



It is my distinct pleasure to express The Two Hundred Club of Essex County's sincere appreciation and gratitude for our valued relationship with RWJBarnabas Health.

The Two Hundred Club of Essex County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is one of the oldest Two Hundred Clubs in the State. Since our founding in 1966 by a group of civic-minded business leaders, the Club has remained steadfast in its sole mission: to care for the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to public safety. Specifically, we provide financial assistance to the surviving spouses and dependents of Essex County police officers, Essex County firefighters, and New Jersey State Troopers who lose their lives in the line of duty, as well as scholarship assistance to each surviving child up to their 26th birthday.

Our mission is grounded in the belief that the safety and security of our communities depend upon the courage, vigilance, and selflessness of those who wear the public safety uniform. From that original vision, there are now seventeen Two Hundred Clubs throughout New Jersey, each united by the principle that *"We care for those who care for us."*

In addition to our line-of-duty death case grants and educational scholarships, the Club proudly hosts an annual Valor Awards Luncheon, recognizing Essex County police officers, firefighters, and New Jersey State Troopers who have distinguished themselves through acts of extraordinary bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Valor Award recipients receive an engraved medallion and a Two Hundred Club Valor ribbon, authorized for wear on their uniform, and may also receive a cash award where permitted by the policies and legal requirements of their respective department.

Since 1966, through the generosity of our members and supporters, The Two Hundred Club of Essex County has distributed approximately \$2.2 million in line-of-duty death case awards, scholarship assistance, and valor awards. Membership dues and ongoing annual support remain the primary source of our funding, allowing the Club's Executive Committee to responsibly direct the appropriation of funds in furtherance of our mission.

Our partnership with RWJBarnabas Health reflects a shared commitment to strengthening New Jersey's communities and honoring those who dedicate their lives to protecting others. Support from RWJBarnabas Health directly enhances our ability to provide meaningful, timely assistance to families during their most difficult moments and to publicly recognize acts of exceptional valor by first responders.

Should this support not be renewed in the upcoming year, the impact would be significant. Our capacity to meet the growing needs of surviving families and to sustain our long-standing programs would be meaningfully reduced. Continued partnership with RWJBarnabas Health allows us to uphold promises made not only to our members, but to the men and women who serve and their families who sacrifice alongside them.

We are deeply grateful for RWJBarnabas Health's partnership and consideration, and we look forward to continuing our shared commitment to service, compassion, and community support across New Jersey.

Should you require any additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact me at (973) 694-4982 or via email at info@200clubessexcounty.org.

Sincerely,

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