

## Kids' can-do attitude toward cancer

To help children with cancer, students at William Floyd Elementary School in Shirley collected 700,000 tabs from aluminum cans and brought them to Gershow Recycling in Medford. The tabs, which weighed 460 pounds, were valued at \$253. Inspired by the children's efforts, Gershow matched the donation, and threw in an additional \$1,000, to benefit the Sunrise Fund at Stony Brook University Medical Center.

The idea for the "Can Tabs for Kids" program was inspired by a William Floyd student who was previously diagnosed with cancer. "Gershow Recycling is proud to have been part of Can Tabs for Kids. The children surpassed all expectations in their participation in this wonderful program and providing support to their fellow classmate," Jonathan Abrams, a manager at the company, said in a statement.



## Twice as many students get lessons in the nonprofit industry

Adelphi University's innovative paid summer internship program, introduced last year, has more than doubled this year.

In its Community Fellows Program, Adelphi uses a combination of university funds and philanthropic support to pay sophomores and juniors to work as interns at area nonprofits. This year, Adelphi has 39 students placed in internships at 27 nonprofits in Long Island and New York City, up from 18 students and 16 organizations last year. Students earn \$10 per hour for 30 hours of work per week, for a total of \$3,000 over 10 weeks during the summer.

According to Adelphi, the goals of the program are to engage students in the community, give them experiential learning opportunities and generate the next generation of leaders while helping to support the work of local nonprofits, who are struggling in the sluggish economy.

Among the participating nonprofits are Island Harvest in Mineola, the Cradle of Aviation and the Long Island Children's Museum in Garden City, Sustainable Long Island in Bethpage and Catholic Charities in Hicksville.

## Nassau puts the 'home' in homecoming for veteran

Nassau County announced plans to sell a vacant property in Hicksville to

Homes for our Homecoming Heroes Inc., a volunteer-based nonprofit organization in Jericho whose mission is to build affordable housing for veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The organization plans to coordinate the construction of a 1,500-square-foot home with an attached garage, which will be built by BOCES students, building professionals and volunteer organizations. With some of the labor and materials donated, the organization estimates the cost of the home to total \$150,000. A veteran in need of affordable housing will be selected by lottery to purchase the home at cost.

"My administration is determined to provide affordable housing for our nation's heroes and their families right here in Nassau County because even one homeless veteran is one too many," County Executive Edward P. Mangano said in a statement.

## Farmingdale gets into telecommunications

Citing a world increasingly connected by telecommunications, Farmingdale State College introduced a new Bachelor of Science degree in telecommunications technology. The program, which is the 37th four-year degree in Farmingdale's stable, is set to launch this fall.

"Telecommunications professionals will be in high demand as the field is expected

to experience significant growth over the next years," Socrates Thanasas, chairman of the department of computer and electrical engineering technology, said in a statement. "Graduates will be prepared for successful careers in this diverse industry and contribute to the economic growth of the region."

## Good site for coverage seekers

Navigating the public health insurance enrollment process can be overwhelming. But the website Coverage4Healthcare.com was recognized for making it a little simpler.

The site won this year's FOLIO Award for "Best Website Devoted to Issues of Interest to a Particular Community," as chosen by the Fair Media Council of Bethpage. Launched in December 2009, the site is sponsored by the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council, a Hauppauge-based association representing Long Island hospitals, with a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

After the site's debut, "almost immediately we saw an increase in clients arriving at our enrollment sites with the correct documents in hand," Stacy Villagran, director of the NSHC's facilitated enrollment program, said in a statement.

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