



# JOHN TAYLOR BABBITT FOUNDATION

*Dedicated to preventing Sudden Cardiac Death  
for more than a Decade*

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## Donations to JTB Foundation touch the heart

**A** wedding favor is a lovely gesture, but a donation to the JTB Foundation means so much more — it could save a life.

Instead of favors at this summer's wedding in Topsfield, Massachusetts of Heather Dyer and Scott Lucas, the bride and groom decided that a generous donation to JTB would supplant the traditional favors they might have given to wedding guests.

Also this summer JTB officials learned that the family of Walter Francis III, a Madison resident and co-owner of Chatham Print and Design who died of sudden cardiac arrest, asked mourners to make a donation to the JTB Foundation rather than send flowers.

In these surprising and heartwarming ways, the JTB Foundation gets donations from unexpected sources, allowing it to continue its mission of placing Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) in places of public assembly, such as parks, schools, senior centers and community centers throughout the country.

And where there is an AED, the potential to save lives grows exponentially.

"It astounds us every time it happens that people support us in this way," said JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation.

She recalled that when she learned that Walter Francis' family was directing donations to the foundation, she was moved to tears. Francis' firm is the longtime printer for the JTB Foundation, and over the years he had done many favors for the organization. Just days before his death he participated in the foundation's Walk With Heart at The Pingry School.



*INSTEAD OF FAVORS, summer bride and groom Heather Dyer and Scott Lucas made a donation to the JTB Foundation and set up this display at their Topsfield, Massachusetts wedding to tell guests about the importance of the foundation's work.*

"His family told me they wanted to do it because Walter had believed so strongly in the work of the foundation," said Babbitt.

According to Babbitt, supporters of the founda-

tion's work have long made contributions in memory of loved ones. Some donors make contributions to honor important people in their lives.

But recently, she said, the *Continued on page 6.*

## JoAnne Babbitt speaks at national Youth Sports Safety Summit



*YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY SUMMIT in Indianapolis last spring attracted sports instructors and athletic trainers from all over the country. JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation, was a principal speaker at the summit.*

**J**oAnne Babbitt was one of the important speakers earlier this year at the Youth Sports Safety Summit, a national symposium held at NCAA Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana under the auspices of the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA).

NATA runs the Youth Sports Safety Alliance with the ultimate goal of reducing the number of catastrophic injuries and deaths in young athletes across the United States.

Babbitt spoke to a large group about her personal experience in the sports-related death of her teenage son 11 years ago and how she and her family started a foundation to

push for better monitoring of the heart health of school-age athletes.

She said conference participants were very interested in hearing her personal insight into the potential health risks involved in sports participation. Moreover, they wanted to hear about the JTB Foundation's fundraising, community engagement, and advocacy efforts.

The experience was a catalyst for Babbitt to do more public outreach this year and next.

She was scheduled to attend the International HCM (Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy) Summit in Boston at the end of October and will be at the Parent Heart *Continued on page 2.*

## A LETTER FROM THE BABBITT FAMILY

### Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the JTB Foundation. Our family cannot believe how quickly the time has passed. As the JTB Foundation begins its second decade, our determination in raising awareness of sudden cardiac death prevention continues to grow stronger. Our family and Board of Directors are committed to creating heart safe environments in places of public assembly. We now see Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in many schools, transportation hubs, and gyms and on athletic playing fields.

This year, the Foundation has been working with large corporate offices, entertainment venues, hotels, and restaurants to make them aware of the need for AEDs and the training associated with their use. Part of the challenge can be attributed to legislation ... or the lack of it ... and part can be attributed to need for more funding and additional education regarding the ease in using these life-saving devices.

When used correctly, AEDs are safe, and the use of an AED could mean the difference between life and death. This past year, the foundation doubled our donations of AEDs and increased our funding for CPR/AED training. We also focused our efforts on the "next generation," the Millennials, and em-



**BABBITT FAMILY** (from left): Andrew, JoAnne, and Dave.

powering them to create "heart safe" environments in all aspects of life, including work.

Every year we meet new people who join us on this incredible journey. It is always amazing to hear the success stories and lives saved, but there is always more to do. We are forever grateful to our JTB Board members who give their time and amazing ideas to make this organization grow to new levels.

Thank you to all of our new and long-standing supporters. We appreciate your commitment to our family and the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation.

*With much appreciation,*  
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 Basking Ridge. 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. ♥

## JoAnne Babbitt is prominent speaker

*Continued from page 1.* Watch in Savannah in January. Parent Heart Watch brings together experts to discuss heart screenings, AED placement, legislation, and saving young lives through preparedness in cases of cardiac emergencies. ♥

### Youth Sports Safety Summit Call to Action: Keep Athletes Safe in Your Community

- Ensure that youth athletes have access to health care professionals who are qualified to make assessments and decisions.
- Know the warning signs of cardiac stress.
- Ensure pre-participating exams take place before play begins.
- Ensure sports equipment and playing surfaces are checked for safety and best conditions.

## Fairfield University has Walk With Heart

It was a real win for the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation when Fairfield University's JTB Heart Club worked with school administration last year to move the annual Walk With Heart to the school's Family and Alumni Weekend.

Previously the walk had been held in September, when fewer students and their families were able to participate.

According to walk organizers, more than 200 people signed up for the walk. JTB gave out T-shirts, and refreshments were available from the many food trucks Fairfield University had brought in for the day.

The club, led by Elise Corasaniti and Thomas Mitsch, both of Chatham, raised \$1,200 through the walk efforts. The money will go to the University's Public Safety Department to train employees of Fairfield's new recreation complex in CPR and AED use.

This year's walk was scheduled to take place Oct. 21. ♥



**FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY'S Walk With Heart last fall brought out more than 200 participants. It was sponsored by the University's JTB Heart Club.**

# Silver Bell holiday luncheon attracts record crowd of 325

It was a sellout crowd for last December's Ladies Holiday Luncheon at Fairmount Country Club. Every third year the luncheon benefits the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation. Attendance reached 325, which is a record for the club, which has held the event for the past 22 years.

The foundation raised \$52,000 from the event.

Silver Bell was the theme of the luncheon, which was part of the foundation's 10th anniversary activities. "People always love the luncheon," said Babbitt. "It's always held at the beginning of the holiday season, and we have guests from Florida to Michigan who come in for it."

Guests arriving heard delightful classical music provided by the Chatham High School Quartet, consisting of Yumtsokyi Bhum, Olivia Kelly-Quigley, Anne Leverich, and Amrita Sooklal.

Eager shoppers crowded the attractive boutiques carrying items ideal for holiday gifts. The chair of the boutiques was LeeAnne Lan of Chatham.

There was a silent auction and a chance auction, where auction items included a week at a house on the north shore of the Dominican Republic, a

signed copy of Bruce Springsteen's best-selling autobiography *Born to Run*, tickets to a Justin Bieber/Ariana Grande concert, and a gourmet cocktail party for 25 catered by OME Caterers of Whippany.

Guests also took the time to visit a demonstration by Chatham Emergency Squad members in the use of CPR and Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs).

"We always believe that awareness is critical to our organization, so we wanted to bring that awareness to our Christmas luncheon," noted JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the foundation.

"What we learned over the years is that there is a fear of these devices. When people see how easy it is to use devices like the squad was demonstrating, they seem to lose that fear factor.

"That's good. Because you never know when you will be faced with a life and death situation, and reaction time is a critical component. Everyone should feel comfortable enough to respond quickly to a medical emergency."

Investors Bank was the primary sponsor for the luncheon, and Babbitt thanked the bank for its steadfast support over the years. ♥



*EVERYONE FOUND SOMETHING* at the luncheon's boutiques, including (from left) Liz Landy, Vicki Aloia, Marianne Slamm, Janis Joseph, and Katy Hobbis.



*HOLIDAY SHOPPING* was popular at luncheon boutiques. LeeAnne Lan of Chatham (right) was the luncheon's boutiques chair. At left is her daughter-in-law, Ashley Lan, who is the proprietor of the popular Logan and June personalized products boutique.



*CLASSICAL MUSIC* provided the melodious backdrop for guests at the Ladies Holiday Luncheon. The Chatham High School Quartet, with (from left) Amrita Sooklal, Yumtsokyi Bhum, Anne Leverich, and Olivia Kelly-Quigley, made the lovely music.



*AMONG THE VOLUNTEERS* at the holiday luncheon were (from left): Margo Finnigan, Suzie Starzynski, Mary Vobden, Gail Gannon, Denise DiLucia, Tania Shalhoub, and Peggy Wolf.

## JTB benefits from gift wrap at Barnes and Noble in Livingston

A well-wrapped Christmas will be insured when you stop by Barnes and Noble in the Livingston Mall on Sunday, Dec. 17 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 at The Pingry School asks supporters to t

**H**ow good are you at CPR? That's the question the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation asked of supporters at the annual May Walk With Heart at The Pingry School in Basking Ridge.

For its 11th event, the foundation had walkers enter a competition to test compression skills and touch techniques on test dummies provided by Bob Herzog of V.E. Ralph and Son, Inc. of Kearny, New Jersey. Assisting Herzog was Bill Nauta of Atlantic Ambulance Training.

"This was the first time we've ever tried something like this, and it was a smashing success," noted JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation. Quite a few of the walkers and their families entered the competition, she said, and top finishers came away with prizes.

The May 21 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.

More than 350 people participated in the walk this year. About \$67,000 was raised for the organization's work.



*AMONG THE WALKERS* were (from left rear) Ryan Selinger, Michelle Aueron, Sandra Hough, and Anna Sheridan, with Natasha Kardassis (left) and Logan Lan, 6, in front leading the pack.

The walk is planned and executed by a community service club formed 11 years ago at The Pingry School immediately after John's death to keep his

memory alive and raise money to help to support the goals of the Foundation. Some of Pingry's seniors take on leadership of the walk as *Continued on next page.*

## JTB Heart Clubs in New Jersey high schools spon

**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 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

The primary fundraiser for the club this year

was the sale of breakfast sandwiches during February, which is Heart Month. The breakfast drive raised \$150.

### The Pingry School

To honor February Heart Month, the JTB Club held a successful bake sale and Dress Down Day. 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 for the first time, students in K-5 at Pingry's Short Hills Campus got involved in raising funds for JTB. The younger students held a Dress Down Day.

"This is the first time the lower school got involved in recognizing the importance of maintaining heart health and supporting the foundation," said JTB Vice President JoAnne Babbitt. "We are very proud of the kids."

The combined Pingry effort raised \$1,100. ♥



# Empowering our youth to make a difference and save lives

## Take CPR Challenge and test their skills

*Continued from previous page.* part of the school's required Independent Senior Project. This year's leaders were Josh Greer and Christopher Lachenauer.

Along with the CPR challenge, the walk featured refreshments and a raffle for tickets to the New York Giants, gift certificates to Topgolf, an iPad, and dining at 90 Acres restaurant in Peapack, New Jersey.

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 11 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. ♥



(Top) EMPLOYEES OF BNY Mellon and their families came out as a team to support the JTB Foundation during the Walk With Heart. The bank is the walk's principal sponsor.

(Bottom) WALK ORGANIZERS included (from left) JTB Foundation President David Babbitt, Pingry senior Josh Greer, JTB Foundation Vice President JoAnne Babbitt, Pingry senior Christopher Lachenauer, and Andrew Babbitt.



EVEN THE YOUNGER SET participated. These are all children of Pingry faculty.



MANY JOINED IN TAKING THE CPR CHALLENGE. Bob Herzog (on ground right) of V.E. Ralph and Son, Inc. of Kearny, New Jersey, monitors a competitor.

## Senior fundraisers



MAKING SIGNS to advertise The Pingry School JTB Heart Club bake sale are club members (starting at left and going around): Sandeep Biswas, Jahmai Binns, Josh Greer, Emma Clair Marvin, and Connor Smith.

# JTB Foundation finds donations come in surprising ways

*Continued from page 1.* foundation has been benefiting from bequests. A recent bequest was from John Michael Babbitt, the father of JTB Foundation President David Babbitt, who died in December. The family was quite moved to learn the senior Babbitt, known to all as “Pop,” had included the foundation in his will.

Some contributions come from people who hear by chance about the work of the foundation, and it strikes a particular chord in their hearts. Recently, JoAnne Babbitt related, she heard from a young woman, a Missouri college student, who started a Facebook page to raise money for the JTB Foundation on Giving Tuesday.

Giving Tuesday is a special day — it follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday — where Americans are asked to give to causes they believe in.

University of Missouri undergraduate Allison Wepler lost a brother to sudden cardiac arrest in 2006 during a basketball practice. An AED on premises revived him, but he died two weeks later. “Without the AED, he would not have survived those two weeks,” said Wepler.

When, through a relative in Chatham she learned

about the foundation created after the death of John Taylor Babbitt, she was moved to start her own fundraising project. She decided to set it up on Facebook through #GivingTuesday, where the Bill Gates Foundation matches up to \$500,000, with each charity getting at least \$1,000.

Wepler said she admired how the Babbitt family “was able to take this tragedy and turn it into a movement for raising awareness and support for the value of having AEDs around.”

She wrote JoAnne Babbitt, “I must conclude that in no way was this an easy task for you or your family, but I feel so honored to have stumbled upon such an amazing organization and family. By seeing the work that you have done to raise awareness and education for cardiac arrest, I wondered what I could do for this cause as well.”

Her Facebook effort raised \$765 in just the first four hours. To date, more than \$1,600 has been raised.

And the campaign is continuing. Noted Wepler, “I want to take the pain that I feel from this loss and try to turn it into a movement to raise money for AEDs.”

Facebook uses the Network for Good to administer charitable giving. Network for Good is a non-profit donor-advised fund that uses the Internet and mobile technology to securely and efficiently distribute thousands of donations from donors to their favorite charities each year. It is accredited by the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance and meets all 20 of its standards for charity accountability.

Those who would like to donate this way may go to [networkforgood.org](http://networkforgood.org) and type in John Taylor Babbitt Foundation under the Search function. ♥

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## Research continues into approaches for HCM treatment

**R**esearch backed by the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation continues to make significant strides in elucidating the mechanisms that cause Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), developing clinical predictors of disease severity 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 has been 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, fibrosis, arrhythmias, 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 HCM patients generally.

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.

With funding from the Foundation, Dr. Abraham’s lab has identified *mutation-specific* differences in cardiac function in two different HCM



*LAB TEAM working on individualized care for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM) includes (from left) Joy Song, Gabriela Villareal, Prasanth Lingamaneni, Junaid Afzal, Waseem Abbas, Shibani Kudchadkar, Yuhui Luo, and Dai-Yin Lu.*

mouse models during the pre-hypertrophic stage of disease.

Work has also 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 is chest pain and related difficulties in exercising.

Additional research this year successfully devel-

oped a PET (positron emission tomography) biomarker for predicting life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias in HCM patients. This research is the subject of one of three scientific papers that are currently under review or revision for publication in premier peer-reviewed journals.

The collaboration with John Hopkins’ Applied Physics Laboratory to mimic the 3-D architecture of human cardiac tissue is successfully progressing. 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. ♥

# AED awards by JTB Foundation go international

For the first time, a portable Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) donated by the JTB Foundation will be used internationally.

The Global Livingston Institute in Colorado received one of 75 AEDs given out by foundation this year, and it will use the device at its location in Entusi, Uganda on a peninsula of Lake Bunyonyi.

Entusi is an international convening space for students, community leaders, and global travelers to stay while attending GLI conferences and programming initiatives in East Africa. The HIV Awareness Music Festival will be held there this year.



*STUDENT ATHLETES AT Our Lady of Assumption School in Atlanta, Georgia display the school's new AED, thanks to the JTB Foundation.*

GLI officials told the JTB Foundation that they intend to bring the portable AED with them from their headquarters in Colorado when conferences in Uganda take place.

More than 150 schools, agencies, hospitals, and police forces applied to the JTB Foundation this year to receive AEDs. "This is the challenge for us — deciding which applicants to give AEDs to," noted JTB Foundation Treasurer Gerald Scales.

"We take a close look at the financials of our applicants to make sure the need is there," he said. "We would love to accept all applications, as these life saving devices should be in all places of public assembly, but we have our financial limitations."

Although JTB has been giving AEDs to applicants throughout the United States and now internationally, Scales said his group continues to give preference to organizations in the tri-state because that is where the bulk of its funding comes from.

Some of the devices went this year to the South Orange Performing Arts Center in South Orange, New Jersey, where more than 50,000 people attend events annually. The center is receiving two AEDs and CPR/AED training for employees.

Other recipients are: the Lincoln Highway Corridor Museum in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, the West Mahanoy Township Police Department to equip patrol vehicles, St. Francis Prep in Queens, and the St. Joseph School, an elementary school in Mendham. ♥



*BABBITT DONATION of AEDs has gone international, with a gift to Colorado-based Global Livingston Institute's (GLI) conference center in Entusi, Uganda. The GLI staff is shown holding the new portable device.*



*BASKING RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH has a new AED, received under the JTB Foundation's giving program. From left are Gary Ingram, director of communications for the church, Janet Bentley, church administrator and treasurer, and Allison Fahey, church elder.*

## Major Donors' List 2016-2017

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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Corporate matching and designating JTB for your United Way Donation are two great ways to support the mission and activities of the JTB Foundation.

Most corporate United Way programs allow you to direct your donation to any registered tax-exempt nonprofit organization in the U.S., including the JTB Foundation.

If your company has a United Way program or a corporate matching program, please consider leveraging them to help us stop sudden cardiac arrest.

Contact the John Taylor Babbitt Foundation at:

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email: [info@jtbfoundation.org](mailto:info@jtbfoundation.org) ♥



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## Babbitt Ball brings 500 young professionals to Manhattan

The second year for the Babbitt Ball in February at the New York Athletic Club on Central Park South brought an overwhelming response from 500 guests, most of them young New York and New Jersey professionals.

“Everyone says it is the social event of the year,” said JoAnne Babbitt, vice president of the JTB Foundation. “It was a great success.”

The JTB Foundation started the Babbitt Ball last year with an eye toward reaching out to the millennial crowd, not only to make them aware of the

work of the foundation but about heart safety in general.

“How do you get the millennial generation to become aware of sudden cardiac arrest and become advocates for emergency treatment?” asked foundation board member Andrew Babbitt, 26, who works at Deloitte in New York. “We thought we could accomplish that at a gala and formed a group of about 30 young people to organize it.”

Many on the committee, he said, were friends of his brother John, a student at The Pingry School in Basking Ridge who died 11 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.

Beside delicious food and dancing to a great band, there was a photo booth and a chance auction featuring mixology lessons, tickets to the musical “Hamilton,” tickets to a Coldplay concert, dinners at Peter Luger steakhouse in Brooklyn and Red Rooster in Harlem, and the opportunity to learn to “fly” on the trapeze at The Trapeze School of New York on Pier 40 overlooking the Hudson River and in South Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

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



**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS** from the metropolitan area packed the Babbitt Ball in February at the New York Athletic Club, among them Kelly Peloquin (right) and Julianna Fricchione, both of Manhattan.

(AEDs), the foundation had more than 60 ballgoers sign up for training at CPR123, a professional life-saving training firm in Manhattan.

Primary sponsor of the ball was BCB Community Bank, with locations in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Union Counties. Platinum sponsors included: Julianna Fricchione, Marianne Andreach, John Chestnut, Dave and Barbara Murphy, and Ed and Peggy Wolf. ♥



**AGES MIXED** at February’s Babbitt Ball. From left are Anthony Cordio, Christine Mascera, and Enza and Tony Cordio of Garden City, New York.