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Long Island students making a difference

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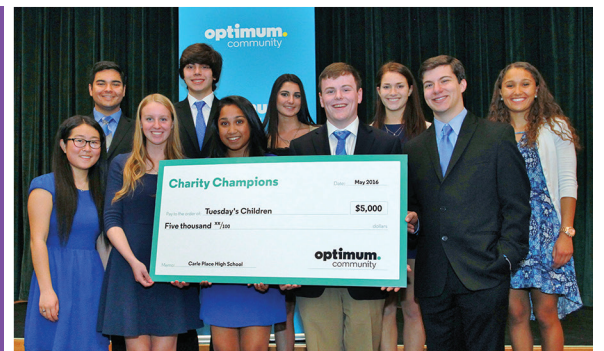
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## Congratulations LI Charity Champions

For the 7th year, Optimum Community brought its Charity Champions program to area high schools to encourage and reward volunteerism. Participating students committed time and effort to raising money, competed against other schools, and contributed the funds raised to their chosen charity. In addition to the tens of thousands of dollars raised by tri-state area students, Optimum Community's charitable contributions through Charity Champions, have surpassed \$100,000 this year. Recently, Bellport High School was named the Suffolk County grand prize winner and Carle Place High School the Nassau County winner in this year's program. The Bellport High School student council hosted a 5k race and a 1 mile kids' fun run to raise awareness and funds for their chosen charity, HELP Suffolk. HELP Suffolk is a transitional housing facility for homeless families. Summing up the experience, a student organizer noted, "It's good to know everything we're doing is helping a greater cause." Through multiple fundraising events, Carle Place High School students raised \$19,000 this school year for Tuesday's Children, a charity formed in the aftermath of September 11th. It provides services for the children of 9/11 victims, first responders, and military personnel. The students involved in the Charity Champions contest are making a difference in their community and in the world around them and enjoying the satisfaction of including service in their lives.



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