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**COVENANT HOUSE HONORS KIWANIS CLUB OF ASBURY
PARK FOR SELFLESS SUPPORT**

*Volunteer Appreciation Day Hosted by Covenant House Celebrates Kiwanis Club
Members & Volunteers for Extraordinary Kindness*

ASBURY PARK, N.J., April 29, 2024 – Dedicated to serving the needs of children who need us most, the **Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park** has a laser focus on education and literacy, food and clothing insecurities and general health and safety. To that end, we are proud to announce our partnership with **Covenant House Asbury Park**, which was recently celebrated at a **Kiwanis Club volunteer appreciation event**.

“Our relationship with Covenant House is quite special. Their priorities align closely with ours – offering a **safe haven** to youth facing homelessness and human trafficking,” said **Steve Everk, President of the Asbury Park Kiwanis Club**. “By the end of this year, volunteer hours will surpass 250 and financial donations will exceed \$2,000—largely from the Club’s **EAT HERE NOW** fundraisers,” concluded Everk.

Covenant House Rights of Passage Program

“The Kiwanis Club has been instrumental in supporting Covenant House’s Rights of Passage (ROP) Program,” said **Stephanie Williams, Service Manager, Covenant House NJ**. The ROP Program provides a safe living and learning environment for youth ages 18 – 21. At ROP, youth are responsible for obtaining and preparing meals, saving money and learning skills that strengthen their readiness for independent living.

“**Club member Karen Harrington** tirelessly performs and coordinates all services provided by the Kiwanis Club,” added Ms. Williams. Managing timely bedroom turnover for the ROP Program includes a welcoming coat of paint, new bedding and a restroom refresh. Other valuable contributions managed by Karen include monthly pizza parties, birthday celebrations, landscape updates and building supplies availability.

The Club’s time, efforts and financial donations were recently honored by local and regional Covenant House managers and directors at a volunteer appreciation event held at Covenant House, Asbury Park.

About Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park

Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park is a volunteer-driven, non-denominational, not-for-profit 501(c)[4] organization. It empowers people and businesses to improve the community in which they live and work by making lasting differences in the lives of the children who need us most. Established in 1918 and rechartered in 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park strives to be a positive influence so that one day, all children will wake up in a community that believes in them, nurtures them and provides them the support they need to thrive!

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