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## In brief

### Care Net official to speak at church

**HOPEWELL JUNCTION** — Hopewell Reformed Church will sponsor a talk with guest speaker Sara Greenberg, director of development at Care Net Pregnancy Center of the Hudson Valley, at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 143 Beekman Road.

The event is free and open to the public. Call 845-221-9542 or visit [www.hopewell-reformedchurch.org](http://www.hopewell-reformedchurch.org) for more information.

### Fire district will meet Wednesday

**WAPPINGER** — The Hughsonville Fire District will host a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the firehouse, 88 Old Hopewell Road.

For more information, call 845-297-4194.

### College planning program at library

**EAST FISHKILL** — The town's library will host a College Planning 101 program at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 26.

The program, which is free, will be led by Stephanie Mauro, certified college planning specialist.

Space is limited, and reservations are required. Register online at [www.EFLibrary.org](http://www.EFLibrary.org) or call the library at 845-221-9943.

# Battered women to get makeovers

## Group hopes to overcome faith divide

By Journal staff

The Christ Our Lord Overpowers Religious Separation Foundation, a nonprofit organization that aims to bridge societal and cultural differences through humanitarian programs, will host a fundraiser from 3 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 for its Be the Miracle mentoring program.

The COLORS foundation hosted a fundraiser Dec. 8 for its Be the Miracle program and will host a second for those who could not attend.

The event will include a makeover, manicure, dinner and a gift bag for battered and rehabilitated women, and will be held in the community room at the Poughkeepsie Galleria, 2001 South Road, Poughkeepsie.

Delsie Howey established the foundation in 2011 to eliminate religious separation and encourage unity among multiple religious and racial groups through active collaboration on community and charitable projects.

According to the group, the foundation is not a religious organization, but instead offers humanitarian programs such as mentoring for bullies, inmates and battered women as well as



Volunteers of the COLORS (Christ Our Lord Overpowers Religious Separation) Foundation. The secular nonprofit aims to bridge gaps between various racial and religious groups through its humanitarian programs. The group will host a fundraiser for its Be the Miracle mentoring program from 3 to 8 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Poughkeepsie Galleria. COURTESY PHOTO

support for the homeless and programs to improve self-esteem, develop spiritual awareness and encourage positive thinking.

Howey said she believes, "through the power of unconditional love, understanding and respect for one's belief, we can remove the barriers of all divisions through our similarities rather than discriminating against our differences."

Howey was born and raised in Brooklyn. She found her passion for helping people at an early age.

"It was through my

own triumph over my struggle with self-acceptance that led me to start my (nonprofit) organization," she said.

"I wanted to give back to those who live a life in despair. ... And with great fortitude, I was ready to commit to my community and all other communities," she said.

The foundation provides its programs and activities at venues such as the YMCA, churches, shelters for battered women and rehabilitation centers.

"Some people conceal their pain and don't seek

help due to society's cynical perception of those who don't meet their expectations of perfection," she explained.

"In result, people develop insecurities and struggle with self-acceptance," Howey continued.

"I want to demonstrate acts of love without judgment and help them discover their own truth," Howey said.

For more information on the Jan. 19 fundraiser, contact Howey at 646-407-2470 or visit the foundation's website, [www.colorsinfo.org](http://www.colorsinfo.org).

## TO OUR READERS

The Learning Curve page, which appeared Thursdays on Page 7B, has been merged with the Our Towns page. The new Our Towns & Schools page, which will appear Sundays through Fridays on Page 3B, features news and events happening in towns and schools in Dutchess and Ulster counties.

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