Governor Andrew Cuomo, in his inauguration speech on January First, made an eloquent plea for reforming our education system,

"Today, we have two education systems, if we want to tell the truth: one for the rich, and one for the poor. And if you happen to be born in the wrong Zip code and go to a failing school, you will get left behind and never catch up. Public education that was the great equalizer in the society has become in some communities the great discriminator."

If you would like to see what that looks like, read today's article in the Westchester County Business Journal.

CHI IN THE NEWS

National Housing Developers Entering Long Island Market

There is good news on Long Island in terms of multifamily
housing, as large developers have entered the market with apartments. Unfortunately, they are not affordable.

By Maura McDermott

In a striking change for the birthplace of the single-family-home suburb, Long Island is attracting growing numbers of national developers who are building rental complexes in local downtowns.

For decades, fierce opposition from neighbors, high costs, long delays and a history of scuttled projects have discouraged most major out-of-state builders, especially those specializing in rentals. But now the same eye-popping rents and scarcity of apartments that bedevil young professionals and empty-nesters are luring out-of-state builders.

Long Island's tight apartment market luring national developers - Newsday

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**Bringing Happiness to CHI's Kids**

The United Nations' Declaration of the Rights of the Child states every child has the right to play, to have fun and to live a safe and healthy childhood, but some of them are bound to live a different reality. CHI decided to "Share the Joy of Christmas" with a special group of children.

CHI determined to help the children of homeless families. These children don't ask anything but love and support from their parents. Christmas gifts and the joy of the season are usually foregone in favor of food and shelter. However, these children have an equal right to enjoy the magic of Christmas, including a visit from Santa bearing presents to reward how good they have been throughout the year.

This dream became reality in Westchester county thanks to the generous support of CHI's friends. During the whole month of December, the agency conducted a toy drive with the help of the Mahopac Fire Department, Toys for Tots and a former U.S. Marine, Lou Calderon.

More than 200 new toys were donated through the Scarsdale Police Department and the Scarsdale Library, which were set as pick up centers. The toys were destined to cheer up the lives of the homeless children that are part of CHI's Emergency Housing
Can You Help?

Often our families are just one illness or layoff away from the inability to pay rent and homelessness. Can you help keep a mother and her children in their apartment? If so, please donate now.

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