

Bridgeton Area Chamber

Coming Dec. 1 ... 2020 Community Heroes Awards
Honoring Heroes with A Hometown Heart

December 1, 2020, 5:00 to 7:30 PM

Arrival, food and parking starts at 5 PM. Celebration begins at 5:30 PM.

DRIVE-IN, IN-CAR, OUTDOOR CELEBRATION IN THE PARKING LOT OF CUMBERLAND MUTUAL, 633 SHILOH PIKE, HOPEWELL

\$35.00 Per Person Includes Dinner in Your Vehicle, Beverage, Popcorn, Stadium Blanket & More
Giant HD Screen & Audio Broadcast to Your Auto's FM Radio

FEATURING THE HERO AWARD RECIPIENTS:

- ★ Dr. Robin Weinstein
(Gary F. Simmerman Leadership Award)
- ★ Mayor Bruce Hankins
(Francis Sharp Achievement Award)
- ★ Angelia Edwards and Martha Price, Manna from Heaven
- ★ Rylee Howerton, Madison Stiles and Queens 4 a Cause
- ★ Chris Hannah & Cole, the Deaf Dog
– The Team Cole Project
- ★ Marco Cruz
- ★ Betty Shrouder
- ★ Millie Irizarry Sanchez
- ★ CompleteCare Health Network
- ★ Inspira Health
- ★ Cumberland County Government and Health Departments
- ★ The Heroes Foundation and Pepi Dragotta
- ★ The Salvation Army Bridgeton Corps and Lt. Melissa Lowell
- ★ Golden Pigeon Restaurant
- ★ Innovation Foods



Reservations Required. Deadline for Reservations & Payments is Nov. 24. Register & Pay Online:

<https://form.jotform.com/baccdc/heroes>

More Information: www.baccnj.com/hero

or call 856-455-1312, or Email bacc@baccnj.com, Fax 856-453-9795, or mail this form

Business Name: _____ Auto Type: _____

Names of Those Attending and Include the Food Choice Number:

Meal options catered by Dilisi Ristorante, Upper Deerfield Plaza, www.dilisi.com:

#1 - Grilled Salmon with roasted potatoes and mixed vegetables and roll.

#2 - Penne Vodka with grilled chicken with roasted potatoes and vegetables and roll.

#3 - Spinach Salad, walnuts, strawberries, crumbled blue cheese and raspberry vinaigrette dressing and roll.

#4 – Same Salad as #3 but add grilled chicken.

Water, coffee or hot chocolate, and a cookie for dessert included with each meal.

1. _____ Food # _____ 2. _____ Food # _____
 3. _____ Food # _____ 4. _____ Food # _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER: \$ _____ (\$35 per person)

Other Comments / Notes _____

Make checks payable to Bridgeton Area Chamber. Mail to 76 Magnolia Ave., Bridgeton, NJ 08302

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Honoring These Community Heroes on Dec. 1



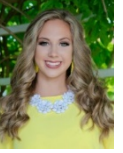
Mayor Bruce Hankins to Receive the Francis Sharp Lifetime Achievement Award - Bruce Hankins is completing 33 years on Hopewell Township Committee, 13 of which serving as Mayor. He and his brother Brent, a previous Francis Sharp Award winner, have led H.H. Hankins & Bro., New Jersey's oldest family-owned lumberyard, since 1972. He is a community hero because he has served with high ethical standards, strong faith, and a sincere concern for his community.

Dr. Robin Weinstein to Receive the Gary F. Simmerman Community Leadership Award - Dr. Robin Weinstein is the founder and President of the M25 Initiative, a nonprofit that employs innovative and cooperative solutions to feed the hungry, end poverty, reduce crime, revitalize a spirit of community and transform lives. He is founding Pastor of Bethany Grace Community Church and is Associate Professor in the College of Business at Wilmington University.

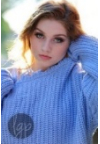


Angelia Edwards, Martha Price, Manna from Heaven - Angelia Edwards is the Founder/CEO of Manna from Heaven that provides food for the needy in Cumberland and surrounding counties. Angelia and Ms. Martha Price, 80 years old in August, provided home-cooked meals every Sunday to seniors in the Bridgeton area who could not get out during the pandemic to shop for food.

Rylee Howerton, Queens 4 a Cause and Creator of "Choose Wise Words" Initiative - Rylee Howerton is a 15-year old high school freshman, who is involved with many clubs and organizations, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. She was recently crowned International United Miss New Jersey Jr. Teen and is a nine-time recipient of the Gold Presidential Volunteer Service award and other awards. Rylee's aspiration to co-create Queens 4 a Cause was born from her desire to use her volunteering experience and exposure as a pageant title holder to inspire their peers to make a difference in their communities.



Madison Stiles and Queens 4 a Cause - Madison Stiles, a 16-year old sophomore and cosmetology student, was given an opportunity to collaborate with her best friend, Rylee Howerton to help start a non-profit for volunteering called, Queens 4 a Cause. Recently crowned Royal International Miss East Coast Jr Teen, Madison recruited other pageant winners to volunteer at local nonprofits in need of help. She created "Walls Have Ears - Understanding Mental Illness," to raise awareness about mental illness. Through Queens 4 a Cause, Madison is able to use her social platform to make a real difference where it is needed most.



Chris Hannah & Cole, the Deaf Dog, The Team Cole Project - Passed up by countless families at the South Jersey Regional Animal Shelter, Cole quickly began his journey to show that a disability is not an inability. Cole works every school day, alongside his music teacher father, Chris Hannah, at Dr. William Mennies Elementary School in Vineland, developing school togetherness and confidence. Best friends, Chris and Cole, are true Community Heroes.



Marco Cruz - Marco is from Cumberland County and his mother owns Milly's in Vineland. In the midst of the COVID pandemic, Marco voluntarily started working to ensure farm workers and other immigrant families had access to food, providing information and arranging deliveries to ensure the families' needs were met. He organized a drive-by caravan to encourage the workers for being essential to feeding the community. Marco has been a key volunteer and activist in making a difference for the immigrant community.



Betty Shrouder - Betty has selflessly assisted hundreds of seniors while teaching school remotely. During the evenings and weekends, she made and donated cloth masks to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Betty also made hero gifts for local nurses and nurses who work in retirement communities. She gave away produce that she has grown in her garden. Betty has spent her own money for supplies and has not accepted money for making these items. She felt she needed to help and do her part. Betty also made a video showing others how to make a cloth mask. She is a true Community Hero.



Millie Irizarry Sanchez - Millie is a natural born humanitarian who previously worked for the Vineland and Cumberland County Health Departments. She currently works for the Community Food Bank of NJ as an essential worker and is supervisor of the mobile food distributions. Millie has worked throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. As an advocate for her community, she hosted several food drives when others were afraid to do so during the pandemic. Millie is responsible for hosting the farmworkers food drive. She was recognized as a Cumberland Hometown Hero in 2019, but since then she has gone into overdrive and is a true blessing and Hero to our community.



CompleteCare Health Network - CompleteCare Health Network has provided extraordinary community service throughout the Coronavirus emergency with CEO Curtis Edwards' leadership and with the dedication of his staff. They have been integral in efforts to mitigate the spread of the virus in Cumberland County and surrounding areas. CompleteCare acted quickly and responsibly to ensure patients had access to vital healthcare services throughout the outbreak.

Inspira Health - Inspira Health played a key role in serving those affected by the Coronavirus, providing high-quality and compassionate health care services, while keeping their employees and the public safe throughout the crisis. They served as the "family and friends" of those hospitalized, when loved ones could not be with patients due to quarantine. During the COVID-19 health crisis, Inspira's leadership team and all of its brave and caring team members have been a source of inspiration and professional health care.



Cumberland County Government and Health Services - With County Commissioner Joe Derella's leadership and that of County Administrator Kim Wood and Deputy County Administrator Jody Hirata, the County's response to the Coronavirus emergency has been excellent, a true partnership of leaders and experts across the County. These Community Heroes include Cumberland County administrative officials and employees, Cumberland Health officials and staff, Cumberland County EMS and others.



The Heroes Foundation and Pepi Dragotta - Pepi Dragotta survived sudden cardiac arrest while playing soccer with his son. After he made his recovery, he decided to start Heroes Foundation NJ. To date, Pepi has provided youth teams with 100 units to save lives across our community. The Foundation has provided scholarship money to high school students who are looking to continue their education going into the medical field.



The Salvation Army Bridgeton Corps and Lt. Melissa Lowell - For Lt. Melissa Lowell, The Salvation Army Bridgeton Corps, was her first appointment in New Jersey. Her responsibilities in Bridgeton include overseeing the breakfast program, food pantry, infant supplies personal care pantry, utility/rental assistance, and regular church programming. COVID has created an astounding increase in the need for services in the region. The Salvation Army Bridgeton Corps continues to do its best to meet those needs. In June alone they served over 1,000 breakfast meals, providing food to over 200 local households.



Golden Pigeon Restaurant - The owner of Golden Pigeon Restaurant, Ozkan Akilli, and his employees provided extraordinary service delivering take-outs to the tenants of Upper Deerfield Estates once the virus started and is still providing this much appreciated service to the residents who live in the nearby complex. The Golden Pigeon, like other restaurants, suffered loss of business during the pandemic, but continued to provide take-outs and stayed open 24 hours a day, providing extraordinary service to the people of the Bridgeton area.



Innovation Foods - Nick Catalana and his cousin Andrew Catalana, with a passion to help others, developed a plan to produce, package and distribute hand sanitizer that was donated to various hospitals and organizations in the area. With GoodBelly's donation of the bottles and packaging, they quickly repurposed manufacturing lines to bottle hand sanitizer for the pandemic, while Innovation Foods continued producing cases of juice and plant-based products. The family-owned company produced an alcohol-based hand sanitizer made at its Bridgeton facility. The 12.7-ounce bottles are labeled "Formula71," evoking the factory address of 71 Bridgeton Avenue and family roots to the city.

