



BERGEN HIGHLANDS / RAMSEY ROTARY CLUB



Allendale • Mahwah • Ramsey • Saddle River • Upper Saddle River

10th CHARITY GOLF OUTING! October 5, 2015

Dear friend:

Do you mind if I bend your ear for a moment? As you may know I am active in our local Rotary Club. Many people do not know that Rotary International is a worldwide organization with clubs in 167 countries, with 31,000 clubs like ours, representing over 1.2 million members! Rotary is one of only 2 United Nations members that are not a country...the other being the Red Cross! We are a group of professionals who volunteer our time, and resources, to the betterment of our community and people in need in our community and around the world.

Some projects we dedicate our time and resources to are:

- **Gift of Life** – This is a program where we make all the necessary arrangements to bring children from impoverished areas around the world to the USA for medical attention (usually operations on their hearts) that they cannot afford or obtain in their homeland.
- **Center for Food Action** – Located now in Mahwah, this is our local food bank. We have contributed towards the \$600,000 that has been raised to build a new distribution center! The Center is now open and distributing food to residents in our area. We regularly donate food to CFA for our local residents who have fallen on hard times. Last year we were a major contributor to the purchase of a new refrigerated truck!
- **Interact Club** – Is a club mentored by a Rotarian in some of our local high schools with the same goals of helping others. This is a great way to teach our high school kids about caring for those in our community.
- We sponsor **college scholarships** to local area high school seniors.
- Every year we donate up to **800 dictionaries** to more than 25 local 3rd grade classes!
- We sponsor many **local charities**, including Scouts, homeless shelters, orphanages, and citizens of our community that turn to us in the time of need.

These are just a few of the projects we dedicate our efforts to. Money and time make these projects a reality. We will dedicate the time, and money, but we need your help. **Our Golf Outing is one of our biggest fund raisers and we accomplish that partially through an auction we have of donated prizes. Will you please go the extra mile to find something you can donate that we can auction off? Whether it is a \$50 gift certificate, or something of equal or greater value, you can be assured that it will go to good use.** People have donated the use of their summer home for a weekend, a boat trip down the Hudson, baseball or football tickets, wine, sports memorabilia, and the like.

Our Rotarian principle is, "Service Above Self". With your considerate donation you can feel the pride of a Rotarian! If you have any questions you can ask the Rotarian that sent you this letter, or call Kevin O'Rourke at: 551-579-2561.

Thank you in advance for your help! You are more than welcome to play in this outing too!