

# JOHN TAYLOR BABBITT FOUNDATION



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*Dedicated to preventing Sudden Cardiac Death*

## JTB Foundation marks 10 years of achievement

**B**orn out of grief for a dynamic, popular 16-year-old boy who died suddenly during a basketball game in 2006, the JTB Foundation has just marked 10 years of raising awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, fighting for legislation to save lives of student-athletes, and donating to communities, camps, schools, and hospitals specialized devices that shock the heart back into action.

Over the last decade, the JTB Foundation, through charity events, walks, bake sales, and Christmas wrapping, has raised more than \$1 million to fund its mission.

Of that \$1 million, \$350,000 has been funneled to researchers, both at Tufts University outside Boston and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, to find ways to detect those at risk for sudden cardiac arrest, one of the prime reasons for deaths among young student-athletes.

David Babbitt, president of the foundation, spoke eloquently at the 10th anniversary Walk With Heart in May, which was thrilling in terms of numbers who turned out and funds raised.

He told the audience that the journey he and his family have made in the wake of son John's death is a journey they would have given everything not to take.

"But we have met so many amazing people on this journey," Babbitt said. "And John's energy lives with us every day."

Ties that people seem to have with the Babbitt family and with the foundation grow stronger each year. For example, Dr. Sam Heard, a friend of John's whom he met in England at the age of 3 when the Babbitts lived there from 1993 to 1997, participated

in the Walk this year.

Whereas many charitable organizations look to middle-aged supporters and older, the JTB Foundation is a charity that over the past decade has strived to include a younger population as well. Several years of very successful fundraisers at trendy bars in Hoboken paved the way this year for the first ever Babbitt Ball, a February weekend event at the New York Athletic Club overlooking Central Park that attracted 550 young professionals.

Much of the fundraising done by the foundation over the last 10 years has gone to purchase devices known as Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) that can shock a heart back into service after a devastating cardiac event.

According to JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the foundation, JTB has donated more than 125 AEDs, mostly in New Jersey but many have gone all over the country. As the reputation for donating AEDs spreads, the organization is getting more and more requests. "I'm getting calls from communities and schools and groups all over the country," JoAnne Babbitt noted. "But we are still mindful of the needs of New Jersey."

Another critical mission of the foundation over the last decade has been getting people trained in CPR and the use of AEDs. Babbitt reported that



**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION FROM the New Jersey State Senate and Assembly honoring the work of the JTB Foundation in its first 10 years of operation was presented at the 10th Anniversary Walk With Heart in May by State Sen. Joseph Vitale (right) to Dave and JoAnne Babbitt, president and vice president respectively of the organization.**

over the last 10 years JTB has funded 40 CPR/AED training classes, which have attracted more than 600 people of all ages.

In fact, during the Babbitt Ball a pitch for CPR/AED training saw more than 10 percent of the guests sign up for free training in Manhattan during the early spring.

The JTB Foundation has been at the forefront of making Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices more readily available near *Continued on page 2.*

## First ever Babbitt Ball attracts 550 young professionals



**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** from the metropolitan area packed the first ever Babbitt Ball in February at the New York Athletic Club.

### A Manhattan evening of dancing and heart awareness

**A** good turnout for the first Babbitt Ball, held in February at the New York Athletic Club on Central Park South, would have been 150, thought JTB Foundation organizers. But the response was so overwhelming among young New York and New Jersey young professionals that in the end there were 550 guests, all dancing and dining to support the foundation.

"I think it was the social event of the year," said JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation. "We even had a wait list of 60 people."

The Babbitt Ball was the first Manhattan event

for the foundation, which felt for this fundraiser it should reach out to the millennial crowd. "We wanted to make this age group aware of heart safety," noted Babbitt. "When you are 27 or 28 years old, you are early in your career, you are dating or getting married, and you are not thinking about health and heart issues."

"How do you get the millennial generation to become aware of sudden cardiac arrest and become advocates for emergency treatment? We thought we could accomplish that at a gala, and we formed a group of about 30 young people to be the organizing committee." Her son Andrew, 26, who works at Deloitte in New York, helped select the committee.

Many on the committee, she *Continued on page 3.*



## A LETTER FROM THE BABBITT FAMILY

Dear Friends and Supporters,

During the past 10 years the JTB Foundation's mission has solidified through the dedication of our Board, friends, family, and people we have met who experienced lifesaving events. The growing army of our heart-safe advocates gives us tremendous strength and confidence that we are moving in the right direction to raise awareness about what can be done to prevent sudden cardiac death.

This year, our family was overwhelmed by the success of our first "Babbitt Ball." The vast majority of the 550 attendees were under the age of 30, and the "Babbitt Ball" was their first exposure to the Foundation and its mission. Many traveled from all over the United States and as far away as the UK to remember John, understand how they can personally make a difference by taking a AED/CPR training program, and celebrate our many successes.

We hope you enjoy reading about the "Babbitt Ball" as well as the success of our 10th annual "Walk With Heart." Your generous support of these fundraising events in addition to your donations have provided over



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

\$1 million in support of our efforts to place Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in places of public assembly, underwrite CPR training courses, and fund research to identify those at risk of sudden cardiac arrest.

We look forward to the next 10 years of saving lives by raising awareness of sudden cardiac death prevention.

*With "Heartfelt" thanks for all your support, Dave, JoAnne and Andrew ♥*

## John Taylor Babbitt Foundation goals and objectives

The 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. ♥

## JTB Foundation passes decade mark

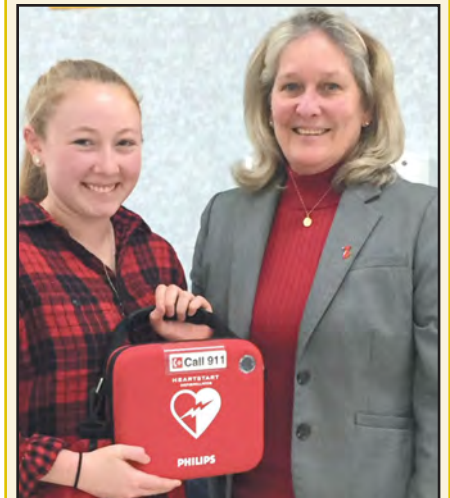
*Continued from page 1.* athletic venues and spear-headed legislation that has made CPR/AED training required for high school students in New Jersey.

On the legislative front, the JTB Foundation has helped push for new laws that require more thorough physical examinations for student-athletes in order to detect cardiac conditions as well as the Good Samaritan Law signed in 2012 that protects people from civil lawsuits when trying to save a life using an AED. By testifying before the State Assembly and Senate and lobbying legislators, Foundation officials over the last decade have been the driving force behind other significant legislation, including a law that requires high school students to take CPR/AED training.

Both Dave and JoAnne Babbitt believe their foundation has made a real difference in the ability to save lives.

"When we began our work, most of the discussion was about people with Sudden Cardiac Arrest who didn't make it," said JoAnne Babbitt. "Now the story has changed. Most of what we hear lately are stories about people who were saved by having AED intervention. If we've been able to save lives, all the hard work we put into this in the past 10 years has been worthwhile."

Her husband concurs. "We would like to make AEDs as common as fire extinguishers," stated David Babbitt. ♥



**ALMOST SMALL ENOUGH** to fit in a purse, the automated external defibrillator saves lives, as JoAnne Babbitt (right), vice president of the JTB Foundation, explains to Molly Pender, a student at Villa Walsh Academy in Morristown, when Babbitt addressed the student body to honor American Heart Month. Since the family started the foundation 10 years ago, officers like Babbitt have been speaking to school and community groups about heart awareness.



# Young professionals flock to Babbitt Ball – the year's social event

*Continued from page 1.* said, were friends of her son John, a student at The Pingry School in Bernards Township who died 10 years ago at the age of 16 from sudden cardiac arrest at a basketball game. The friends reached back with John as far as grammar school. Moreover, Andrew's friends from Pingry, Holy Cross and the Chatham area also came forward to serve and did an incredible job.

Once the location and date were set, the committee began a frenzy of communication over social media, where members Snapchatted and Instagrammed using clever photographs and a Facebook page garnered hundreds of "Likes."

The response was fast and furious, according to Babbitt. "Within four days of selling tickets, we had 500 people," she noted. Organizers had to go to the New York Athletic Club twice to get larger ballrooms.



*AT BABBITT BALL, two sisters from Chatham, Katherine (left) and Grace Caufield.*

The excitement over tickets was no doubt fanned over social media, reported Babbitt. And during the ramp-up to the ball, hundreds of social media messages were sent about who was coming and how connections could be made.

Guests were "a really great mix of millennials," said Babbitt. Between dancing to the fantastic music of the 10-piece New York City Swing Orchestra, they sipped cocktails and ate hors d'oeuvres and Philadelphia soft pretzels, and snacked from a chip bar, among other light fare.

There was a chance auction where four tickets to the musical "Hamilton," tickets to a Justin Bieber concert, dinner at Peter Luger steakhouse in Brooklyn, designer handbags, and tickets to area sporting events were bid on.

However, the event wasn't just a night of fun and young professional networking. After a short talk about training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), the foundation had more than 60 ballgoers sign up for training at CPR123, a professional lifesaving training firm in Manhattan.

Moreover, guests learned a lot about Sudden Cardiac Arrest and the devices that could save a person's life. Guest speaker Noah Cooper, a 29-year-old Bank of America vice president, gave a spell-binding account of how he was working out in the

gym in his apartment building one day two years ago and collapsed with sudden cardiac arrest. There was no AED in the gym, but a doctor who happened to be working out there at out kept Cooper alive until emergency technicians arrived.

At the hospital he was put into a medically induced coma and attached to a lifesaving Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation machine (ECMO) that keeps the heart and lungs running while the organs rest and repair themselves. His life was tough and go for several weeks, and Cooper told the audience his recovery took more than a year.

"As he told his story, the guests were just riveted," said Babbitt. "He formed a charity called Hearts of ECMO to raise money so that more hospitals can purchase ECMO machines."

Many people stepped up to make the first Babbitt Ball a story of success. The Donovan family underwrote the cost of the band. Abigail Public Relations donated its services for publicizing the event and setting up the silent auction displays. CPR 123 discounted the cost of its certification training significantly in order for so many Babbitt Ball guests could sign up.

Platinum sponsors of the ball included: Marianne Andreach, Janet Cibik, Sean and Kathleen Donovan, Mary and Robert Gillis, Marian Joyce, Nigel Kneafsey, Richard and LeeAnne Lan, Jack and Janice Maydick, Michael Maydick, Chuck Pomerantz, Christina and Mark Ravera, Marcy and Robert Rosen, and Kate Vlasovskaya. ♥



*AFTER THE BALL, 60 guests signed up to take CPR from CPR123 in Manhattan. Instructor (at front of room) is Nemo Reyes. Course participants are Billy Eisenreich and Teresa Wolverton.*



*SOCIAL MEDIA RAMP-UP to the ball criss-crossed the globe — with young people showing support for JTB by posting photos of AEDs in places where they live, work, and visit.*



*Photos from top — Emily Lang in her gym; Chatham High School cheerleaders; the Longcope Service Medicine Unit at Johns Hopkins University, where the foundation funds cardiac re-*

*search; and an instructor at Soul Cycle in New York pointing out the location of the studio's AED to (behind instructor from left) Nicole Langworthy, Robin Moore, and Michelle Aueron.*

## Mark your calendars for Christmas luncheon

Excitement is building for the popular Ladies Holiday Luncheon, which will be held Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Fairmount Country Club. The theme this year is "Silver Bells."

There will be vendors of holiday gifts and merchandise, a chance auction, a silent auction, and more.

Come mix and mingle to ring in the holiday season. Tickets sell out quickly, so don't miss out. They are available through our website at [www.jtbfoundation.org](http://www.jtbfoundation.org).

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Foundation at (973) 722-1212. ♥

## JTB benefits from 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. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to have your holiday books, cards, and reading devices wrapped expertly by the JTB Heart Clubs and members of the JTB Foundation. ♥



# News updates from JTB Heart Clubs — empowering

## Walk With Heart honors its 10th anniversary with hundreds

On the 10th anniversary of John Taylor Babbitt Foundation's Walk With Heart at The Pingry School in Bernards Township, supporters pulled out all the stops, with 375 people participating — some from as far away as England — and \$65,000 raised for the organization's work.

The May 22 event honored the memory of John Taylor Babbitt of Chatham, who was 16 years old and a junior at Pingry when he collapsed in 2006 and died from an undiagnosed heart condition while playing basketball.

Family members and friends of the Babbitt family who remember that heartbreaking time kept the pace in this 2-mile event and were joined by a contingent of Pingry folks, Chatham neighbors, and people who just wanted to contribute to the JTB Foundation's goal of raising awareness of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and how to save lives when it happens.

Among the dignitaries at this important 10th anniversary event was State Sen. Joseph Vitale from Middlesex County, who has long been involved with efforts to get mandatory Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in schools and parks and get schools to require more extensive physicals for student-athletes. He not only joined the walkers but at the ceremony after the event presented the JTB Foundation with a proclamation from both the State Senate and the State Assembly recognizing the organization's 10 years of service to the community.

"We are more than honored and thrilled to receive this accolade," said Founda-



*ALL WALKERS GATHERED, on foot or in strollers. The group was 375 strong. And then they were off!*

dation Board Secretary Diane Duffy.

Ten years ago, in fact immediately after John's death, a community service club formed at The Pingry School to keep his memory alive and raise money to help to support the goals of the Foundation. A decade later, this club has done a tremendous job putting on the Walk and designing the visually stunning T-shirts that walkers put on each year. 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.

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 Julia Rotatori and Jack

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## JTB Heart Clubs in New Jersey high schools sponsor



**SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST awareness information was provided to hundreds of spectators at the Chatham High School Cougar Basketball Classic in December. Conor Sullivan, co-president of the Chatham High School JTB Club (right), stands with Dave Babbitt, Babbitt Foundation president.**

Sudden 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 awareness regarding Sudden Cardiac Death.

**Defibrillators** are essential to decrease the risk of death due to sudden cardiac arrest, and clubs work to ensure their campuses have defibrillators and emergency response plans.

**Chatham High School** — At the Cougar Classic, a basketball tournament for boys and girls organized every Christmas Week at Chatham High School by the town's athletic booster organization, mem-

bers of the Heart Club set up information tables and talked to dozens of young people and their parents about the dangers of Sudden Cardiac Arrest and the need for AEDs.

Conor Sullivan, co-president of the club, helped organize staffing of the information tables throughout the entire tournament.

**The Pingry School** — To honor February Heart Month, the JTB Club held a successful bake sale and Dress Down Day on Feb. 19. Students lined up for mouth-watering goodies baked by club members and paid \$1 to wear clothes not usually permitted. The club raised \$1,150 for the Foundation.

This year students in Pingry's Middle School were active in community service to JTB. They did the mailing for the 10th Anniversary Walk With Heart, and JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the foundation, said the youngsters did their work "with great efficiency."

In addition, the middle schoolers held a bake sale to benefit the Foundation. ♥



# ing our youth to make a difference and save lives

## eds participating at The Pingry School

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"From a personal perspective, it is wonderful to have students from the JTB Heart Clubs at different schools uniting to host our signature event," noted Foundation Vice President JoAnne Babbitt.

Guest speaker this year was Jim Bowles of Chatham, who told a harrowing tale of having sudden cardiac arrest this past February while waiting for a plane at Dulles Airport in Virginia. The quick action of a United Airlines gate agent saved his life when she used a nearby AED to revive him. Bowles said the agent, a young woman, had completed a CPR/AED training course only the day before!

"She started the AED within four minutes of my incident, which was instrumental in saving my life," Bowles told the audience. An emergency squad transported him to the hospital in Reston, Virginia, where his treatment took place.

David Babbitt, president of the JTB Foundation, gave heartfelt thanks to all who had come out for the Walk, to those who were doing it for the first time and to those who had been at all 10 Walks since his son's death. And there were many in the second category.

"The power of family and friends has given us the strength and endurance to move forward," he said. ♥

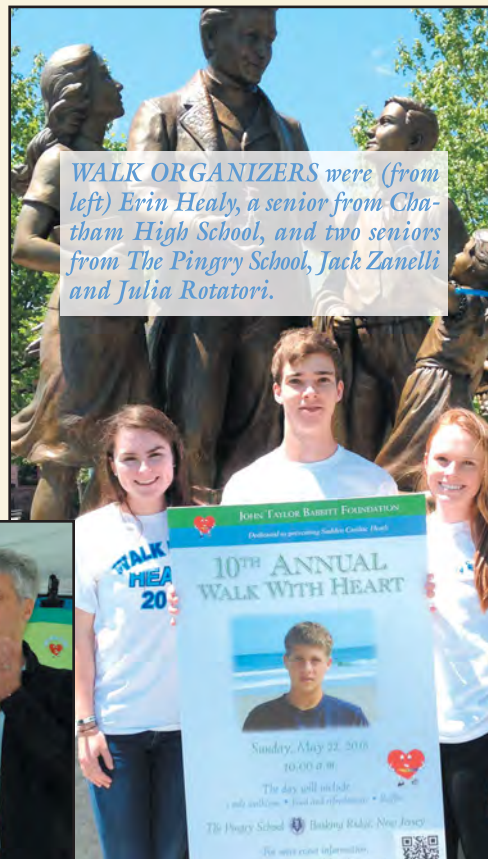


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*SNATCHED FROM DEATH* by the quick-thinking action of a United Airlines gate agent using an automated external defibrillator, Jim Bowles of Chatham (left) tells his story to participants at the 10th anniversary Walk with Heart in May. Babbitt Foundation President Dave Babbitt applauds.

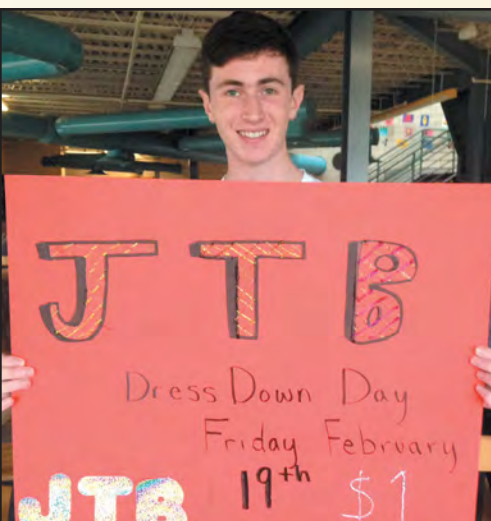


WALK ORGANIZERS were (from left) Erin Healy, a senior from Chatham High School, and two seniors from The Pingry School, Jack Zanelli and Julia Rotatori.

## training, fundraisers, and heart awareness events



*NATIONAL HEART MONTH ACTIVITIES* at The Pingry School, which included a bake sale and a Dress Down Day, were organized Feb. 19 by the Heart Club there. In photo (left) club officer Julia Rotatori prepares posters. Josh Greer (photo right) helped organize Dress Down Day.



*BAKE SALE* was held by the middle school at The Pingry School to benefit the work of the JTB Foundation. This was the first time the younger students have held a JTB fundraiser.



# JTB-backed research moves ahead at Johns Hopkins

Research backed by the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation continues to make significant strides in elucidating the mechanisms that cause Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) and identifying approaches for treatment. Thanks to the generosity of its supporters and benefactors, the Foundation provides a \$75,000 grant for basic and clinic research to Dr. M. Roselle Abraham at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Dr. Abraham is the Director of Research and Co-Director of Hopkins' Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Center of Excellence.

HCM is the most common inherited cardiac disease and is estimated to affect up to 1 in 500 individuals. Most cases of HCM are benign; however, some patients will develop serious disease with risk of sudden cardiac death, atrial fibrillation, stroke, and heart failure.

Due to its high prevalence, HCM remains the most common heart-related cause of sudden death in young athletes. Currently, the causal mutations for HCM are unknown in about 40 percent of patients, and there are no known therapies that can prevent or mitigate the development of cardiac disease in patients.

Research in Dr. Abraham's lab is aimed at developing blood and imaging techniques for effective preclinical diagnosis and risk stratification of HCM patients and their family members and at identifying customized therapies to prevent or mitigate disease. Since HCM was described as a disease 60 years ago, several therapies have been tested successfully in animal models, but none has proved effective for patients.

Last year with funding from the Foundation, Dr. Abraham's lab identified *mutation-specific* differences in cardiac function in two different HCM mouse models, thus establishing that different mutations cause different cardiac pathophysiology and will likely require different treatments.

Work this year has focused on investigating differences between the physiology between mouse and human hearts and on developing methods to examine the effects of exercise on cellular cardiac function in mouse models. Exercise-induced effects are of particular interest, said Dr. Abraham, because the most common symptom presented by her patients



**LAB TEAM** from Johns Hopkins University researches the causes of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) and identifies new treatments under a research grant from the JTB Foundation. From left are: medical student Anil Tasci, post-doctoral student Junaid Afzai, medical student Isinsu Yilmaz, Dr. Roselle Abraham, the grant's principal investigator, and researchers Cynthia Yamin Liu, Zhao Li, and Farheen Alimuddeen.

is chest pain and related difficulties in exercising.

Research this year successfully characterized differences in genetic expression in two mouse models. A post-doctoral fellow in the lab received a Travel Award from Johns Hopkins to present these important results at the European Society of Cardiology meeting in Rome.

Significant progress has been made in clinical studies, resulting in one published manuscript and three additional manuscripts that have been accepted for publication in prestigious peer-reviewed journals, pending revisions.

Looking forward to next year, Dr. Abraham is particularly enthusiastic about a collaboration with John Hopkins' Applied Physics Laboratory to use 3-D printer technology to mimic the 3-D architecture of human cardiac tissue. The end goal is to generate HCM hearts-in-a-dish to use to investigate disease mechanisms and to develop and test mutation-specific therapies.

Clinical research in the coming year will continue to develop the understanding on exercise effects in

patients, with a focus on prediction of atrial fibrillation and stroke in HCM patients using non-invasive imaging techniques. ♥



## Chatham business wins AED

Staff of Chatham Print and Design takes Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training from Bob Herzog (right) of V.E. Ralph and Son, Inc. of Kearny, New Jersey after Chatham Print and Design earned the 2014 Walk With Heart Team Award for participation. The prize is a free AED from the JTB Foundation. From left are: Debbie Kostibos, Joseph Apro, Carissa Roper, and Walter Frances, co-owner of Chatham Print and Design.



## Take me out to the ballgame

Winners of the Yankee tickets raffle prize at the JTB Foundation's 10th anniversary Walk With Heart attend a baseball game in June. The raffle prize included use of the Legends Suite at the stadium. Winners (from left) Sean Donovan, a JTB Foundation board member, Chris Engel, Catherine Engel, and Kate Donovan, also a JTB board member, wore their Walk With Heart shirts from current and past events and carried a sign thanking the JTB Foundation.

## John Taylor Babbitt Foundation Trustees and Board of Directors

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## AED donations by JTB Foundation this year continue to be strong

It has been an active year for the JTB Foundation and its mission to provide Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) to area schools, hospitals, and community parks.

Devices went to Hanover Township to be placed at each of two municipal playing fields, to Camp Victory, a camp in Millville, Pennsylvania that leases out its space to serve or clinically ill and physically challenged children, and to South Shore Charter Public School in Norwell, Massachusetts for its new high school building.

The Youth Ministry at St. Patrick's Church in Chatham received a portable AED to take along on its yearly Appalachian Mission trip. Youngsters from the church go each summer for a work and community service program in Preston County, West Virginia.

JTB gave a matching grant of \$5,000 to the Trinitas Health Foundation in Elizabeth toward the purchase of a defibrillator/monitor with a code management module to go into Trinitas' newly designed Emergency Department, specifically the new ICU Step-Up Unit. The grant was matched by the J.C. Kellogg Foundation.

More than 73,000 patients visit the Emergency Department yearly. Trinitas serves the Greater Union County region, Newark, the New Jersey Turnpike, and customers and employees of Newark International Airport. ♥



**MATCHING FUNDS** were given to Trinitas Health Foundation in Elizabeth by the JTB Foundation for a special defibrillator/monitor to be used in the hospital's newly expanded Emergency Department. From left are: JTB Foundation Board Member Marian Joyce, Nadine Brecher, Chief Development Officer and Vice President of Trinitas Health Foundation, and Dave, JoAnne and Andrew Babbitt, officers of the JTB Foundation.



**SWIMMERS FROM Camp Echo**, a program for children living with heart disease, show off the new AED unit given this year by the JTB Foundation to Camp Victory in Pennsylvania, which leases out facilities to Camp Echo and other groups.



**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH** (Chatham) Youth Ministry on its annual community service trip to Preston County, West Virginia took along a portable AED donated by JTB. From left are: Nick Ferrone, Katherine Lofredo, Sarah Oliver, Erin Healy, Nan Rittenhouse and Christine Grobert, the trip's adult chaperone who is also an active member of the Chatham Emergency Squad. Grobert gives the young volunteers an overview of the AED device.

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**TWO HANOVER TOWNSHIP** athletic fields now have automated external defibrillators (AEDs), acquired through the generosity of the JTB Foundation. At the donation acceptance ceremonies in August are (from left): Brian Foran, DPW Superintendent; Joseph A. Giorgio, Township Clerk/Business Administrator; Mayor Ronald F. Francioli; Thomas Quirk, Office of Emergency Management Director; JoAnne Taylor Babbitt, Vice President of the JTB Foundation; Kathleen Donovan, Foundation Board Member; Denise Brennan, Recreation Superintendent; and Krista DiGiorgio, Executive Assistant to the Township Clerk.

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## BNY Mellon features Dave Babbitt in web story 'Behind the Scenes'

An impressive feature story on the BNY Mellon website recently goes "Behind the Scenes" with JTB Foundation President Dave Babbitt and talks about the family tragedy that spurred Babbitt to start a movement to provide defibrillators in gyms, parks, schools, hospitals, and all public areas.

Babbitt is a managing director in the company's foreign exchange area, and works with large institutional investors on foreign exchange execution and research.

The feature highlights the JTB Foundation mission and achievements. In the story Babbitt points out that BNY Mellon has been "extremely supportive" throughout the Foundation's journey. "The firm has matched employee contributions, donated

Yankee tickets as raffle prizes, and supported events through BNY Mellon's Community Partnership Program," Babbitt reported.

"BNY Mellon Markets employees have purchased over \$3,000 of raffle tickets each year for our annual Walk with Heart," he went on. "It has been overwhelming."

Babbitt said in the feature that the work of the Foundation has been bittersweet. "Our family is passionate about increasing the awareness of Sudden Cardiac Death," said Babbitt, "and we welcome every opportunity to get the word out. At the same time, we are having these big events, and we are always aware that someone is missing." ♥



**DAVE BABBITT**, president of the JTB Foundation, was profiled recently on the website of his company, BNY Mellon. In the photo he holds an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), informing website users that the Foundation has donated more than 125 devices, costing \$1,500 to \$2,500 each.

## Cougar Classic tournament benefits JTB Foundation

A Chatham High School basketball tournament involving Chatham's varsity and JV boys' and girls' teams and teams from seven other New Jersey high schools raised money late last year for the JTB Foundation.

Each year the Cougar Classic selects a charity to benefit from the tournament, and the JTB Foundation is very grateful that it was the recipient for 2015-2016.

David Babbitt, president of the Foundation, and JoAnne Babbitt, Foundation vice president, received a check for \$8,600 presented by Tracy Ness, vice president of the Chatham High School Athletic Boosters organization. ♥



**CHECK FOR \$8,600** from the Chatham High School Athletic Boosters organization is presented by Boosters Vice President Tracy Ness (right) to David Babbitt, president of the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation (center), and JoAnne Babbitt, foundation vice president. Proceeds are from the annual Cougar Classic basketball tournament at Chatham High School that the Athletic Boosters run every December.