

Hope Rocks, Inc.

Objective: Creating opportunities which stimulate, inspire and develop a responsibility to empower each other with hope through offerings and activities which demonstrate the goodness and interconnectedness of people. Creating experiences which provide those who struggle with issues of mental and social uncertainty a connection where previously little or no connection was perceived.

Vision: Creating atmospheres accepting of all whereby individuals, families and organizations feel they are part of a unique and special experience. Creating experiences filled with activity, art, music and offerings which bring out the goodness of one another and reestablish a feeling of community.



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Hope Rocks Postpones Some 2023 Events

The annual Hope Rocks Festival, which was created in response to the epidemic of death from addiction, depression and social isolation, has been postponed until 2024 due to the health issues affecting the organization's founder and president, Joseph Defino. "I am thankful to the Hope Rocks Board of Directors and Advisory Board for recognizing the physical and mental stress associated with coordinating and organizing these events", said Defino. "This was a particularly difficult decision because Hope Rocks is a service organization created to help people on the road to recovery", he added.

The Hope Rocks events postponed include: The Hope Rocks Hardball, a high school baseball tournament, scheduled for May 7th; The Hope Rocks Rumble, a motorcycle run, scheduled for July 20th; and The Hope Rocks Festival scheduled for August 19th and 20th. The ball games for May 7 will continue as scheduled, but the day will not focus on addiction, depression and service organizations associated with these issues, but Saugerties High Coach, Mike Pugliese is dedicating these games to cancer awareness.

As usual, it will be held at the Cantine Complex beginning at 10 AM. Scheduled to play include High School teams from Kingston, Waterford, Tamarac, Rondout Valley, Shenendehowa and Columbia, as well as Saugerties.

Unaffected by this decision is Jordan's Closet, a Hope Rocks initiative that provides business and professional clothing and accessories to those in need. Jordan's Closet continues to serve and expand its role in the greater Hudson Valley. Also unaffected is the Hope Rocks 24 Hour Softball Marathon Fundraiser scheduled for August 19th and 20th.

"I am very thankful for all the support and encouragement I have received during this challenging time. It has shown me that Hope does indeed Rock", concluded Defino.

Be sure to follow Hope Rocks on social media @hoperocksevents and @hoperocksfestival. Also visit the website www.hoperocksny.com.

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