



NEWSLETTER 2014

# JOHN TAYLOR BABBITT FOUNDATION

*Dedicated to preventing Sudden Cardiac Death*

## Bold new law builds generation of lifesavers

*JTB Foundation advocated for hands-on CPR/AED training in high schools*

New Jersey is now the 19th state in the nation to have a law requiring high school students to learn how to be lifesavers.

Credit for getting the law passed must go to the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation and a group of teen-aged supporters who lobbied for legislation that as of this fall requires all New Jersey high school students to have instruction in CPR techniques and operating Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

JTB Foundation officials and some of those teenagers were front and center when New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno signed the bill in late August.

"We are signing a piece of legislation that is no doubt going to save lives throughout the state of New Jersey," Guadagno said.

JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, said it is essential that high school-age youngsters know how to react in an emergency until professional help arrives. "We are so excited to have played a role in helping to empower our youth with these lifesaving skills," she said.

Babbitt spent a good part of this year meeting with State Assembly members and Senators to push legislation that seemed to be languishing after it was introduced two years ago.

She worked hand in hand with the American Heart Association to promote the mandatory health class curriculum, which became law this fall. And perhaps *Continued on page 3.*



*AFTER SIGNING OF BILL requiring all New Jersey high schools to teach lifesaving skills, Dave and JoAnne Babbitt (far right) shake hands with Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno (second from left) and State Sen. Diane Allen (far left), R-Burlington County, who sponsored the bill.*

## New AED saves two lives — not just one

Quick thinking by a school nurse, Mary Ellen Urbanowicz, and an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) saved the life of a pregnant gym teacher at a school in Bridgewater, NJ late last year.

The teacher, Erin Durborow, 26, was teaching fifth and sixth grade gym class when she suddenly fell to the floor unresponsive.

Students ran to get Urbanowicz, who immediately sized up the situation and instituted CPR and the school's AED to revive the teacher, whose heart had stopped.

"She became responsive after the third shock was delivered," reported Urbanowicz. The AED "saved a life," Urbanowicz went on, "but in fact it saved two because this woman was 14 weeks pregnant."

Durborow, who is from Lambertville, was later taken by ambulance to the hospital, where she spent time in the Intensive Care Unit. Her son Sean was born exceedingly healthy in May.

The device that saved the young mother's life had been installed at Eisenhower Intermediate School prior to the start of Janet's Law, which required all New Jersey schools to have them as of Sept. 1.

Urbanowicz, a longtime friend and Chatham neighbor of JoAnne Babbitt of the JTB Foundation, had spoken with Babbitt on several occasions about Janet's Law and decided to install an

AED way before the deadline.

"I never thought I would use an AED in the school setting," said Urbanowicz.

The American Heart Association honored Urbanowicz with a Heartsaver Hero Award in a presentation at the school on March 10.

She and Durborow are once again colleagues. The teacher returned to the classroom in September. Her son is a smiling five-month-old. ♥



*SHE HELPED SAVE TWO LIVES. Mary Ellen Urbanowicz (third from left), a school nurse at Eisenhower Intermediate School in Bridgewater, NJ, receives the Heartsaver Hero Award from the American Heart Association. She revived gym teacher Erin Durborow (second from right) with an AED when pregnant Durborow had a cardiac incident in a gym class last November. Durborow's baby was born in May. From left are Corinne Orlando of the AHA, JoAnne Babbitt of the JTB Foundation, and Michael Smith of the AHA.*



*OUTSIDE STATE SENATE Education Committee chambers, a team from the JTB Foundation convenes after testifying on the high school CPR/AED training bill. From left are: Erin Healy of Chatham High School, Foundation Vice President JoAnne Babbitt, Caroline Watt of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit, and Tori Rasmussen of Chatham High School.*

## A LETTER FROM THE BABBITT FAMILY

**D**ear Friends and Supporters,

If you are like most people, you expect each day to be pretty much like the last day. Sure, experiences do vary from day to day but imagine the immense joy you feel when events occur that are just very special and rewarding . . . especially when those events are the culmination of something you worked very hard to achieve.

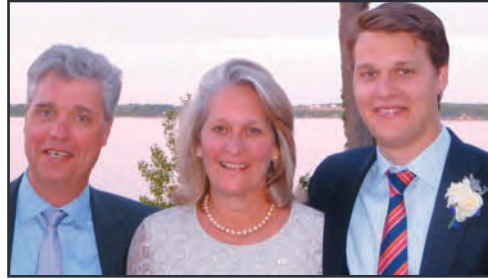
This past year has certainly been filled with much joy and excitement as we keep making progress in our efforts to prevent sudden cardiac death.

In this issue of our newsletter we are pleased to share with you our many successes. We are excited to have played a major role in requiring CPR/AED training in all New Jersey high schools and were honored to be invited by the Governor's office to participate in the signing of that bill into law.

Many states are making progress in requiring AEDs in schools and public gathering places as well as requiring CPR/AED training, but we still have a long way to go. This is further complicated by the lack of funding at the local, state and federal level.

Empowering our youth is still a key foundation objective as we continue to grow the number of "Heart Clubs" at schools and expand the scope of their activities. We are excited about the growth in the number of young adults who support us and very appreciative for their time and effort.

As an organization, we continue to follow recent developments in the area of scientific research. This past year we awarded a grant to the



*Babbitt Family (from left): Dave, JoAnne, and Andrew*

Abraham Laboratory at Johns Hopkins in support of its research to provide our medical community with additional information on how to identify those young athletes at risk for sudden cardiac arrest.

Finally, we are truly honored and humbled by the awards bestowed on our family and the Foundation by Fortune Magazine, The American Heart Association, and the Chatham Jaycees. None of this would have been possible without the love and support of our Board of Directors, family, and the many supporters and friends who have touched our lives in many different ways over the past years.

You are our inspiration and provide us with the strength to continue our journey to prevent sudden cardiac death. ♥

*With much appreciation,*

Dave, JoAnne and Andrew

## John Taylor Babbitt Foundation goals and objectives

**T**he John Taylor Babbitt Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization founded in John's memory and dedicated to preventing Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD). **The specific goals of the Foundation are to:**

- Install defibrillators in schools, athletic venues, and public gathering places.
- Establish JTB Heart Clubs in high schools and universities to raise awareness and save lives.
- Support research on genetic cardiac disorders that increase risk of Sudden Cardiac Death.
- Defibrillators:
  - Proposing legislation and lobbying for state-level laws on defibrillators.
  - Working on municipal policies and procedures to support the purchase and maintenance of defibrillators.
  - Sponsoring local training programs in CPR/AED.

### JTB Heart Clubs:

- Establishing campus JTB Clubs at high schools and universities.
- Advising focus of club activities on Advocacy, Education, Defibrillators, and Fundraising.

### Research:

- Supporting research on genetic cardiac disorders, including Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy and other diseases that increase the risk of Sudden Cardiac Death.
- Improving the accuracy and cost effectiveness of screening programs and investigating promising treatments. ♥

*The John Taylor Babbitt Foundation newsletter is published annually. For more information about our efforts to prevent Sudden Cardiac Death (SCD), please visit our Facebook page or our website at: [www.jtbfoundation.org](http://www.jtbfoundation.org) or write: John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, P.O. Box 698, Chatham, NJ 07928.*

**JOHN'S STORY:** John was 16 years old when he collapsed and died from an undiagnosed heart condition while playing basketball with his friends. He was a 2003 graduate of St. Patrick's School in Chatham N.J. and a junior at The Pingry School in Martinsville. An avid sports fan, John played football, basketball, soccer and baseball. His knowledge of sports was legendary, and he loved nothing more than sharing that knowledge with his friends and family.

Born in New York City, John lived in the United Kingdom before moving to Chatham when he was 9 years old. He loved to travel and

especially enjoyed ski vacations with family and friends in France, Vermont and Utah. An active member in St. Patrick Youth Ministry, John was a team leader for the freshman retreats and immensely enjoyed participating in the annual Appalachia outreach trip to Preston County, West Virginia. He was also passionate about all types of music, Sting and The Police being among his favorites.

Virtuous, decent, kind and caring, John was a great friend, brother, son and grandson. He always listened when people wanted to talk and had the ability to bring a smile to the faces of those he touched. ♥

## Tough Mudder event in the Poconos raises \$10,748 for JTB

**S**ome say the "Tough Mudder" obstacle course is the toughest event on the planet. It may be.

It is not a race. People slog through a 10- to 12-mile trial through mud that is designed to test all-around strength, stamina, teamwork, and mental grit.

The John Taylor Babbitt Foundation is so proud of a group of young — and very fit — supporters who completed a Tough Mudder in the Poconos this spring and raised \$10,748 for the Foundation in the process.

Organizers of the team event were Eric Hynes, class of 2008 from Pingry and a schoolmate of John Taylor Babbitt, and Andrew LaFontaine from the Pingry class of 2010. They signed up friends, family, and Pingry alums to back them as they competed in the Tough Mudder that took place in Long Pond, Pennsylvania, a famous mudder track in the Poconos.

Hynes and LaFontaine are both former student co-chairs of the Walk With Heart, held at The Pingry School. "I had the privilege to play soccer and baseball with John," said Hynes, who today is a broadcast negotiator with the MEC media agency in New York.

"For those of you who did not know John, he was the kindest, funniest, and most passionate person I have ever met and will be forever missed by his friends and family.

"Although I lost my friend at a young age, my admiration has continued and will long inspire me in all of my future endeavors."

Hynes said participating in the Tough Mudder gave him "the opportunity to channel this inspiration and compete in memory of John."

LaFontaine was instrumental in rounding up pledges. When sponsorships totaled \$5,374, LaFontaine and Hynes found a matching donor.

A great cheerleader for her brother was Haley LaFontaine, coincidentally a co-chair for this year's Walk With Heart. ♥



**COVERED IN MUD, Pingry School grad Eric Hynes slogs through a 10- to 12-mile obstacle course in April in a strength and stamina event in the Poconos called a "Tough Mudder."**



## National Heroes of the Fortune 500 Award won

**F**ortune Magazine has recognized David C. Babbitt, president and co-founder of the JTB Foundation, as one of 50 men and women across the United States whose personal passions, ideals, and endeavors have helped transform communities.

Babbitt was selected in June for a "Hero of the 500 Award" for 2014 for his work with JTB and his advocacy for the importance of installing Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public places. All recipients of the award are employed by Fortune 500 companies.

Babbitt is managing director for business development in the Global Markets Division of the Bank of New York Mellon.

When he received the award, Babbitt spoke about his championing of AEDs.

"The technology has become so superior



David C. Babbitt

that when you open it, it tells you exactly what to do," he noted.

He likened the device to "having a fire extinguisher at the ready." ♥

## Save the Date for 'Jingle and Mingle'

**P**ut the date of Wednesday, Dec. 3 on your calendars for the JTB Foundation Ladies Holiday Luncheon at Fairmont Country Club in Chatham Township.



The theme is "Jingle and Mingle." There will be great food, the opportunity to see old friends, and spectacular chance and silent Auctions. Boutique shopping will be available, where event goers can pick up one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts.

Don't miss it! Visit [www.jtbfoundation.org](http://www.jtbfoundation.org) to register. ♥

## JTB Foundation influential in getting CPR/AED legislation signed

*Continued from page 1.* the most important of all, she brought young high school students to Trenton to testify before both houses of the State Legislature to explain why having CPR and AED training as a teenager is critical.

"Teaching high school students these skills will add thousands of trained rescuers to the population, which could potentially save many lives," said Babbitt, who lost her 16-year-old son John to Sudden Cardiac Arrest seven years ago while he was playing in a youth league basketball game.

"People panic in emergencies and don't do anything. This training is going to have a compound effect. Schools will be empowering people to have confidence in their ability to save a life."

According to Babbitt, CPR is already part of the health curriculum in New Jersey high schools, but now the curriculum must be expanded to include hands-on CPR, reinforcing skills already being taught.

Adding the AED component, noted

LeeAnne Lan, a member of the Foundation Board, takes away the mystique of operating a lifesaving device. "You can't make a mistake with them, but people are afraid because it's technology," she stated.

Training is especially important, Lan continued, now that all schools have to have an AED on campus, a directive required by Janet's Law passed by the state last fall.

The push to get the CPR/AED training bill passed was the Foundation's big thrust this year. Babbitt said she met with Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan Jr., chair of the Assembly Education Committee, this spring and asked him to put the bill on his committee's agenda.

Teenagers, though, were the stars of the hearings, which took place before both the Assembly and Senate Education Committees. Kate Roland, a junior at Villa Wash Academy in Morristown, said she has already seen two friends die of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. "The number of student athletes is over 80 percent

at my school, and those are the young adults most at risk of dying from cardiac arrest," she told the Assembly Education Committee.

Kate, who is certified in both CPR and AED, said being prepared has brought her "a sense of relief that I know how to respond and have the ability to save a life. Every student deserves to be prepared for whatever may happen at school, a sports game, a restaurant or even in his or her own home."

Erin Healy, a junior at Chatham High School,

told the Committee that student-athletes need to be trained in lifesaving techniques because occasionally they are on the field and in gymnasiums without the presence of their coaches, commonly called "captains' practices."

Julian Greer, a student at the Pingry School in Bernards Township, testified that his school has taught CPR and AED usage in the sophomore health curriculum for the past three decades.

"Just within the past few years I am aware of two lives that have been saved by Pingry students," said Greer, who himself has a heart condition and has undergone two cardiac surgeries. "Why not empower our youth by teaching them these lifesaving skills?"

At the signing ceremony, Lt. Gov. Guadagno recognized the powerful impact of our students' testimony. "Their testimony was crucial in convincing our legislators that this bill should be passed," she stated. ♥



**TESTIFYING BEFORE the NJ Assembly Education Committee earlier this year on the bill to require all high schools to teach lifesaving skills are (from left) Kate Rowland of Villa Walsh Academy, Elise Corasaniti of Chatham High School, and Julian Greer of The Pingry School.**



**NJ LT. GOV. KIM GUADAGNO (third from left) chats with (from left) JTB Foundation President David Babbitt, JTB student member Elise Corasaniti, Foundation Vice President JoAnne Babbitt, student member Erin Healy, and Foundation Board Member Kate Donovan after Guadagno, as acting governor, signed the new CPR/AED training legislation.**



# News updates from JTB Heart Clubs — empowering

## Walk With Heart, held at Pingry School, attracts more than 500, second largest turnout ever

**M**other's Day might have turned out to be a tricky time to hold a fundraising event, but the Walk With Heart, held at Pingry School on Mother's Day this year, brought out more than 500 participants, the second largest number in the eight years since the Walk began.

Students, their friends, parents, neighbors, and people who just wanted to help raised more than \$65,000 for the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation.

Since it was Mother's Day, all mothers who walked received long-stemmed roses.

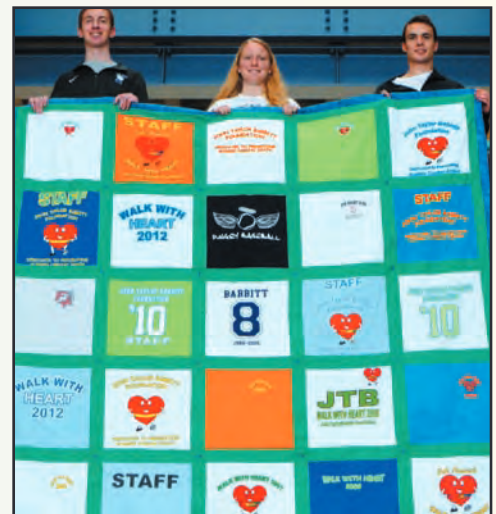
The event honors the memory of John Taylor Babbitt of Chatham, who was 16 years old and a junior at Pingry when he collapsed and died from an undiagnosed heart condition while playing basketball in his Youth Ministry league.

In addition to the myriads of John's friends who walk, dozens of relatives, high school and college friends of JTB Foundation members travel from Connecticut, Maryland, and from as far away as South Carolina to attend. There is also a large Chatham contingent that makes an effort to come. Many of John's Pingry classmates, now living in NYC, also attend the event.

Since John's death, a community service club formed at the school to keep his memory alive and raise money to help to support the goals of the Foundation. There are 70 members now in the club from all four high school grades, each doing his or her part to encourage participation from many quarters and raise funds, including bake sales.

The Walk With Heart is the group's largest effort. Some of Pingry's seniors take on leadership of the Walk as part of the school's required Independent Senior Project. This year's leaders were Haley LaFontaine, Max Helfman, Julian Greer, and Caroline Watt, who attends Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit but who worked on the Pingry walk as part of a senior-year capstone project.

This year's Mother's Day event packed a lot of outdoor activity



*FIRST TIME on display at the Walk was a quilt made from T-shirts and other JTB memorabilia.*

into a few morning hours. There were T-shirts to give away, snacks, live music, and a smattering of speakers. One was Chuck Pomerantz of Short Hills, who is a survivor of Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

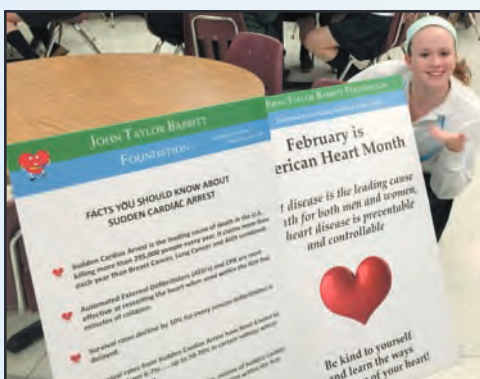
Pomerantz, who is with Garrison Investment Group LP in New York, talked about the critical importance of having AEDS in public areas. He told the audience he experienced a sudden cardiac arrest event while playing tennis, and his life was saved through the swift implementation of an on-site device.

Foundation officers also showed off a quilt that was made from T-shirts and memorabilia from all previous Walks With Heart, Pingry's as well as from other schools that have held similar events. ♥



*WALK WITH HEART participants pass under a festive balloon arch as they begin the route around Pingry School grounds that eventually led to \$65,000 being raised for the JTB Foundation.*

## JTB Heart Clubs in New Jersey high schools sponsor training and fundraising



*AWARENESS DAY at Villa Walsh Academy commemorated American Heart Month.*

**S**udden Cardiac Arrest has touched the lives of many high school and college students in the Northeast, and some of them have flocked to the JTB Heart Clubs on their campuses to create awareness.

The high schools and college clubs are founded, organized and run by students. They contribute to the Foundation mission by focusing on three goals: *Advocacy, Education and Defibrillators (AED)*.

*Advocacy* is the promotion of laws, regulations and policies designed to prevent Sudden Cardiac Death. *Education* involves raising public aware-

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*A SEA OF RED. Orchestra members at Kent Place School were among the many students who donned red clothing in February as a tribute to American Heart Month. The red garb was encouraged in a lively Wear Red Day organized by the JTB Heart Club at the school.*



# Engaging our youth to make a difference and save lives

## Walk With Heart brings out 100 at Fairfield University

With a sunny day in the 80s as the backdrop, more than 100 people participated in the Walk With Heart on Sept. 27 at Fairfield University in Connecticut.

It was the third year for the walk, which wound 2.3 miles around the campus and surrounding community. Funds raised this year and last year enabled the JTB Heart Club at Fairfield, sponsors of the Walk, to present a \$2,395 check to Fairfield Public Safety for the purchase of an AED. The device will be housed in one of the Campus Patrol vehicles.

The club, which has more than 30 members, organized the event in conjunction with the university's Office of Student Activities, and the university's Office of Public Safety. Chair of the club and coordinator of the Walk is Sara Rasmussen. ♥



*STUDENTS AT Connecticut's Fairfield University plus their friends, families and supporters of the JTB Foundation were 100 strong Sept. 27 as they strode through campus on the third annual Walk With Heart.*



*AMONG THE WALKERS at Fairfield University on Sept. 27 were a family from Chatham, NJ, Joan Corasaniti (left) and Vito Corasaniti (right), who made the trip to support their daughter Elise, a Fairfield University first-year student who is active in the JTB Heart Club at the school.*



*CHECK FOR \$2,395 is presented by the JTB Heart Club at Fairfield University to Campus Safety officers to purchase an AED to keep in a campus patrol car.*

## Raising heart awareness mission of JTB Foundation Heart Clubs

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### Villa Walsh Academy

The new chapter at Villa Walsh held an awareness day and bake sale in February to commemorate American Heart Month. The leader of the club is senior Kate Roland.

### Kent Place School

Kent Place School had a Wear Red day during February's American Heart Month. Not only the students donned red — faculty and staff wore red, too. There were posters placed strategically around school, and club members gave out commemorative pins.

### Chatham High School

With students, faculty and staff participating, Chatham High School held a CPR and AED training session during February, Na-

tional Heart Month. The session was organized by the JTB Heart Club at the school.

The Chatham Emergency Squad provided the instructors without charge, and JTB paid for the American Heart Association AED certification cards that went to all participants.

Members of the Chatham High School JTB Club participated in the Mayor's Health and Wellness Fair held last fall at the Chatham Train Station. Many stopped by to chat with club members and read literature about Sudden Cardiac Arrest and the work of the Foundation.

### Delbarton

The Delbarton club dedicated a home basketball game with Morristown High School to raising awareness about National Heart Month. The team wore red socks for the duration of the game. ♥



*STUDENTS AT CHATHAM HIGH get CPR training on mannequins during an event that was part of National Heart Month in February. The school's very active JTB Heart Club organized the training session that was attended by faculty and staff as well as students.*





***SPECIAL LAB AT JOHN HOPKINS University in Baltimore is doing research into Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM). The research is newly funded by the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation. From left are research director Dr. M. Roselle Abraham and assistants Yufan Guan, Junaid Afzai, and Styliani Vakrou.***

## New venue for JTB Foundation-based research

**J**ohns Hopkins University in Baltimore is now the site where the JTB Foundation is funding research into cures for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), a disease of the heart that can cause Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation, and Board Member Diane Duffy traveled to Johns Hopkins recently to meet with the scientists conducting the study, a team led by Dr. M. Roselle Abraham at Hopkins' Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Center of Excellence.

HCM, or Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy, is the most common inherited cardiac disease and is estimated to affect up to 1 in 500 individuals. While most cases of HCM are benign, due to its high prevalence HCM is also the most common heart-related cause of sudden death in young athletes.

Current medical therapies — beta-blocking drugs and calcium channel blockers — decrease symptoms of heart failure from HCM but do not prevent it or alter the natural history of the disease.

The JTB Foundation's Research Initiative supports medical investigations aimed at uncovering the pathways by which diverse genetic HCM mutations, known and unknown, may lead to high risk of sudden cardiac death. The ultimate goal is to contribute to treatments that would disrupt these pathways and save lives.

Past research suggests that abnormal use of energy by the heart — burning too much energy for the same amount of work — is what results in the symptoms and serious health problems in some patients with HCM.

Given the diversity of HCM-causing mutations and medical presentations, a major unanswered question is whether this energy abnormality occurs in all patients diagnosed with HCM and at all stages of the disease.

The Abraham Laboratory at Johns Hopkins has focused on studying mitochondria in three different mouse models of HCM. Mitochondria are the so-called power houses of cells, responsible for synthesizing ATP, the cell's main source of chemical energy. The three mouse models are used to represent the spectrum of human HCM disease.

Through the generous funding support by the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, Dr. Abraham's lab has discovered that mitochondrial function and calcium transport are affected to different degrees, depending on the specific HCM mutation and the stage of the disease.

For example, in one mutation that is known to cause high rates of sudden death in humans, mitochondrial number was reduced and function was impaired in 5-week-old mice, which correspond to teenage humans. The laboratory is now investigating why this happens in HCM, with the goal being to develop novel therapies that prevent development of heart thickening, heart failure, arrhythmias and sudden cardiac death.

The next major laboratory aim is to transform blood cells taken from the veins of HCM patients into beating heart cells. Success in this aim would allow various treatments to be tested on heart cells in a petri dish and the best treatment to be selected, resulting in targeted, personalized therapies. ♥

## Dance-a-thon at Cornell supports Foundation mission

**I**n April, Cornell University men and women in Ithaca, NY danced for hours to honor the memory of a Cornell student who died in January of sudden cardiac arrest. The dance-a-thon raised money to support the work of the JTB Foundation to place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public places.

Basking Ridge native Kathleen Shin, a sister at the Omega Chi chapter of Kappa Delta sorority at Cornell, presented a check in June to the Foundation for \$686, the proceeds from the event. Shin found out from a friend about the great work the Foundation does and wanted to help fund the Foundation's efforts, not only in promoting AED installations but also in supporting ongoing research on genetic cardiac disorders.

Shin's sorority sister, Mili Mandic, a track and field athlete at Cornell, died from a cardiac incident early in 2014 when she was visiting Serbia, her native country. Before Cornell, where she was a junior, she had attended The Peddie School in Hightstown.

Shin and her colleagues named the dance-a-thon "Making' Moves for Mili," Shin said, "in order to celebrate Mili and her fun-loving spirit."

JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the Foundation, was touched by the Cornell students' charitable efforts and paid tribute to Shin for spearheading such a heartwarming initiative. ♥

## John Taylor Babbitt Foundation Trustees and Board of Directors

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## Gift wrap at Barnes and Noble



***A WELL WRAPPED CHRISTMAS will be insured when you stop by Barnes and Noble in the Livingston Mall on Sunday, Dec. 7 and Thursday, Dec. 11 to have your holiday books, cards, and reading devices wrapped expertly by local high school JTB Heart Clubs and members of the JTB Foundation. The wrapping runs from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Last year, members of the JTB Heart Club at Chatham High School offered their services to raise funds for the Foundation. From left are: Grant Hauck, Bridget Downey, and Conor Sullivan. Foundation supporter Mary Vohden is second from right.***

## Honoring a loved one

**W**hen a loved one dies, one of the ways you can honor them is by having donations in their memory go to the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation. Donations ensure that Babbitt-funded research is done into causes of sudden cardiac arrest and that Automated External Defibrillators get placed in more and more public areas in New Jersey, where they can save lives.

Please direct all donations to the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, P.O. Box 698, Chatham, NJ 07928. All donors will receive tax acknowledgements. ♥



## Bank of New York staff gets trained in CPR, devices

Employees of the Bank of New York Global Markets Division are receiving lifesaving AED and CPR training as part of a health and safety project initiated by the Bank of New York Mellon (BNY Mellon).

Last year, BNY Mellon paid for 28 employees to get trained on AED equipment in two separate sessions. This year another 28 are getting trained in a two-session program. The training is done by CPR123 Inc. of Mineola, Long Island.

Dave Babbitt, president and co-founder of the JTB Foundation, is an executive there. He was responsible for encouraging the bank to purchase 4 AEDs for its building in Lower Manhattan, which have already saved the life of a worker who suffered a heart attack during the Hurricane Sandy evacuations. ♥



**EMPLOYEE TRAINING SESSION** for CPR and operation of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) is held at the BNY Mellon offices in Manhattan.

## St. Pat's School 5K Run



**SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST** awareness booth was staffed by the JTB Foundation at a 5K race in the spring sponsored by St. Patrick School in Chatham. From left are Dave Babbitt, president of the JTB Foundation, and runners Bob Entwistle and Thomas Mitsch.



**INSPECTION OF a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the Emergency Department at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth** took place in July. The device and four others like it were purchased through a grant made by the Foundation. From left are: John D'Angelo, chairman of the Trinitas Department of Emergency Medicine, Abby Nagel, director of Corporate Partnerships, JTB Foundation Board Member Marian Joyce, Nadine Brechner, vice president of the hospital, and JTB Vice President JoAnne Babbitt.

## Trinitas Hospital gets AED purchase grant

There are five new Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth this year, courtesy of the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation.

The Foundation made a \$4,880 grant to the hospital, which enabled it to purchase five AEDs, including one for Emergency Department lobby and one for the Trinitas Bike Team. The hospital's Bike Team provides emergency response during local races and walk-a-thons.

Two other AEDs are now installed in hospital emergency service vehicles. These vehicles regularly do home visits for heart failure patients recently discharged from the hospital.

Another device is being set aside for training students. Last year JTB gave Trinitas a grant to purchase practice mannequins for its training classes.

Because Trinitas is a first responder for the Newark/Elizabeth region, it was able to purchase the devices at a substantial discount under the state contract rate, according to Abby

Nagel, director of Corporate Partnerships.

At a visit to the hospital this summer, JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the Foundation, and Board Member Marian Joyce inspected the locations of the AEDs and met with Trinitas medical and development personnel.

### Other AED and training grants

JTB Foundation has placed 51 AEDs in the past three years and funded 29 CPR/AED training classes. This year two units went to the Summit Library and one unit each to the Cora Hartshorn Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary in Short Hills, the Farmingdale Borough Community Center, and Visitation Academy in Paramus.

To help Koinonia Academy in Plainfield comply with Janet's Law, JTB purchased three units, two for the school and one to accompany traveling athletic teams. JTB is also underwriting CPR/AED training for faculty and students. ♥

## Major Donors' List 2013-2014

We would like to thank all our donors for their generous support and recognize the following major contributors, all of whom gave the JTB Foundation \$1,000 or more. Without generous donations from individuals, families, foundations, and corporations, our organization would not be able to continue making a difference in the health advocacy field.

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## Investors Bank branch honors JTB Foundation

**A**t the grand reopening Nov. 12 of Investors Bank at 169 Main Street in Chatham, bank officials honored the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation for its service to the community.

Investors Bank long has formed alliances with local groups that serve the community. The newly renovated Chatham branch — in its 17th year at the Main Street location — has an ongoing relationship with the JTB Foundation, supporting many of organization's fundraisers. In addition, employees from the bank have participated in the organization's annual Walk With Heart event.

Branch Manager Jill Gregg said, "We build relationships here by joining local organizations, participating in their programs and supporting their fundraising efforts. In addition to delivering superior banking services, our mission is to make a positive difference in the community by finding creative ways to assist nonprofits that are helping people in many productive ways."

JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation, said her group is "grateful for Investors Bank's generous contributions to our mission."

### Other Foundation honors

2014 was a year of accolades and honors for the Foundation. Dave Babbitt, president of the Foundation, and JoAnne Babbitt, vice presi-

dent, received the Chatham Jaycees' 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Ceremonies were held June 24 at Charlie Brown's Restaurant in Chatham Township.

Since it was first established in 1960, the Distinguished Service Award has been given each year to an individual or, in select instances, more than one individual, whose contribution to the community is worthy of special recognition.

This year, the Jaycees recognized the Babbitts for their notable accomplishments that include spearheading the placement of AEDs on playing fields and in public buildings, churches, and educational institutions, such as in Chatham, and developing a network of chapters in high schools and universities.

In addition to her

efforts supporting the Foundation, JoAnne Babbitt currently serves on the Chatham Township Board of Health.

Earlier in June, the Babbitts were recognized by the American Heart Association's New Jersey American Heartsaver Recognition Program. ♥



**LONG TIME SUPPORTER** of the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation, Investors Bank, honored the foundation at the grand reopening of the Chatham branch of the bank last year. From left are: Kevin Cummings, president and CEO of Investors Bank, Andrew Babbitt, David Babbitt, president of the Babbitt Foundation, Dominic Cama, senior executive vice president and COO of Investors Bank, Jill Gregg, Chatham branch manager, JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the Babbitt Foundation, and Robert Zajac, regional manager for Investors Bank.