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WE CARE's 26th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic

Bridget Ryan

On September 19, 2022, the WE CARE Fund hosted its 26th Annual Golf & Tennis Classic. The Classic is WE CARE's largest and most successful fundraising event, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars each year, and this year was no exception, grossing over \$300,000. Held at two courses—The Muttontown Club and Brookville Country Club—the 2022 Classic marked another successful event for WE CARE.



The Classic has something for everyone in attendance, and includes a day of sports and other activities, an expansive cocktail hour, delicious buffet dinner, and over 40 raffle prizes! This year, WE CARE offered a new activity with Golf 201. While Golf 101 is a favorite for many, giving participants the opportunity to learn how to play golf, Golf 201 offers a more advanced instruction. With this new addition, 10 participants were able to improve on skills they may have learned from Golf 101 in previous years, while also getting out on the course.

The Classic began this year with beautiful weather and sunny skies, but Mother Nature had other plans—a microburst storm sent heavy rain and strong gusts of wind through the outdoor cocktail hour. With the help and teamwork of committee members, NCBA staff, Brookville Country Club staff, and event attendees, the event was quickly moved indoors, and resumed effortlessly. After successfully shifting the programming inside, attendees heard from WE CARE Co-Chairs Deanne M. Caputo and Joseph A. Lo Piccolo and were able to see how WE CARE impacts grant recipients.

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SAVE THE DATE

90th Annual Holiday Party
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022
 6:30 PM AT THE NCBA
 FREE OF CHARGE

Family and children are welcome to attend!

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Celebrating 40 Years of Mock Trial

Jennifer C. Groh

In 1982, the Commodore 64 computer made its debut in American homes. EPCOT opened in Florida, and the first issue of *USA Today* was published. Hank Aaron and Frank Robinson were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Cats opened on Broadway while E.T. the Extra Terrestrial ruled at the box office, and Michael Jackson's groundbreaking album, *Thriller* was released. It was also the first year that high school students from across the state competed in the New York State Bar Association's Mock Trial Tournament.

In 2022, Mock Trial is celebrating 40 years of giving high school students firsthand knowledge of law and courtroom procedures. The long-running program has helped further students' understanding of trial advocacy and the legal system and has perhaps sparked a future career aspiration or two. Nearly 100 teams and thousands of students participate each year in eight regions across the state. Here in Nassau County, we average between 45-50



schools in the competition, making us the second largest county in the competition after New York City.

In past years, the hallways of the Nassau County Supreme Court echoed with the excited voices and footsteps of 600 students

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The WE CARE Fund presented awards to two honorees: **Geoffry R. Handler, Esq.**, Managing Partner of McLaughlin & Stern, LLP, and **Ronald J. Bredow, PT**, CEO and Co-Founder of NY Physical Therapy & Wellness.

Money raised from all WE CARE fundraisers—the Classic included—is disbursed through charitable grants to organizations throughout Nassau County that help those most in need. Many of these organizations provide necessities,

including shelter, food, and clothing—all essentials that many take for granted, but families less fortunate are desperately in need of. In total, WE CARE has raised over \$5 million to help those in need and continues to do so.

To learn more about The WE CARE Fund, make a donation, or learn about volunteer opportunities, please visit www.thewecarefund.com or find WE CARE on Instagram (@thewecarefund) or Facebook by searching Nassau Bar Foundation, Inc. 🏏



**WE CARE
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BASKET DONATIONS**

Please consider donating \$125 to help WE CARE provide a boxed dinner with all the trimmings to be delivered to local families in need on Thanksgiving this year.



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