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CAUSEWAY CARES DONATES ITS 22ND VEHICLE through its CauseWheels Vehicle Donation Program

The donation was made to The HOPE Center in Toms River and was funded in part through a grant from Fulfill.

MANAHAWKIN, NJ – Causeway CAREs’ donates its 22nd vehicle through the CauseWheels Vehicle Donation Program. The HOPE Center in Toms River graciously accepted the donation, which was funded in part through a grant from Fulfill.

The CauseWheels Vehicle Donation Program began in 2020 following The Causeway Family of Dealership’s 50th Anniversary in 2019. The program’s goal is to help neighbors in need and positively impact Ocean County. Since its inception just a few short years ago, Causeway CAREs has donated vehicles to various nonprofit and community organizations with an identified need.

“The timing could not have been more perfect,” said Amy VanBezooijen of The HOPE Center. “After a record-breaking two months in terms of new families



Pictured from left: Joe Stroffolino, Director of Advertising and Marketing of Causeway Family of Dealerships/Causeway CAREs; Corey Gellis, General Sales Manager of Causeway Family of Dealerships; David Wintrode, President of Causeway Family of Dealerships/Causeway CAREs; Robin Gardiner, Network Engagement Manager of Fulfill; Jim Kroeze, COO of Fulfill; Amy VanBezooijen of The HOPE Center and David Shipman, Treasurer of The HOPE Center’s Board of Trustees.

coming to us for food security, this van will provide many new possibilities for us to pursue.”

Last month, The HOPE Center received 45 new clients at its food pantry and served 27,680 lbs. of food to 1,748 individuals – the nonprofit’s highest recorded number since its inception. This was an increase of 438 individuals from February.

The HOPE Center receives food deliveries from its partner agency, Fulfill on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. Unfortunately, those deliveries are not enough to serve the need that comes through the nonprofit’s doors.

“This van will enable us to pick up food directly from Fulfill on an as needed basis to support our community members,” said VanBezooijen. “We will also have the ability to nurture relationships with other establishments like Wawa, Big Lots, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Starbucks, who have all expressed interest in donating food to The HOPE Center in the past. We just need to provide the transport, which up until now, we simply did not have the means to do.”

That’s where Causeway CAREs and Fulfill came in.

VanBezooijen initially contacted Joe Stroffolino, Director of Advertising and Marketing for the Causeway Family of Dealerships to inquire about the availability

of a van through the CauseWheels vehicle donation program. “Luckily, we had a van that was recently traded in,” said Stroffolino. “The only issue was the price of the van fell outside the CauseWheels donation parameters. As a Fulfill board member, I asked Amy at The HOPE Center if she had applied for one of Fulfill’s capacity grant, which she had. So, we simply increased the grant request to make up the deficit.”

“The key is always collaboration,” said David C. Wintrode, President of Causeway Family of Dealerships. “That’s the whole purpose of Causeway CAREs – to give back to our nonprofit partners. It is our pleasure to partner with The HOPE Center and Fulfill so that they can continue to support even more community members in need.”

And, of course, The HOPE Center is overjoyed at the prospect of doing just that.

“We would like to express our sincerest gratitude to our friends at Causeway CAREs and Fulfill for making this donation possible,” said VanBezooijen of The HOPE Center. “It is with great compassion that we utilize this van to fulfill our mission by providing food security for those in our community who are struggling. It is just so important for them to know that they are not alone.”

David Shipman, Treasurer of The HOPE Center’s Board of Trustees, says The HOPE Center will be able to grow significantly with this vehicle. “We will not only be able to procure more food, but we will also be able to consider delivering food to homebound clients and open additional avenues of outreach,” he said. “This will allow us to have an even greater impact on feeding the community.”



Pictured: The HOPE Center in Toms River.

To learn more about Causeway CAREs, please visit CausewayCAREs.com or email Joe.Stroffolino@CausewayCars.com.



The Wintrode Family Foundation



Causeway CAREs’ mission is to make a direct and profound impact in and around Ocean County in the areas of education, food security and quality of life. Founded in 2004 and funded by The Wintrode Family Foundation, Inc., Causeway CAREs strives to make the community a better place to live grow and thrive. To learn more, visit CausewayCAREs.com.

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Joe Stroffolino and Causeway Family of Dealerships receives 2022 MODC COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD



Pictured from left: Joe Stroffolino, Director of Advertising, Marketing and Community Relations of Causeway Family of Dealerships, and Senator Bob Singer, Committee Chair of the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council (MODC).

The 57th Annual Silver Gull Awards Dinner was held on May 5 at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club in Farmingdale.

FARMINGDALE, NJ – It was the moment that captured the room. Senator Bob Singer, Committee Chair of the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council (MODC) was about to invite Joe Stroffolino, Director of Advertising and Marketing for Causeway Family of Dealerships and Causeway CAREs, to step up to the podium to receive the MODC’s 2022 Community Service Award, when he recalled a story that will stay with all of us forever.

Singer continued to say there was once an oversight with the Department of Agriculture and local schools in Ocean County that would lead to a break in food service in midsummer. This meant there was going to be several weeks where children would not have their main meal of the day. The story received some local press, and that’s when David C. Wintrode, President of Causeway Family of Dealerships, called Singer to learn more about the situation. In response, Wintrode said, “No child should go hungry in our county. You tell them I will pay for the meals.”

“He didn’t ask how much,” said Singer. “He didn’t ask how many children. That’s a special kind of person. It is our honor to honor his family, foundation and dealerships for making that commitment to Ocean County and the State of New Jersey.”



Monmouth-Ocean Development Council

Monmouth-Ocean Development Council (MODC) is a networking and advocacy group dedicated to supporting the business environments of Monmouth and Ocean Counties, New Jersey. MODC’s membership includes hundreds of influential business, community and government leaders representing diverse groups throughout the bi-county region.



Pictured standing from left: David C. Wintrode, President of Causeway Family of Dealerships; Joe Stroffolino, Director of Advertising, Marketing and Community Relations of Causeway Family of Dealerships; Laura Crossan of Design 446.

Pictured seated from left: Kaitlyn Strohmeier, Marketing Manager of Causeway Family of Dealerships; Jennifer Maier, Sales Representative of Causeway Family of Dealerships, Donna Stroffolino, and Ann Marie Baker of Design 446.

Stroffolino graciously accepted the esteemed Community Service Award at the MODC’s 57th Annual Silver Gull Awards Dinner on May 5 at Eagle Oaks Golf & Country Club in Farmingdale. The event recognized business and community leaders in the bi-county area.

In his acceptance speech, Stroffolino thanked the MODC, as well as Causeway Family of Dealerships, Causeway CAREs, The Wintrode Family Foundation, and President and Founder, Dave Wintrode. He also expressed his appreciation to Mary Jo Buchannon, Executive Director of Ocean Partnership for Children (OPC), for the nomination. Stroffolino then took a moment to recognize the Causeway CAREs initiative.

“Founded in 2004 and funded by the Wintrode Family Foundation, Inc., Causeway CAREs’ mission is to make a direct and profound impact in and around Ocean County in the areas of education, food security and quality of life,” he said. “To fulfill this mission, Causeway CAREs gives back to the community by offering time and resources, as well as financial donations and scholarship opportunities; facilitating event sponsorships; encouraging volunteerism and social responsibility, and organizing vehicle giveaways for its nonprofit and community partners through the ‘CauseWheels Vehicle Donation Program’.”



Pictured from left: Joe Stroffolino, Director of Advertising, Marketing and Community Relations of Causeway Family of Dealerships, and Mary Jo Buchannon, Executive Director of Ocean Partnership for Children (OPC).

SOUTHERN REGIONAL SPORTS BEAT



LaCrosse and Baseball

Congratulations Southern Regional Girls LaCrosse, Morgan Muirhead (10th Grade Goalie)(left) and Southern Baseball, Mike Nascimento (12th Grade Pitcher)(right) named Rita's of Manahawkin Spring Season Female and Male Athletes of the Week. Morgan had a shut out in the season opener vs Midd. North. The Rams currently are 7-1 on the year. Mike is currently 2-0 this season. Mike has wins over Jackson Memorial and TR East. The Rams are currently 3 & 3 on the year. Continued Success!

Wrestling and Multi-Sport

Congratulations Southern Regional High School Student Athletes Nate Bischoff (left) and Abigail Gallacher (right) on being named Shore Conference Sportsmanship Award winners for the 2021-2022 school year. Nate is a 4 year member of our Wrestling program. Abby is a Multi-Sport Athlete participating on our Girls Soccer, Indoor and Spring Track teams. They were honored by the Shore Conference at the annual Sportsmanship Breakfast sponsored by the Shore Sports Network on Sunday, May 15, 2022. Congratulations and Thank you both for all you have done for Southern.

Multi-Sport

Congratulations Southern Regional Multi-Sport Athlete John Bruther on being named to the National Football Foundation South Jersey Chapter Scholar Athlete Award for the 2021-2022 school year. John was honored during the annual NFFSJ Banquet on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the Carriage House in Galloway, NJ. John is a member of the Football & Boys Track teams at Southern Regional. John is pictured with Coach Dylan Larson, Head Boys Track Coach Scott Baker and Head Football Coach Chuck Donohue Sr. Thank you John for all you have done for Southern.



Photo Credit: 2022 Eastern Invitational Tournament

Boys Volleyball

Congratulations Southern Boys Volleyball on winning the 2022 Eastern Regional Invitational on Saturday, April 9th and defeating Central Regional 2-0 on Thursday, May 5, 2022. With the win, the Rams have won the Shore Conference "A" South Division Championship. Congratulations players, coaches, parents, alumni and fans. Continued success this season.



Photo Credit: Patrick Mulranne - Press of Atlantic City

Boys Track

Congratulations Southern Regional Track Thrower, Fabian Gonzalez (Jr) on winning the Woodbury Relays discus event on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Fabian won with a toss of 179' to win the event. Best of Luck the rest of the season.



Girls Golf

Great Sportsmanship between both Southern Regional and Irvington Girls Golf teams during their match on Thursday, April 21, 2022. Thank you Golfers & Coaches. Best of Luck to both teams the rest of the year. Rams win 217-273. Southern improves to a 3 & 0 record on the year.



Girls LaCrosse

Congratulations Southern Regional Girls Lacrosse on defeating TR East 19-5 on Thursday, May 5, 2022. With the win, the Rams have won the Shore Conference "A" South Championship for the 3rd consecutive year. Congratulations players, coaches, parents, alumni and fans. Continued Success this season.



Girls Volleyball

Congratulations Southern Regional Girls Volleyball player Bri Otto on her commitment to Kean University to continue her academic and Volleyball careers. Bri is pictured with her parents, Head Coach Eric Maxwell and Assistant Coach Kelsey Gesicki. Best of Luck!



Boys LaCrosse

Congratulations Southern Regional Boys Lacrosse on defeating TR East 23-3 on #SeniorNight which took place on Tuesday, May 3, 2022. Thank you Seniors for all you have done for Southern. Best of Luck the rest of the season.



Boys LaCrosse

Congratulations Southern Regional Boys Lacrosse senior player, Ryan Sininsky on scoring his 100th career goal vs TR North on 5/5/22. Best of luck the rest of the year.



Boys LaCrosse

Congratulations Southern Regional Boys Lacrosse on defeating TR North 18-4 on Thursday, May 5, 2022. With the win, the Rams have won the Shore Conference "A" South Championship for the 9th consecutive year. Congratulations players, coaches, parents, alumni and fans. Continued Success this season.



Softball

Congratulations Southern Regional Softball on defeating Central Regional 4-1 on Monday, May 9, 2022. With the win, the Rams have clinched at least a share of the Shore Conference "A" South Divisional Championship. Congratulations players, coaches, parents, alumni & fans.

DINE ON US TO HOST 1ST ANNUAL SURF & TURF TO BENEFIT MILITARY FAMILIES

Dine on Us, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, EIN# 88-1338863, is on a mission to provide off base dining and entertainment opportunities for our active military families who are not able to do so for themselves due to economic hardships.

It was brought to our attention that our active enlisted military families are on a pay scale low enough to qualify them for government assistance programs like food stamps and WIC. They were living in poverty prior to the Covid pandemic, even with an additional second income. As soon as the pandemic hit, the spouse had to quit his/her job or quarantine off base for two weeks before he/she was able to return home.

Now that the restrictions have loosened, the spouses are still limited to work because the outsourced day care is still not allowed back on the base and many spouses' professional licenses are not transferable in the state of New Jersey.

Dine on Us was denied access to bring meals to the base, so we decided to find ways to get the military families off the base; either as a much-needed family night out, a long overdue date night, entertainment vouchers, a gas card, and groceries. These are all the basic liberties of life that our active military cannot enjoy.

To our active enlisted military families, we have your families back, while you're out there protecting ours! "From our table to yours, Dine on Us!"

If you would like to support and help in on our mission, please join us June 10 on the beach for our 1st annual Surf & Turf at Martell's Point Pleasant from 5:30 to 8:30pm. It will feature unlimited whole lobsters, shrimp, clams, prime rib, and so much more. Your first Tito's drink beverage, for anyone 21 and older, is on us. We will also have live entertainment as you are enjoying your feast.

In addition, we will have raffle baskets, including a Chef Mike's ABG \$500.00 gift cards, a pair of Yankee vs Red Sox tickets, and so many more.

What a fun night this will be. All this for only \$100.00 per person if tickets are purchased before May 31. Tickets can be purchased online at www.dineonus.org.



Example of a Dine on Us card for the 125 active families - each card will be valued at \$325.00

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There were only 200 tickets, and the event sold out! The gift auction had 72 different baskets to choose from. Guests could play the Mystery Box Game and The Wine Pull for \$10 each. And to top it all off, the 50/50 winner took home over \$5,000!

Of course, this could not have been possible without the sponsors, supporters, and the businesses who donated items for the gift baskets. A Need We Feed is grateful to the board of directors, volunteers, and committee members who helped make the evening a great success!



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Focus ON Barnegat

BARNEGAT, STAFFORD STUDENTS HONORED AS 'UNsung HEROES'

Students from Barnegat and Stafford were among the 30 from Ocean County awarded for overcoming great struggles.

BARNEGAT-MANAHAWKIN, NJ — Thirty students from across Ocean County were honored at the Student Recognition Awards on May 4 as "Unsung Heroes."

What makes an unsung hero? According to the program, it is a person who does great deeds but receives little or no recognition. These students have overcome great difficulties and persevered.

Dante Manzo, a Stafford Intermediate School student, and Angelique Antonelli, a Barnegat High School student, were among those honored for the work they have accomplished.

Manzo, a Stafford sixth grader, has been overcoming the odds since he was born. He was born with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia, which is a birth defect where a hole in the diaphragm causes abdominal organs to move into the chest, disrupting normal lung development. Despite this, Manzo comes to school with a smile every day, his teachers

said. Kristin Ducker, the school's counselor, shared that when it came time to choose the award recipient, "the choice was easy."

Among educators in the school, there was an overwhelming response for one student: Manzo. He is resilient and shows perseverance, teachers said in a video about him.

"We are so proud of you, Dante," Eileen Brenna of the child study team said. She added that she and fellow teachers look forward to see what he does next.

Angelique Antonelli, a senior at Barnegat High School, only joined the school at the beginning of ninth grade, where she was "quiet" and "withdrawn," her case manager Sue Rogers said. In December of that year, she transferred out and went back to Central Florida until she was a sophomore.



Dante Manzo from Stafford (left photo) and Angelique Antonelli from Barnegat (right photo) were honored as Unsung Heroes. Photos by Veronica Flesher / Patch

After that, Rogers said that Antonelli began to come out of her shell. She said that Antonelli comes to school every day and works hard, but goes unnoticed.

Although Antonelli struggles with reading, Rogers said that she is "very resilient" and keeps going.

Antonelli plans to go to Ocean County College after graduation and study liberal arts. She also is interested in cosmetology.

patch.com.

MANY NJ STORES STILL HANDING OUT PAPER BAGS, BUT IT'S OK!

By David Matthau, WOBN

Now that New Jersey's toughest-in-the-nation bag ban has kicked in supermarkets and big box stores are not permitted to give shoppers any kind of plastic or paper bag, but that's not the case for many other retail establishments.

The new law stipulates all regular types of plastic bags are banned, but Eileen Kean, the director of the New Jersey chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, said some smaller stores are confused about what is permitted.

A paper bag is fine

The law allows paper bags at any retail establishment that is smaller than 2,500 square feet. This rules out supermarkets and big-box stores but not smaller retailers.

"Many little boutiques have their own stylish paper bags with handles that become popular when you become a customer and you love



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the little bag because you do use it over once you get home," Kean said. Kean said this can get a bit confusing. "There is a learning curve involved and business owners, members of NFIB are trying to embrace the new world they live in," she said.

Towns can't create their own bag laws

She stressed it's important to understand that municipalities must follow the state bag law and cannot impose their own regulations.

"This is really good news for Main Street because what had been happening is municipalities were coming up with their own restrictions and it was definitely creating confusion," she said.

Kean noted while plastic bags are a no-no, there's an exemption for dry cleaners. "Dry cleaners can still use plastic bags that they use to protect clean clothing when it's delivered to a customer."

Violators are fined \$1,000.

"I think the business community is on board, not necessarily happy at how extreme this ban is, but they have no choice but to abide by the new law," Kean said.

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GET CONNECTED with Lifeline and the Emergency Broadband Benefit



Keeping up with technology can be a struggle for individuals and families with limited financial means. Having a cell phone, a laptop or internet service at home is not a luxury – it is a necessity in the modern world. The Lifeline and Emergency Broadband Benefit federal programs provide assistance that can help you get and stay connected. If you participate in Medicaid or SNAP, you qualify for both federal programs.

Lifeline (Free Smartphone Program)

Lifeline provides eligible low-income individuals with a free smartphone and free monthly data, free monthly minutes and unlimited texting. This is a federal program and should not be confused with the state's Lifeline utility assistance program.

If you qualify for Lifeline, you qualify for the Emergency Broadband Benefit, but you need to apply for both.

Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is a temporary program to help families and households access internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. If you have a Lifeline smartphone, you can also request the Emergency Broadband benefit for unlimited talk, text, and data.

Note: The Emergency Broadband Benefit is temporary and ends when funds are expended.

You are eligible to apply for Lifeline if your household:

- Participates in NJ SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit or Tribal Programs; or
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You are eligible to apply for Emergency Broadband Benefit if your household:

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- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, or did so in the 2019-2020 school year;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program; or
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.

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How to Apply for Lifeline:

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- If you are a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare member with Horizon, Amerigroup or WellCare, you may receive extra benefits by applying with SafeLink Wireless: safelinkwireless.com
- If you are a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare member with Aetna, you may receive extra benefits by applying with Assurance Wireless: assurancewireless.com

How to Apply for Emergency Broadband Benefit:

If you already have a Lifeline smartphone, contact your provider and ask for the Emergency Broadband Benefit. You can also:

- Apply online at GetEmergencyBroadband.org
- Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application.
- Contact a participating broadband provider and ask about their application process.

BARNEGAT HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BEAT



Boys Baseball
 Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Baseball team who are B-South Champs for the second year in a row!



Girls Lacrosse

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team who are B-South Champs for the second year in a row! For the first time in program history, Barnegat beat Shore Regional 12-11 and the girls advance in the Shore Conference Tournament!

FROM BEACHES TO PARKS, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THIS SUMMER IN OCEAN COUNTY, NJ

By Vin ebenau, WOBM,

Whether you live or work in Ocean County, visit or vacation here, you know there's something for everyone during the summer months.

Is it too hot or rainy on a given day? There are plenty of indoor activities to cool off or have fun.

Is it just the perfect beach and boardwalk day, or a good one for a nature walk? Ocean County has those opportunities every summer as well the ability to have fun and relax.

Ocean County Commissioner Joe Vicari, liaison to Ocean County Tourism, was a guest on 'Shore Time with Vin and Dave' on 94.3 The Point and 105.7 The Hawk, and discussed some of the great things about summers in Ocean County.

While Memorial Day weekend marks the unofficial start to summer for many people, some start planning and enjoying the weather when the calendar turns to May or earlier.

"At one time in tourism, it began on Memorial Day, you know when it begins now? Before April 1," Vicari tells Townsquare Media.

During the pandemic, many people working remotely, who didn't live in Ocean County full-time, came down to their rental properties or second homes figuring they would work remotely from the beach scene in Ocean County if they had to work remotely.

Even still today, if remote is an option, it could bring more people to Ocean County earlier than Memorial Day weekend.

"They can work from home, enjoy Ocean County, their children love it, their families love it -- you know what happens on weekends? Their friends come over, their families come over."



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Ocean County provides a good platform to create any number of summer memories with your family and friends as you spend time across the 33 municipalities.

"It's an experience -- it's a great story and it's a great place, and we want everyone to know about it," Vicari said. "Enjoy Ocean County, when you come here, relax, enjoy it, and have good memories."

There are plenty of great places to go out and eat, either on the boardwalks or throughout any of the towns and everything smells so good.

"There are so many different kinds of restaurants over the last several years, it's unbelievable," Vicari said. "So, any type of restaurant you want to go to whether it be a franchise restaurant, a small restaurant -- we have food for anyone that really wants it. We have something for everyone."

There are also lots of great local businesses and shops for souvenirs or everyday needs or just something fun to bring home.

If you're looking for something fun to do outside of the beach, go mini-golfing or to a Jersey Shore BlueClaws game, Laurita Winery, Jenkinson's Aquarium, Six-Flags Great Adventure, and more.

Whether you want to go for a run or just enjoy a day out of the house or hotel, there are plenty of parks across Ocean County as well including Cattus Island County Park in Toms River, Jakes Branch County Park in Beachwood, and John C. Bartlett Jr. County Park at Berkeley Island in Berkeley Township.

You can also enjoy the Barnegat Bay through or at some of these parks or others like Double Trouble State Park in Berkeley Township.

Each town or the county itself also puts on several individual or weekly events throughout the summer in Ocean County as well.

On a nice day, maybe you go crabbing or fishing, golfing, or head to the batting cages.

"If you like to go crabbing, fishing, canoeing, kayaking -- we have all of those and we even have opportunities for people who love their pets, we have a dog park. We found that people want to take their dog out for a walk and they can't go in a regular park because there are children and it's on a leash," Vicari said.

With that in mind, the county went to work on setting up a dog park where the pups can run around without a leash on. "They love their pets in Ocean County,"

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15 YEARS ON THE JOB AND NOT ONE SICK DAY UNTIL...

It may be hard to believe in these unpredictable times but some people, like Margaret Kluin, haven't missed a day of work in years.

For the last 15 years, Margaret, a nurse manager in the orthopedic surgery department at Ocean University Medical Center in Brick, New Jersey has shown up on time for - every shift - despite whatever may have been going on in her private life.



Margaret Kluin

"None of my colleagues knew but I have been suffering with complications of medical issues for the past few years," explains Margaret who chose to remain silent regarding her health battles even when she was told she was approaching Stage 5 kidney failure and she may face dialysis in the near future. "Having diabetes led to kidney disease which was progressively getting worse," says Margaret, whose nephrologist suggested she be evaluated for the waitlist for kidney transplant. "Dialysis can be very time consuming, it's three days a week, three hours at a time. It really impacts one's quality of life" says Margaret.

The mother of two daughters says none of her family members, including her husband, were the right blood and tissue match so Margaret put her name on the list for a kidney donation at Hackensack University Medical Center, her sister hospital, in Hackensack, New Jersey.

"I know that Hackensack has a very robust kidney transplantation program but still, I was expecting to be on the waitlist until the distant future," says Margaret who was shocked when she received the call from the transplantation team at Hackensack that they had a kidney for her within such a short period of time. "I thought it was a telemarketer calling me, I almost didn't pick up," jokes Margaret.



Hackensack Meridian Health

"Hackensack University Medical Center's Kidney Transplant Program is among the fastest-growing in the nation," says Michael

J. Goldstein, M.D., FACS, director of Organ Transplantation, director of kidney & pancreas transplantation, Division of Organ Transplantation, Hackensack University Medical Center. "Patients, like Margaret, who come to Hackensack for kidney transplantation have much shorter waiting times to receive a deceased donor kidney than other centers in the tri-state area due to our vast surgical experience, aggressive clinical style, and our use of the Ex Vivo Hypothermic Machine Preservation technology which increases a kidney's viability and lifespan."

Margaret, who was at work at the time that she received the news that Hackensack had a kidney for her, couldn't be more grateful to the deceased donor and his family. "I don't know much about him other than he was in his mid-fifties and obviously, an altruistic man," she says.

It was hard for her, however, the nurse who never missed a day of work in 15 years, to not only tell her director she would have to depart in the middle of her shift that day - but that she would be on medical leave for several months following the transplantation.

"Obviously, I had her full support but still it was difficult for me to leave my patients to go be a patient," says Margaret, who is now recovering at home after a very successful kidney transplantation.

"I'm so grateful to Dr. Goldstein and the entire transplant team for restoring my quality of life," says Margaret. "I'm a pretty private person but I want everyone, in a similar health situation, to know about the type of care Hackensack University Medical Center has to offer."

Margaret says she's looking forward to a full and speedy recovery so she can get back to work with her patients and team for one reason - because she loves her job.

"That's why I never missed a day of work until now, because it's where I want to be and I can't wait to get back."



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It went from a dream to a vision for Christian Kane of Toms River who wanted a field, where his now 11-year-old son Gavin, could go out and play ball with and like all the other kids.

Furthermore, he wanted a place where special needs kids and families could go and play, dream, laugh, and be themselves without any fear of being stared at and looked upon differently. There have been some challenges, many financial, along the way but Kane has persevered as he has throughout this process.



Photo: Vin Ebenau, Townsquare Media NJ

The Grand Opening of the RWJ-Barnabas Health Toms River Field of Dreams took place on Saturday, April 30, and is only the beginning. Soon enough, we'll see games being played, catch between fathers and sons, and families and communities coming together to enjoy something so pure as the game of baseball and much more.

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Are you looking for a loyal companion that you can spend time with, snuggle with and spend time on the sofa with? Then come meet Toby at the So. Ocean Co. Animal Shelter. He is an 8 year old Pit Mix who has captured the hearts of everyone at the shelter and he loves everyone he meets. He is well mannered, walks nicely on a leash, knows some tricks and just loves to play. Toby's only drawback is that he does not like other dogs and needs to be your one and only. If you would like to meet this wonderful boy, please call the shelter 609-978-0127.



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Betty

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POWER MOVES: F-150 LIGHTNING DELIVERS MORE HORSEPOWER, MORE PAYLOAD CAPACITY, MORE RANGE

DEARBORN, Mich., May 2, 2022 – F-150® Lightning™ customers will benefit from more power and capability than they expected from their trucks.

F-150 Lightning, the only full-size electric pickup available now with a starting price less than \$40,000, will begin to ship to customers in the coming days, starting with the Pro Series, as Ford establishes itself as a leader in the electric vehicle revolution. Lightning is the smartest, most innovative F-150 that Ford has ever built, with the freedom of a 10-kilowatt smart power plant on wheels, software updates that will make it even better over time and Built Ford Tough capability.

Both the standard- and extended-range battery packs offered on F-150 Lightning will deliver more horsepower than originally targeted and announced when the truck was revealed in May 2021, and the payload capacity increased as well.

“We were seriously focused on raising the bar on this truck, including after we revealed it, so we can deliver more for our customers,” said Dapo Adewusi, F-150 Lightning vehicle engineering manager. “And our drive



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for continuous improvement will get a big boost when we start getting feedback and ideas from customers when they receive their Lightnings.”

The extended-range battery pack produces 580 horsepower – up from the targeted 563 horsepower. The standard-range battery pack delivers 452 – up from the targeted 426 ponies originally promised. Both packs are capable of producing 775 lbs.-ft. of torque, more than any other F-150 pickup ever.

F-150 Lightning is the only electric vehicle that is Built Ford Tough, and its maximum available payload capacity also increased from original targets. Properly equipped F-150 Lightning pickups can now haul an extra 235 pounds for a total 2,235 pounds of maximum available hauling capability.

“I have been very excited for this truck ever since it debuted a year ago. The experience of driving one was simply amazing,” says F-150 Lightning customer and deputy fire marshal Matthew Brown. “Now you are telling me that is has more horsepower and can haul over a ton of weight in the bed. Absolutely blows my mind!”

In March, Ford released the final EPA-estimated range figures for all F-150 Lightning pickup models, which includes a 20-mile increase for F-150 Lightning XLT and Lariat trims with the extended range battery for a total EPA estimated range of 320 miles. Fleet customers have the option to purchase the extended-range battery on Lightning Pro and that has an EPA-estimated range of 320 miles.

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2021 MUSTANG MACH-E PREMIUM AWD WINS AAA'S BEST OVERALL CAR FOR 2022

The 2021 Ford Mustang Mach-E Premium All-Wheel Drive has won AAA's Best Overall Car for 2022, the latest acclaim for Ford's electric SUV.

AAA researchers gave special praise to the vehicle for its dramatic new profile, its power, and for being quiet, quick, roomy, and fun to drive. Mustang Mach-E continues to draw customer attention as well, with U.S. sales up 23 percent through April.

The 2021 Mustang Mach-E has claimed a number of other awards including Car and Driver's Editor's Choice Award and Electric Vehicle of the Year Award, plus the Cars.com Eco-Friendly Car of the Year Award, AutoGuide's Utility of the Year, Green Vehicle of the Year and Autoweek's Car Buyer's Award.

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HYUNDAI TUCSON NAMED 2022 BEST PLUG-IN HYBRID BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif., April 22, 2022 – The Hyundai Tucson Plug-in Hybrid has been named the 2022 Best Plug-in Hybrid by U.S. News & World Report. The Tucson Plug-in Hybrid has an all-electric range of 33 miles and an EPA-estimated 35 MPG combined. The annual Best Hybrid and Electric Cars awards combine the U.S. News overall score with the starting price and EPA fuel economy estimates for each of the 82 hybrid, plug-in-hybrid, and electric vehicles under consideration. The winners have the best combination of quality, value, and efficiency in their segment.

“The Tucson Plug-in Hybrid was designed and built with eco-focused families in mind,” said Olabisi Boyle, vice president, product planning and mobility strategy, Hyundai Motor North America. “It has an efficient hybrid powertrain, spacious interior and cargo volume, infotainment and driver assistance features, and advanced safety technology. Receiving the U.S. News & World Report's Best Plug-in Hybrid award confirms the Tucson PHEV meets the demands of today's eco-conscious drivers.”

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HYUNDAI SANTA CRUZ NAMED 2022 BEST PICKUP TRUCK BY THE NORTHWEST AUTOMOTIVE PRESS ASSOCIATION

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif., The Northwest Automotive Press Association (NWAPA) named the Hyundai Santa Cruz the 2022 Best Pickup Truck for the second year in a row during the NWAPA MudFest competition in Shelton, Washington.

“Receiving NWAPA's Best Pickup Truck award for the second year in a row confirms that Santa Cruz breaks new ground within the SUV, truck, and crossover segments by offering a true Sport Adventure Vehicle unlike anything else in the U.S. market,” said Ricky Lao, director of product planning, Hyundai Motor North America. “With its powerful and efficient powertrain options, a flexible open bed for gear, advanced technology and agile all-wheel drive platform, Santa Cruz has created an entirely new segment that meets a multitude of buyer needs.”

Members of the NWAPA spent two days evaluating 20 SUVs, crossover vehicles and pickups on specially-prepared courses at the Ridge Motorsports Park in Shelton, Washington. The first day of testing consisted of on-pavement courses designed to allow evaluation of acceleration, braking, road manners, and handling. The second day focused on off-road performance, with challenges crafted to evaluate traction, clearance, chassis articulation, and the latest in off-road technology.

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OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY BRANCHES TO CLOSE ON MEMORIAL DAY

TOMS RIVER – All branches and reading centers of the Ocean County Library will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Patrons are welcome to access the Library's online resources, databases, eBooks, eMagazines, video and audio streams and digital classes, available continuously at www.theoceancountylibrary.org.

EXPLORE THE EXOTIC PACIFIC AT HOME WITH THE OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY LACEY BRANCH

LACEY TOWNSHIP – In commemoration of Asian American and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Month, the Ocean County Library Lacey Branch invites you to embark on a virtual tour of Thailand, the Philippine Islands, and Hawaii, 2 PM Thursday, May 26.

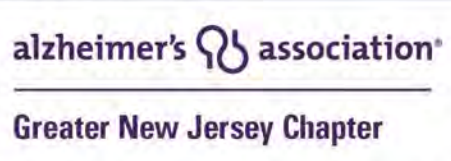
"Virtual Adventures" will be presented by RWJBarnabas Health Institute for Prevention and Recovery's Hope & Healing Program. Leading the discussion will be Marisa Merrigan Robertazzi, the program's Counselor of Senior Population.



The Hope & Healing program provides emotional support services, education and links to community-based resources for individuals and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, to help reduce stress, develop coping strategies, and review options.

Registration at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events is required to attend this free virtual program. Registrants will receive links to the Zoom meeting by email.

LEARN 10 ALZHEIMER'S WARNING SIGNS IN OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY VIRTUAL PROGRAM



TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library and the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter invite you to gain an understanding of the earliest indicators of Alzheimer's disease in a virtual program, 2 PM Wednesday, June 1.

The program, presented by the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, is the first in a four-part series that highlights June as Alzheimer's and Brain Health Awareness Month.

Hosts Debby Montone, RN, and Robyn Kohn, MA, CDP, CMDCP, Director of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, will explain the importance of recognizing common onset symptoms, and discuss possible next steps, including a conversation with a doctor. A question-and-answer period will follow.

According to Alzheimer's Association research, nearly nine percent of New Jerseyans aged 45 and older experience subjective cognitive decline. In the US, the number of people with Alzheimer's increases with age, from just over five percent between ages 65 and 74, to almost 35 percent of people aged 85 and older.

Registration at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events is required for this free virtual program. Registrants will receive links to the Zoom discussion by email.



TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library and the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter mark Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month during June, with four awareness-raising virtual programs.

The online discussions, presented by the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, will focus on research and treatment, brain health, and matters of law, finances, and medicine for caregivers to consider. Question-and-answer sessions will follow each.

• **10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's** – 2 PM Wednesday, June 1. Learn about onset symptoms, and how to discuss them with doctors and medical providers.

• **New Advances in Alzheimer's Treatment** – 2 PM Wednesday, June 8. Get an overview of Aducanumab (Aduhelm™): How it works, intended treatment candidates, availability, potential benefits, side effects, and more.

• **Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body** – 2 PM Wednesday, June 15. Discover what researchers are learning about nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and how to use them in a quality healthy-aging plan.

• **Managing Money: A Caregivers' Guide to Finances** - 6:30 PM Wednesday, June 22. People who care for someone living with Alzheimer's or other dementias can obtain basic information about legal, medical, and financial issues, and can take part in activities designed to help in creation of a financial plan.

The presenters will be Debby Montone, RN, and Robyn Kohn, MA, CDP, CMDCP, Director of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter.

In her role for the Alzheimer's Association, Robyn Kohn directs community and family education programs, care and support services, caregiver support groups, Early Stage social engagement programs, and community partnerships.

Debby Montone is a Registered Nurse, Certified Dementia Practitioner, and Certified Dementia Support Group Facilitator. She has served in assisted living centers, dedicated dementia units and daycare for people who have Alzheimer's and dementias, and their families.

According to Alzheimer's Association research, Alzheimer's disease affects about 190,000 New Jerseyans over age 65, and involves an additional 310,000 family caregivers.

Studies also reveal that nearly nine percent of adults aged 45 and older in New Jersey live with subjective cognitive decline. Of the 10 major causes of death in the US, only Alzheimer's has no known cure or remedy.

The series, along with displays and printed information at all 21 OCL branches and reading centers, mark the second consecutive year of partnership between the Library and the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter.

Registration at www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events is required for these free virtual programs. Registrants will receive links to the Zoom sessions by email.

JUNE MARKS THE RETURN OF LIVE, IN-PERSON MEMORY CAFÉS AT THE OCEAN COUNTY LIBRARY

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library and the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter are pleased to announce the resumption of live, in-person Memory Cafés at The Ocean County Library, starting in the first week of June at the Toms River and Manchester branches.

In-person sessions can encourage socialization, reduce feelings of isolation, and generate meaningful communication through open discussions. Social and cognitive engagement are important daily routines for brain health.

Presented by the Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter, Memory Cafés offer a relaxed, safe atmosphere for interaction, music, games, laughter and crafting for anyone concerned with memory loss or early dementia, and caregivers.

Memory Cafés in the Toms River Branch will resume at 6 PM Monday, June 6, and will take place on the first Monday of every month. Memory Cafés in the Manchester Branch will resume at 10 AM Thursday, June 2, and will take place on the first Thursday of every month.

A virtual option for the Memory Café hosted by the Lacey Branch will continue at 10:30 AM on the first Saturday of every month until October 2022.

Applications are being accepted for volunteer social engagement leaders. Alzheimer's Association training includes online learning, shadowing of similar groups, and mentoring. Prospective facilitators are required to undergo background checks.

Learn more by emailing Robyn Kohn, MA, CDP, CMDCP, Director of Programs and Services, rmkohn@alz.org, or by calling the Alzheimer's Association at 1-800-272-3900.



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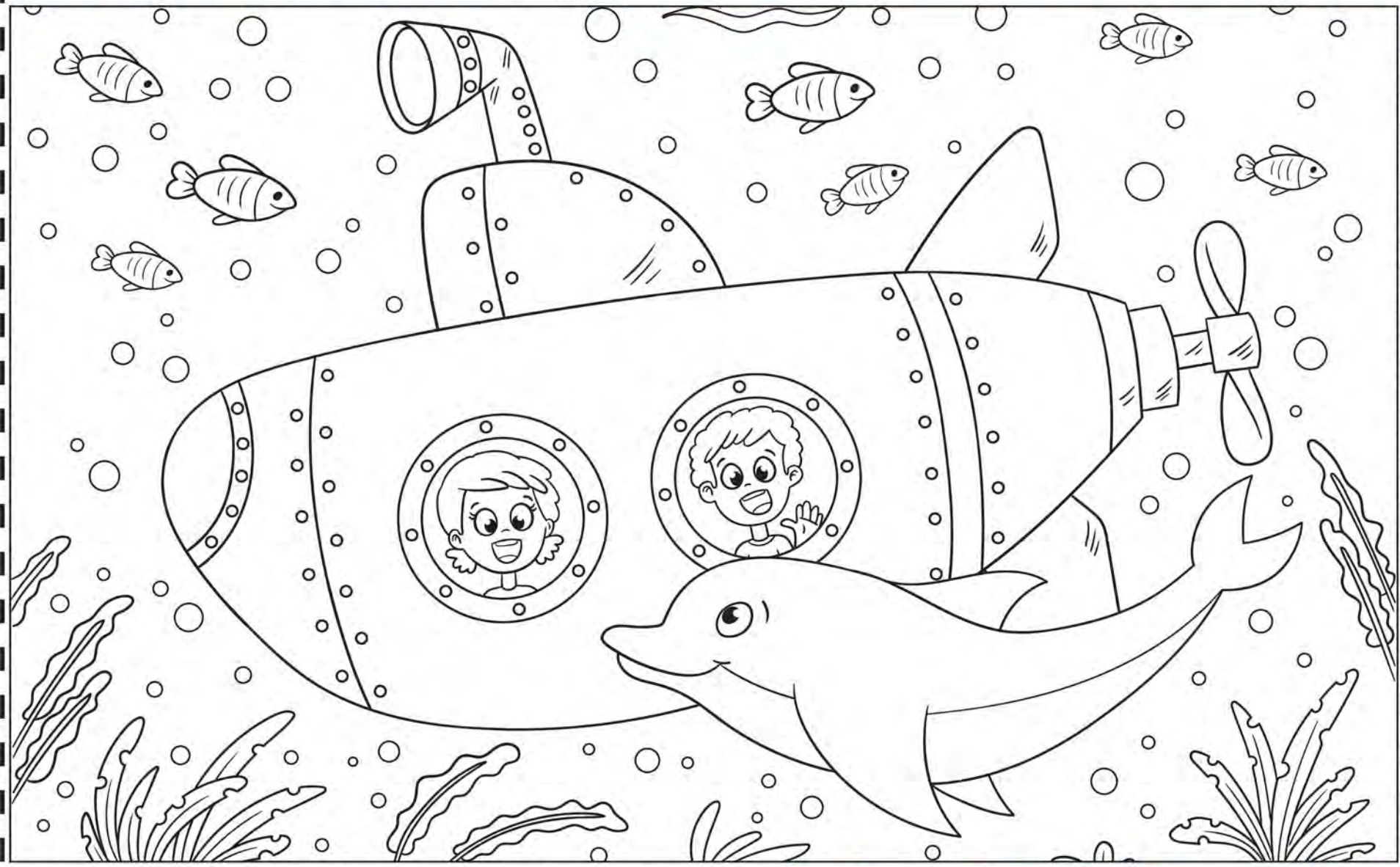
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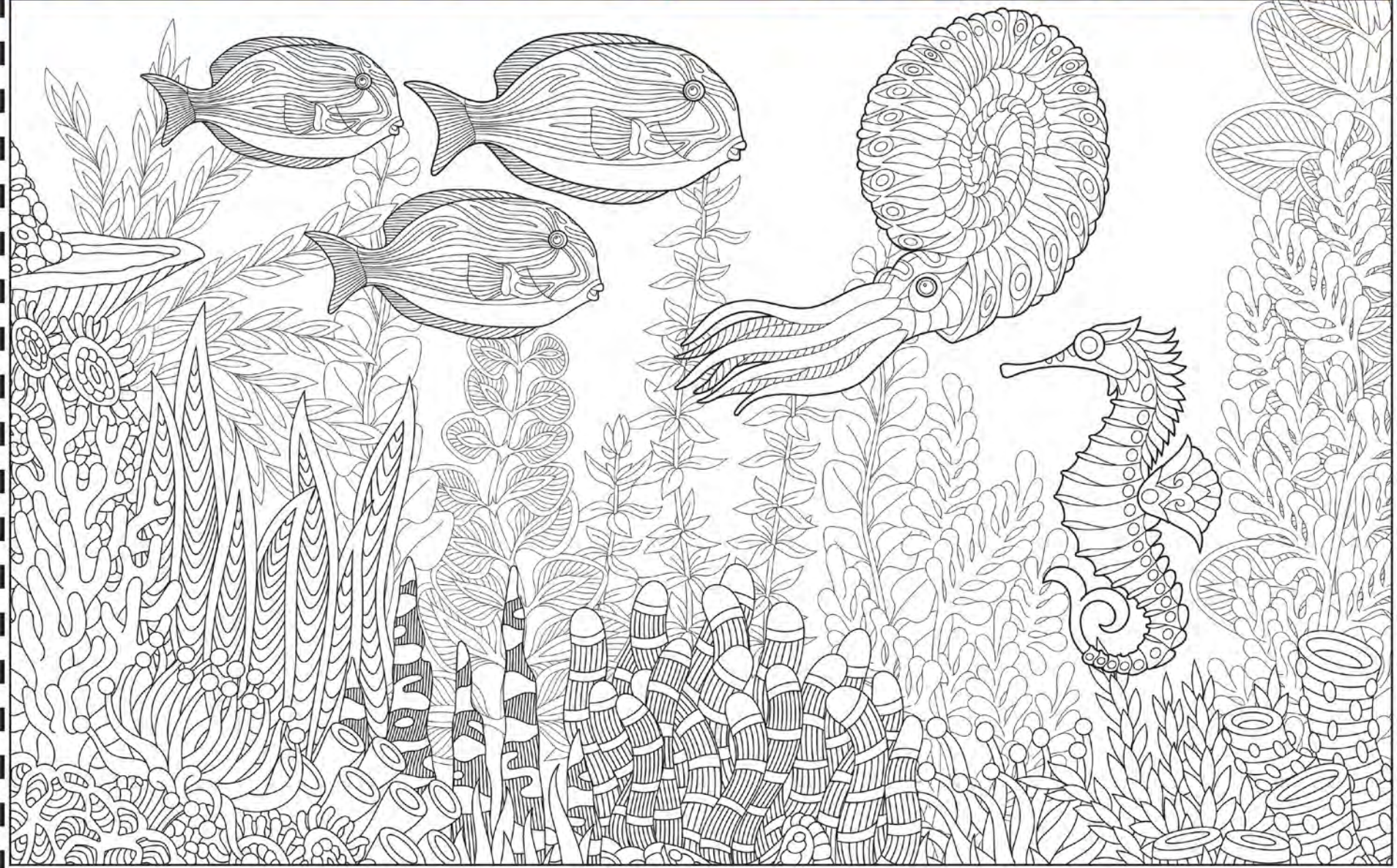
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