

The People of Port

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FROM THE ED'S DESK



Hi, I hope your year is off to a great start. In this issue, we celebrate the rich 75-year history of the Community Chest, highlight our Run for the Red Feather, profile Board member Michele Hyde, and thank you, our donors, who make all we do possible. Introduced in our Summer Issue, our reimagined newsletter format will help you catch up on what's happening at the Community Chest in just a few minutes. If you'd like to know more about our stories, scan the [More to the Story](#) QR code next to each article.

Please share your thoughts about our new format or anything else on your mind by sending your comments to info@portchest.org.

*Thanks
Bobby*

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY CHEST DO?

For those of you who are new to Port Washington or are a new friend of the Community Chest, we're one of Port Washington's oldest charitable organizations. We raise money through events like the annual Thanksgiving Day Run, the Paddle for Port Kayak event, our annual Golf outing, and donations from donors like you. We use the money we raise to fund non-profits providing essential programming to Port Washington residents.

This year, with your help, the Community Chest will provide grants of over **\$385,000** to **28** charities. Together, we will help over 7,000 Port residents by funding non-profits that address critical needs, including feeding the hungry, providing mental health services to teens, improving the environment, and providing childcare for working parents.

We also provide deeply discounted rental space to 8 local non-profits in our Mertz Center office building located at 382 Main St, here in Port.



You can make a difference by donating today.

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THE COMMUNITY CHEST: CHANGING PORT LIVES FOR 75 YEARS!



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It's hard to believe, but the Community Chest will celebrate its 75th Anniversary of service to the Port Washington Community this June. What was true in 1949 as it is today is our commitment to serve the people of Port Washington by raising money and distributing those funds to Port Washington charities who work to improve the lives of our residents every day. We'll be celebrating our anniversary with special events throughout the year, so stay tuned !

THE RUN FOR THE RED FEATHER BREAKS RECORDS!!

Our 48th Thanksgiving Day Run, now known as the Run for the Red Feather broke records for participation and money raised. All tolled the Race had nearly 3400 participants and raised over \$230,000 to benefit 28 Port Washington Charities. Our inaugural **Run for the Red Feather** winners, Luke Elwood and Ellie Davis selected the Parents Resource Center and the Art Guild as winners of the \$1,000 Red Feather Award prizes.



(L-R) Bobby Keller CCPW, Manorhaven Mayor John Popeleski, 1st place winners Luke Elwood & Ellie Davis, Jean-Marie Posner Dejana Foundation

GRANTEE FOCUS: NONPROFITS YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT PORT COUNSELING CENTER, A DIVISION OF LI REACH

Social media, isolation during the pandemic, peer pressure, there is an endless list of reasons why there are teens here in Port who struggle with drug addiction. The Port Counseling Center provides teens with a safe space to seek anonymous treatment.

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Port Counseling offers hope to teens struggling with drug dependency

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BOARD MEMBER PROFILES: MICHELE HYDE

A second-generation Port Washington resident and Board member, Michele Hyde exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding Citizen of Port Washington. In our interview, Michele shares what she loves about Port Washington and why she became a volunteer and continues to serve as a Community Chest Board member.



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