

To the Editor,

As a resident and trustee in the Village of Wappingers Falls, I am grateful to have this opportunity to express my heart-felt thank you to Cumulus Media and Mr. Anthony Verano for their exemplary work in conjunction with this years Roof-a-Thon and Picnic-in-the-Park weekend.

Any person who has ever orchestrated a project as complex as Roof-a-Thon can anticipate hurdles. The professionalism, expertise, and hard work demonstrated by Mr. Verano and all the staff at Cumulus Media in dealing with these obstacles were inspiring. I commend Mr. Verano and WPDH for their outstanding stewardship of Mesier Park, a vibrant social-center in the village. This fine event raised in excess of \$15,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and provided numerous upgrades to park facilities at no cost to village residents while the care demonstrated for the park itself was exemplary. These gratuitous benefits to the children and the park will last long after the memory of the event is past.

For a fund-raiser of this magnitude to succeed, a multitude of staff, volunteers, and donors, too numerous to mention, are necessary. Without their support, events like this would not be possible. To all, I express my sincerest thank you for a job well done. The ambition, dedication and hard work of all involved in Roof-a-Thon and Picnic-in-the Park showed the caring and supportive community we are and one which I am proud to call myself a member of.

To laugh much; to win the respect of people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded.

Warmest regards and appreciation,

Kristina Costa, Trustee