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St. John's ICARE Foundation receives a \$38,000 Grant from the Amazin' Mets Foundation to Support Teens Project in Far Rockaway

Grant will supply 1,000 personal hygiene kits to local teens

Far Rockaway, New York, June 7, 2023 – St. John's ICARE Foundation has received a \$38,000 grant from the <u>Amazin' Mets Foundation</u>, the philanthropic arm of the New York Mets, to support Episcopal Health Services Teens Project. The grant will help supply 1,000 reusable duffle bags containing products like shampoo, soap, lotion, towels, deodorant, and feminine hygiene products. Teens will also receive important information about teen pregnancy, suicide, and bullying.

"Personal hygiene products are expensive and often overlooked, which has a substantial effect on youth who are entering puberty. Good hygiene helps to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and it helps boost confidence, "stated Nancy Leghart, Executive Director of ICARE Foundation. "We are so grateful to Mrs. Cohen and the Amazin' Mets Foundation for helping us meet the needs of local teens in the Rockaway community."

"Personal hygiene products support dignity, health, and the opportunity to thrive. Everyone deserves to feel clean and at their personal best," said Alex Cohen, President of the Amazin' Mets Foundation and Owner of the New York Mets. "The Amazin' Mets Foundation is pleased to support ICARE Foundation's important work in our community."

The Amazin' Mets Foundation is committed to providing needed services and opportunities to children, families, and underserved groups, and inspiring others to make a difference on and off the field. Since its inception in 2021, the Amazin' Mets Foundation has funded over \$5 million in grants to over 100 organizations in its community, including the communities surrounding affiliate teams.

About Episcopal Health Services

Episcopal Health Services Inc., (EHS) is a health system located on the Rockaway Peninsula in Queens, New York. The system provides emergency and ambulatory care to the densely populated, culturally and economically diverse, and medically underserved Rockaways and the Five Towns populations. The system provides people of all faiths with comprehensive preventive, diagnostic treatment, and rehabilitative services, regardless of ability to pay.

About the St. John's ICARE Foundation

The St. John's ICARE Foundation, created in May 2021, fosters a culture of philanthropy to secure, manage and distribute gifts in support of the mission and vision of Episcopal Health Services and St. John's Episcopal Health Services. The ICARE Foundation, which stands for Innovation, Compassion, Respect, and Empathy, raises awareness and funds in support of equipment, capital projects, special programs, and community initiatives. To donate, visit <u>sjicarefoundation.org now</u> or call (718)-869-8062 for more information.

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