make a donation or become a NewBridge volunteer, call Nina McCormack, Director of Development and Marketing, at (973) 839-2521, ext. 420, or visit www.newbridge.org.

Ways people give to NewBridge:

- ♦ Volunteering for a program
- ♦ Donating in-kind supplies, technology
- ♦ Telling others what NewBridge does
- ♦ Sharing skills or experiences with clients
- ♦ Joining a board or committee
- ♦ Supporting a fundraiser or creating their own
- ♦ Directing memorial donations
- ♦ Estate planning
- ♦ Sponsoring an event
- ♦ Writing a check for any amount

NewBridge is thankful for all supporters, past and present. We appreciate your generosity, and look forward to recognizing you in our February issue.

The many faces of giving at NewBridge



Clockwise from top left
Steve Henry of Pompton Lakes was recognized for his volunteer work in the NewBridge Enrich horticultural therapy program.

The 2006 gala committee included gala co-chair Sharon Hollick, Fund board member Lisa Hackley, gala co-chair Frank Williams, Fund board member Sandy Rocciola, Fund president Joe Porter, volunteer Dot Emmerich and board member Jeff Gillman.

Lt. Col. Scott Spellmon talked with clients at NewBridge's day program about his experience in Iraq.

Ed Davenport of Hoffmann-LaRoche and Doug Cook, golf outing chairperson, get ready for takeoff at the 11th Annual Golf Outing.

Joyce Jed commuted from Brooklyn to volunteer at NewBridge's Pompton Lakes residence.



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