



Calling All Polar Bears!

BRRRRR!! It's time to start toning up for HRH's annual arctic plunge. The big day has been set for Saturday, December 13 (10 a.m.) at Cooper's Beach in Southampton Village.

"Our fifth annual **Polar Bear Plunge** is expected to be bigger and better than ever," said Mary Ann Tupper, HRH Director. "We're looking forward to having more teams and more team spirit and plenty of sponsors. It's always fun to see the crazy costumes and creative team names."

People of all ages are welcome to participate by collecting sponsors to back their chilly dip into the Atlantic Ocean. Proceeds support the HRH annual holiday outreach effort serving more than 300 needy families in the area.

"As the weather gets colder, the holiday spirit warms up," said HRH Board Member Jane Finalborgo. "It's always wonderful to see how many caring people live in our community, and there's nothing like a beach party in the middle of December!"



Local merchants will donate food and hot drinks for the Survivors' Party in the pavillion immediately following the plunge.

All interested plungers and sponsors should check the HRH website for updates at www.hrhamptons.org.



This year's winner of the Polar Bear Plunge logo contest is Theo Pinto, a senior in Gail Altomare's Advanced Drawing & Portfolio Class at Southampton High School.



Hike Brings Hope



Southampton Elementary School students did their part to support HRH at the 2008 **Hike For Hope** this spring. Led by Principal Bertha Richard, the entire student body along with teachers and administrators marched through the village of Southampton wearing **Hike for Hope** t-shirts donated by Bob Gianos. The event raised \$4,700 for Human Resources programs to help the needy.



In Memory of Jean Price



Human Resources of the Hamptons lost a faithful volunteer with the death of Jean Price.

Jean had been a member of the board since April, 2005 and was an active and involved participant at all our meetings. Always positive and enthusiastic, she added so much life to our gatherings and activities. In addition to her work on the Board of Directors, Jean volunteered in the HRH food pantry for 15 years and served as the food pantry leader on Fridays. A retired home economics teacher, she was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Everyone in the HRH community will miss her.

New Board Member Joins HRH

Margaret Liehr, who has been an HRH volunteer for eight years, has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors. Born and raised in Southampton, she attended Southampton schools and has worked as an x-ray technician at Southampton Hospital for more than 25 years. She is the mother of three boys.

Grateful Parents Give Back

HRH recently received a generous donation from the **Lesta Family** of Southampton, whose young son Christopher, born with a genetic disorder, passed away in December 2007.

Mrs. Lesta said that the last three years of Christopher's life were very difficult. Her family would not have been able to provide him with what he needed had it not been for the support they received from HRH and from others in the Southampton community.

Mr. & Mrs. Lesta urge all of us to keep smiling, to have hope, and to try to make a difference.



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Run For Hunger 2008



Almost 500 enthusiastic students from Southampton Intermediate School put on their running shoes June 6th and participated in the 2008 **Run For Hunger** to raise money for HRH.

“The annual **Run For Hunger** combines a healthy and fun event with a good cause so that everyone benefits,” said Mary Ann Tupper, HRH Director. This year the students raised \$14,000 to support the **Lunch Box Kids** program providing a nutritious lunch for needy students during the summer when school is not in session. Participants get friends and family to sponsor them.

Run For Hunger is organized by the staff of SIS, and HRH would like to thank SIS Principal Tim Frazier, teacher Pat Lissenden and administrator Roseann Gentile for their hard work. After the run, students have a carnival with food provided and served by HRH and games including a dunking booth, outdoor bowling, and a water balloon toss.



Turkeys 4 U

Christopher Harmon, a 16-year-old junior at The Ross School, made up his mind to do something for local people who need help putting food on their tables. Last year he founded Turkeys 4 U, Inc., a charity that uses donations to purchase turkeys to give away at holiday time.



Christopher said his idea to start Turkeys 4 U came during a class discussion about the value of community service projects. Since last May, he has publicized and promoted his project by sending out letters to people he and his family know soliciting donations. His diligence has resulted in a total of \$2,800 in donations which he plans to spend on turkeys next month. He will purchase the turkeys at Waldbaum's Supermarket in Southampton and HRH will distribute them to needy families through its **Holiday Giving** program.

"Christopher decided to take action and do something about a community problem," said Mary Ann Tupper, HRH Director. "As a result of his work, many families will have a happier Thanksgiving holiday."

Food Donation Depots Around Town

A big thank you to all of the people who place food items in our donation baskets in Southampton Village. Your names are unknown to us, but we sincerely appreciate your support for the HRH Food Pantry.

Our Food Baskets are located in:

- **Southrifty Drugs** on Jagger Lane
- **HSBC Bank**, next to CVS
- **Southampton Town Hall** on Hampton Road
- **Catena's Market** on Main St.
- **Sacred Hearts Church** 168 Hill St.
- **Southampton Methodist Church** (east side entrance), 150 Main St.
- **Our Lady of Poland Church**, on Maple St.

HRH is grateful to the local churches and businesses which host our baskets.



Yes, I Want to Make a Difference!

Enclosed please find my donation in the amount of:

\$50 \$75 \$100 \$200 Other

Donations can be made to honor the memory of a loved one or in lieu of a gift to someone. Please indicate where and to whom you would like the acknowledgement card sent.

Please mail all donations to:

Human Resources of the Hamptons
168 Hill Street
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All donations of material goods such as food, clothing, baby equipment and more can be brought to the same address or call 283-6415 to arrange a pick up.

THANK YOU.

All donations are fully tax-deductible under the federal guidelines for a non-profit 501(c)3.

Angels Behind the Scenes

It takes the efforts of many volunteers and donors to make HRH run smoothly. Many of these efforts go on in a consistent and quiet way that is often unnoticed by others.

“People find different and creative ways to support HRH, and their contributions significantly increase our ability to give and food and shelter to those in need,” said HRH Director Mary Ann Tupper.

One local family purchases \$500 worth of fresh produce every week and has it delivered to the **Food Pantry** for distribution. Oranges, apples, bananas, carrots, fresh milk, potatoes and other seasonal fruits and vegetables are packed into the bags every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Another local person makes arrangements with Catena's Market to prepare a hot meal for 25-30 local elderly, sick or housebound people and their families. HRH volunteers deliver the meals every Tuesday as part of the “**Care for the Caregivers**” program.

One local donor supports our **Lunch Box Kids** program every summer and helps make possible our **After School Academy** at Southampton Elementary School.

Another anonymous donor sponsors the firefighters, police officers, Southampton Village employees and Southampton Village Elected officials who jump in the water for HRH at the annual **Polar Bear Plunge** at Cooper's Beach. This fundraiser raises thousands of dollars for HRH programs.

These are only a few of our “angels” who do not want public acknowledgement, just the good feeling that comes from giving. We are so grateful to them for helping us at this level.



HRH had the help of two very capable teenagers this summer who volunteered during their school vacation to help others. Fifteen-year-old Mackinley Sillerman wrapped all the books for distribution at **Holiday Giving Day** and she helped pack food items for the **Lunch Box Kids** program that provides a nutritious meal for children during the summer when school is in recess. Thirteen-year-old Maghan Meyers, granddaughter of HRH Board President Nannette Meyers, sorted and wrapped gifts for Holiday Giving. HRH sends out heartfelt thanks to these energetic and caring girls.

Save These Dates!

“Giving Trees” Go Up

November 23

Take a Star from a Tree & Buy a Gift for a Needy Family.

Look for trees at:

Hampton State Bank

Suffolk County National Bank

Hudson City Bank

Sacred Hearts Church, Southampton

St. John's Church, Southampton

Holiday Wrapping Parties

December 7, 2-4 p.m.

Basement of Sacred Hearts School

Polar Bear Plunge

December 13 at 10 am

Cooper's Beach, Southampton Village

Holiday Giving Day

December 18

Presents and food baskets will be distributed

For more information, call HRH
283-6415 or visit hrhamptons.org

Wedding Gifts

What a generous gesture! Denise D'Angelo is getting married in December, and has enclosed a holiday gift star from HRH in her wedding invitations, asking her wedding guests to bring a toy to the ceremony.

The toys will be given to local families in need as part of HRH's annual Holiday Giving Day in December.

Teens Give Time



Run for Hunger



Hike for Hope



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