

# COMMUNITY NEWS

**NORWOOD**

## Local foundation providing global support

Lakshmi Dream Foundation Inc. (LDF), a NJ-based 501(c)(3) charitable foundation, was founded by Past Rotary International Governor Suraj "Raj" Bhatia, a resident of Norwood, in memory of his parents Shri Remal Das and Lakshmi Bai Bhatia. His father was an active member of the Rotary Club in New Delhi, India.

LDF's mission is to provide underprivileged children globally with humanitarian care and is focused on finding and supporting value-add programs and direct endeavors to achieve this goal.

Over the past years, LDF has provided scholarships and support to orphanages and schools for visually impaired children in India, and for the past three years

it has distributed children's jackets and coats to various non-profit organizations in Bergen County, New Jersey, including: Family Promise of Ridgewood, Bergen Family Center, Shelter Our Sisters, Community Chest. The coats are purchased by LDF from Operation Warm.

In addition to the above organizations, earlier this year Bhatia visited the YMCA in Garfield and met with Pat Gallagher, the director of the organization, in order to deliver coats and meet with some of the children the organization supports.

For more information on the foundation, visit [www.lakshmidream.org](http://www.lakshmidream.org).

*Photo courtesy Raj Bhatia*

## Pizza Bingo continues

The Old Tappan Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee holds Pizza Bingo in the Old Tappan upper firehouse on the second Monday of every month. The doors open at 11 a.m. and bingo

starts at noon.

Two slices of pizza, a drink and two bingo cards are included in the admission fee. The Old Tappan Firehouse is located at 231 Old Tappan Road.



From left: Tara Campistrous, YMCA staff; Liam Batista; Pat Gallagher, YMCA director; and Raj Bhatia.

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