

# Opportunities

## In Town

**American Red Cross of Central New Jersey** offers free CPR and first aid training on Saturday, March 19, as part of Gabrielle Giffords Honorary Save-a-Life Saturday to honor Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and all those involved in the Tucson tragedy. Classes will be held at the Red Cross Training Center, 707 Alexander Road, Suite 302, West Windsor at 10 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. Training will last one hour, and will include instruction in hands-only CPR, controlling external bleeding, and managing shock. Registration at [www.njredcross.org](http://www.njredcross.org).

Although most emergencies are not as large as the one in Tucson, it is important for the public to be prepared for ones that can happen at home, the office, or at school.

**Mercer County College** seeks submissions from area writers and artists for possible inclusion in *Kelsey Review*, a literary journal published annually by the school. The review accepts short fiction, poetry, creative non-fiction essays, excerpts of novels, black and white line drawings (suitable for digital scanning), and cartoons.

The writers or artists must live, work, or give readings in Mercer County. Fiction pieces must be limited to 4,000 words. Creative non-fiction essays must be limited to 2,500 words. Poetry should be limited to no more than six poems. No submissions should be simultaneously submitted for publication elsewhere or have been previously published.

Mail hard copy manuscripts of poetry, prose, and legible copies of art (not the only copy) to Kelsey Review, Liberal Arts Division, Mercer County College, Box B, Trenton 08690. A cover letter should include contact information, including E-mail address, and

a short biography beginning with full name. A self-addressed, stamped #10 envelope should be enclosed for the editors' response. If the work is accepted, Kelsey Review will request an electronic version (MS Word or RTF file) for scanning. All rights are retained by the author or artist. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, May 15. For information on sponsorship, E-mail [kelsey.review@mccc.edu](mailto:kelsey.review@mccc.edu) or call 609-570-3306.

**Mercer County Sports and Entertainment Commission** offers Mercer Madness Dodgeball on Saturday, April 16, inside the skating rink at Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Sanctioned by the National Dodgeball League, teams may register in open, adult co-ed, and high school. Tournament director is Brett Batky of the New York Epic. "This is a marvelous opportunity for businesses to get their employees out of the stores, offices, or shops to enjoy some exercise and have some fun," says Patrick Ryan, chairman of the Hopewell Valley Community Bank. Entry fee is \$130 for adult teams and \$100 for high school teams. Visit [www.thendl.com](http://www.thendl.com) or call 609-737-0927.

## Call for Art

**Trenton Museum Society** calls for entries to the 29th "Ellarslie Open," a temporary exhibition of contemporary art with an emphasis on Trenton area artists. Selected works will be part of the Salon at Artworks exhibition. Two-dimensional works must be submitted on Friday and Saturday, March 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Accepted works will be posted on Friday, March 25 at [www.ellarslie.org](http://www.ellarslie.org). Visit website for more information.

## Good Causes

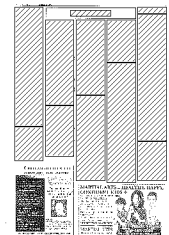
**Rider University** invites community members to join its "Relay for Life 2011" on Saturday, March 26, at 4 p.m. An annual event to benefit American Cancer Society, teams of people take turns walking or running around a track or path with each team having an active representative at all times. "Heroes of Hope" honors survivors with purple shirts. Register with Lindsay Galbraith by E-mail to [galbraithl@rider.edu](mailto:galbraithl@rider.edu) or visit [relayforlife.org/rideruniversity](http://relayforlife.org/rideruniversity).

**Dress for Success Mercer County** is accepting registration for its 5K Power Walk. \$25. Merrill Lynch, 1300 Merrill Lynch Drive, Pennington. Saturday, May 7, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit [www.dfspowerwalk.org/mercercounty](http://www.dfspowerwalk.org/mercercounty) or call 609-587-8298.

## Nominations

**Kidsbridge** seeks nominations for its annual youth and adult humanitarian award competition. Principals, guidance counselors, teachers, and others may nominate a child, a group of children, or a colleague that has demonstrated an extraordinary act of kindness, service to the community, peaceful resolution of conflict, or compassion for the less fortunate. The deadline is Thursday, March 31. The award ceremony will be held in the spring. Download a nomination form at [www.kidsbridgemuseum.org](http://www.kidsbridgemuseum.org) or call 609-581-0239.

**2011 NJ State Governor's Jefferson Awards** has been extended to Thursday, March 31. Selected volunteers will be honored at a gala event at Newark Museum on Wednesday, June 8. Nominations may be made for volunteers in emergency services, health care, environmental stewardship, good neighbor, against all odds, corporate leadership, lifetime service, and more. Visit [www.njgovernorsawards.com](http://www.njgovernorsawards.com) for a full description of awards category and an



online nomination form.

## **Donate Please**

**Hopeline**, a program to provide free cell phones to victims of domestic violence transitioning out of dangerous relationships, has been coordinated by Senator Linda Greenstein and Assemblymen Wayne DeAngelo and Daniel Benson. Donations requested include all makes and models of cell phones, smart phones, Blackberries, netbooks, and accessories. Phones will be refurbished, loaded with pre-paid minutes, and distributed to agencies in Mercer and Middlesex counties that support domestic violence victims. Phones that cannot be refurbished by Verizon Wireless or TMobile USA will be broken down and properly recycled to keep them from improper disposal. Donations may be brought to 7 Centre Drive, Suite 2, Monroe; 2239 Whitehorse-Mercerville Avenue, Suite E, Hamilton; or 391 A Nottingham Way, Hamilton.

**Middlesex County's 4-H Association** requests donations of used clothing, linens, stuffed animals, shoes, and handbags to benefit the group's programming and scholarship awards. Bring items in plastic bags to Earth Center, 42 Riva Road, South Brunswick, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 732-398-5261 for information.

## **Grants Available**

**Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission** offers program grants to non-profit organizations that offer arts programming, performances, art classes, or arts services. The application deadline is Saturday, April 23. Visit [www.mercercounty.org](http://www.mercercounty.org). A grant-writing workshop will be held Wednesday, March 23, from 6 to 8 p.m., at 640 South Broad Street, Trenton. Register by E-mail to [ltamo@mercercounty.org](mailto:ltamo@mercercounty.org) or call 609-278-2712.

## **New Camps**

**Princeton Day School** has two new programs this summer. The Summer Arts Institute, an arts program for grades 9 to 12, features architecture, acting, theater design, ceramics, and more. The All-Girls Chess and the Talented and Gifted Chess camps will be taught by Martha Fierro, an international master. [www.pds.org](http://www.pds.org) or call 609-924-6700 for information.

**Camp DeWitt**, a day camp affiliated with Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey, is in Hillsborough. Open to all girls in first through ninth grade, the camp runs for seven one-week sessions from Monday to Friday, June 27 to August 12. Visit [www.gshnj.org](http://www.gshnj.org) or call 908-947-1707.

## **Volunteers Needed**

**Har Sinai Temple** seeks volunteers to prepare and serve a "Lord's Table" meal at Trenton's Church of the Sacred Heart, 343 South Broad Street, Trenton, on Sunday, March 27. The interfaith community outreach meal for close to 200 needy adults and children require three shifts of volunteers. The first shift is needed from 9 to 11:30 a.m. to assemble the meals at Titusville's Union Fire and Rescue Squad on River Road. Two additional sets will be needed to serve from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and to clean up from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Donations are also requested, \$3 a meal, \$18 for six meals, \$36 for 12 meals, and \$72 for 24 meals. Call 609-730-8100 for information.

**Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey** launches its Pinwheels for Prevention campaign in April. The organization raises awareness about supporting families and preventing child abuse and neglect by engaging individuals, local businesses, and community groups in campaign-related projects and educational events. Pinwheels are the national symbol for happy, healthy, and

carefree childhoods. Visit [www.preventchildabuse.nj.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.nj.org) to see pinwheels, lapel pins, bumper stickers, and wristbands. Materials available to organizations and individuals include tip sheets with advice for school teachers, government officials, and child advocates to engage the members of their community; and coloring pages, promise cards, and activity calendars to give parents and children an excuse to interact and celebrate healthy families. Call 800-Children.

**Art All Night**, an annual 24-hour art exhibit in Trenton, seeks 350 volunteers on the weekend of June 18 and 19. Volunteers are needed for marketing, building projects, preparations, set-up, break down, and in three-hour shifts during the event. Captains are especially needed for media distribution, parking, trash, and recycling. Visit [www.artworkstrenton.org/artallnight](http://www.artworkstrenton.org/artallnight) or E-mail [volunteer-aan@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer-aan@gmail.com) for information.

**Mercer County Workforce Investment Board** seeks volunteers for its Early Mercer Reads Day, Thursday, April 14, with the primary goal to have children throughout Mercer County reading on a daily basis, to instill in them a lifelong love of books, to increase individual achievement, and improve the overall quality of life within the county. To register or for information visit [www.mercercounty.org](http://www.mercercounty.org), call 609-989-6827, or E-mail [mduarte@mercercounty.org](mailto:mduarte@mercercounty.org).

## **Japanese Etiquette**

**YWCA Princeton** offers Japanese Culture and Business Etiquette including practical survival Japanese phrases and authentic Japanese cuisine presented by Michiko Yamashina, a certified teacher of customer service and business manners. She taught business etiquette, academic Japanese writing, and intercultural communications at several colleges in

Tokyo, and was a human resource officer for Japan Airlines Infotech, where she trained new employees in business etiquette. Fridays, March 25, April 1, 8, and 15. Register. \$60. Visit [www.ywcaprinceton.com](http://www.ywcaprinceton.com) or call 609-497-2100.

## **Seeking Vendors**

**White Lotus Home** seeks vendors to showcase their art, green products, and services for earth weekend festivities and the 30th anniversary of its business on Friday to Sunday, April 8 to 10. Tables are \$50. E-mail [marlon@whitelotus.net](mailto:marlon@whitelotus.net) or call 743-843-4990.