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This is our 30<sup>th</sup> edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. We want to continue bringing you good news and heartwarming stories in these difficult times.

Alyssa was 5 months pregnant and went to the beach with her kids then she saw in the water 3 kids who were waving their hands. Alyssa got her kids out of water then went on the pier. She called 911 but could not hear anything, the kids were screaming, the waves crashing and the wind blowing. One of the kids said she thought she was going to die Alyssa told them they were not. Their heads were barely over the water and they were slowly drowning. She started to pull them out of the water and almost fell off the pier but finally she got them out and saved them even when she was pregnant. Since it is getting hotter and more people are going to the beach let's learn about water safety! Go to <u>Water Safety | American Red Cross</u>.

Representative Vahey hand wrote 23 letters to 3rd grade at Timothy Dwight Elementary school. She wrote to each of those kids and writing something very special. All of the cards were different. The kids were very excited and very happy about getting the cards. We also wrote cards to the senior citizens and the vets at two different facilities and they loved it. We challenge you to write cards to someone you don't know like a new neighbor or a loved one.

Being in the foster system is hard and sad because you move from parents to parents and house to house and you don't get to bring a lot of things sometimes you can't bring anything. When Kaylee Thomas aged out of the foster system, she promised she would help the kids that were in foster system. She knew that black kids had things worse because they didn't have the proper hair products so she decided to make baskets full of the proper hair products for the black children in the foster system. To accomplish this mission, she partnered with a non-profit called Children's Bureau Inc. To help them donate to <u>Donate Online - Children's Bureau, Inc (childrensbureau.org)</u>.

## Pride Month

In honor of pride month this week we will show you some people that you might not know are LGBTQ+.

## Sally Ride

Sally Ride was the first American woman in space. She worked very hard to become an astronaut. After that she was an avid supporter of girl's education. She started her own foundation for education. She also received the Presidential Medal Freedom. She came out as being lesbian posthumously. She was married to Tam O'Shaughnessy for 27 years. Sally will be commemorated with a new mint.

### **Martine Rothblatt**

Martine has always loved space and satellites. She decided to use satellites to transform radio and created Sirius XM. After creating Sirius XM, she transitioned to being female. Later one of her children, Jenesis got sick with a uncurable disease. They got Jenesis all the best doctors they could but it did not help. So, Martine researched as much as she could about the disease and eventually became an expert. She then figured out with the help of doctors that a company called Glaxo Wellcome so Martine pleaded and begged with them to let her have the drug and they eventually gave in. Instead of giving her a medicine they gave her a paten and a bag of powder that they only tried on rats. So, Martine enlisted the help of hundreds of chemists to turn that powder to a working medicine for humans and it succeeded! Martine saved Jenesis. She then moved on to do other thing like robotics. If you want to learn more about Martine Rothblatt: <u>My daughter, my wife, our robot, and the quest for immortality | TED Talk</u>.

### Harvey Milk

Harvey Milk fought for change in Americas political system. He was one of the nations first openly gay official elected. He fought for the right of LGBTQ+ and inspired many others. He was assassinated in 1978 along with San Francisco Mayor George Mascone. A documentary, a film and an opera were based on him.

#### **Billie Jean King**

She is an American World Tennis Champion. She fought for equal men and women's pay in the tennis league. When she could not get her equal pay, she created a woman only tennis federation. Nobody believed it was going to work. She played Bobby Riggs to show that woman can do anything. As a gay tennis player, she fought for the rights LGBTQ+ community. On April 12, 2009 she won the Presidential Medal of Freedom for her work, advocating for woman and LGBTQ+

### **Bayard Rustin**

He designed the March of Washington and worked really hard for the rights of black and LGBTQ+.

## Quote of the week.

"I'm a person who likes to hear why something can't be done, and I'll whittle down every one of the 'can'ts' one at a time."

- Martine Rothblatt

"All adventures, especially into new territory, are scary."

- Sally Ride

"Hope will never be silent."

- Harvey Milk

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Brain Power

# Announcements

Do you like candy? Well April 30<sup>th</sup> was lollipop day. That was a while ago so if you missed it that's okay because there might be another one next year. A 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class in Dwight Elementary School is trying to get lollipops to be CT state candy. Unlike many states CT does not have a state candy. Did you know that lollipops were invented here in CT? They were invented in New Haven, CT in 1908 by George Smith. That is one reason why lollipops should be CT state's candy. This idea was presented by two girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Amelia and Jacqueline who go to Dwight School. They got on newspapers and even on TV. They have three Representatives and one Senator helping and supporting them to try make lollipops the state candy idea into a bill.

This is our 30th edition of Good News Sunday Fairfield. To celebrate this, we challenge you to do 30 kind things for the rest of this week – can be as little as opening the door for someone or donating food, clothes or money to someone in need or a charity. Email us what you did and we might put it in the next edition.

On this day (June 13) ...

In 1866 the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment passed the House of Representatives.

In 2000 the leader of both South and North Korean meet.

In 1789 Mrs. Hamilton served George Washington ice cream.

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Have a great Sunday!