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### Water Safety Month: Build Confidence in the Water for Life

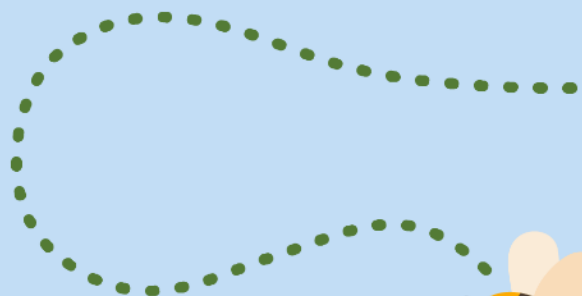
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## this summer



### 20 Steps to Help You Stay Safe this Summer

May 22, 2023

## What to Eat & Drink During a Heat Wave



Eat small meals and eat more often.



Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids even if you do not feel thirsty.



Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.





## International Water Safety Day: Be Water Smart

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## New Jersey Locations

The region includes 3 chapter locations and 3 blood donation centers.





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## Blood Donation Centers

The need for blood is constant and your contribution is important for a healthy and reliable blood supply. You will feel good knowing you've helped change a life. Schedule an appointment at one of our locations.

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## **Ricky McAvaddy**

By Jamie McAvaddy

*On November 22, 2002, we were so blessed with the greatest gift in the world and that was becoming parents for the first time to our beautiful baby boy, Ricky. He had the perfect little round face with his dark hair and bright blue eyes. Ricky hit every milestone either early or right on time. At the age of 2, he was playing with his Legos and he put them in the correct order of the colors of the rainbow. His love continued for all things about the earth, especially anything to do with the weather. We wouldn't have been surprised if he grew up to be a meteorologist.*

*On October 9, 2006, Ricky was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. On and off for 4 years he received treatment that caused him to require many blood transfusions. The cancer went into remission twice, but it came back a third time. Heartbreakingly, our son earned his angel wings on October 22, 2010, a month shy of his 5th birthday.*

*Fourteen years ago, I said to his teachers, Mrs. Gildner and Mrs. Petrucci, that I would like to host a blood drive that will help people who are fighting cancer. Without hesitation, they contacted the Red Cross and the first Annual Ricky McAvaddy Blood Drive was held in 2009 at the Shaner School, sponsored by the Hamilton Township Education Association. Thanks to our family, friends, and community since 2009 we have held yearly successful drives in Ricky's memory. To date, 1,023 units of blood have been collected and have helped 3,069 patients in need of transfusions.*

## **Annual Ricky McAvaddy Blood Drive**

Roll up a sleeve at this blood drive sponsored by Hamilton Township Education Association in memory of young Ricky McAvaddy. Ricky's family hopes you'll want to help patients in need of blood. The Annual Ricky McAvaddy American Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, March 13, 2023, 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. JC Shaner Memorial School Gym 5801 Third Street Mays [...]

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# March is Red Cross Month!



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## **Celebrating March is Red Cross Month in New Jersey!**

March has been recognized as Red Cross Month for 80 years. Beginning with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1943, every U.S. President has designated March as Red Cross Month to recognize how the American Red Cross helps people across the country and around the world. Here's some of the ways we'll be celebrating here in [...]

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