



Shoreham-Wading River, N.Y.

September 18, 2017- Jordan McClintock, a Shoreham Wading River senior is delighted to invite community members to join her as she completes the last step of her Girl Scout Gold Award project--the highest award a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. Ms. McClintock, a 17-year-old, has worked in conjunction with Karen Acompora of Heart Screen New York and Mark Passamonte the Shoreham-Wading River High School Athletic Director to bring **Free** Youth Heart Screening to the East End of Long Island.

The screenings will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM at Albert G. Prodel Middle School in Shoreham. AED and CPR education will be available. Any young person between the ages of 12-25 regardless of the school they attend are invited to register at <https://www.classy.org/shoreham/events/heartscreen-new-york/shoreham-wading-river/e131591>

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is not just an adulthood issue; thousands of teens die every year because of SCA. In younger victims, survival rate hovers around only 5%. Research shows that 1 out of 100 students that attend a heart screening will discover a heart condition. Cardiovascular screening in athletes is routinely practiced and sanctioned by major sporting and medical associations such as the American Heart Association (AHA) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). These screenings are seldom covered by health insurance and may cost up to \$1,000 out of pocket.

This project was made possible by a grant equivalent to \$400,000 from Heart Screen New York in conjunction with the generosity of the Louis J. Acompora Memorial Foundation and the Dominic A. Murray Memorial 21 Foundation. The Shoreham-Wading River Wildcat Athletic Club and Thomas Cutinella Memorial Foundation have also endorsed and supported this project.

“Girl Scouts pledge to help people at all times, and Jordan’s stellar work truly exemplifies that promise,” says Yvonne Grant, President & CEO for Girl Scouts of Suffolk County. “Jordan’s Gold Award project is an inspiring and extraordinary way to bring awareness to SCA in teens.”

This program is of no cost to school districts or families and is available to student athletes of the East End communities. Parents can register their children and find more information at: <https://www.classy.org/shoreham/events/heartscreen-new-york/shoreham-wading-river/e131591>