

Headlight



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Support The Hat

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The Magic Hat thrift store represents everything great about the Marblehead Public School system. On March 1st, 2014, Headlight went to Magic Hat to volunteer. Five staff members volunteered in hour shifts in order to give back to Marblehead High School. For years, the Magic Hat has been able to provide its shoppers and volunteers with a wonderful and friendly atmosphere, where the shopping is great and giving back to one's community is fun. Mia Klein, a dedicated volunteer and representative for the Village School put it perfectly, "When you're a volunteer, it's like a party is going on because you don't realize your volunteering. You're just having a good time."

For its shoppers, Magic Hat is filled with great quality items, from glassware to sweaters, that are all priced reasonably. Shoppers can enjoy frequent sales and special days of shopping, such as free book day where customers enjoy complimentary free books. Volunteers are always taken care of as well. Each volunteer receives a 25% discount after each shift and is entered into a free raffle. Volunteers are encouraged to represent a specific Marblehead Public School and list all of their information in a book provided. Every hour

of service given correlates to a certain amount of money given to the school the volunteer represents. For example, if a student at Marblehead High School gives five hours to the Magic Hat, those five hours correspond to a profit that is then given to fund Marblehead High School. Currently MHS's PTO is looking for clubs to choose one Saturday to volunteer their time. The PTO hopes to get students involved and to reach their goal of 200 volunteer hours to purchase a new hydration station. Magic Hat has donated \$400,000 from its initial start in 2005 to fund all types of wonderful things for the Marblehead Public School system. Some projects that have been funded from Magic Hat include Rebel Shakespeare, Study Island, field trips and kindles for the high school. Klein notes: "I do this because the people are wonderful to work with, the stuff is amazing. The items donated to Magic Hat are of great quality and not many people know that. If the items donated are not of great quality they are re-donated to a good cause. Magic Hat is our greatest fundraiser for all of our public schools. The funding that comes out of here is extraordinary." Most, if not all volunteers, enjoy their time spent at Magic Hat. They feel like they are truly giving back to their community, and they are. "Volunteers have lots of different options in the store – sort clothes, tag clothes, straighten, put out priced items, mark

things half off on the racks, and such," said Co-Manager Kathy Christopher. "We will never ask someone to do a job that they are not comfortable doing or just don't like. We want everyone to have fun and come back." But one does not have to just volunteer to make a difference in the Magic Hat organization; the people who shop and donate are also giving back to their community, just as much.

Klein notes, "You just feel like you are a part of it all, it doesn't feel like you are volunteering. It just has a great atmosphere and time flies by. Volunteers have a good rapport with one another. We smile, we laugh and we chat. You are also encouraged to do what it is you would like to do as volunteer. You don't have to do a certain job. It is up to you what you would like to do to make a difference. It's just fun."

Sandy Dominguez, a frequent volunteer at Magic Hat, enjoys giving back to her community. "I really just enjoy the bargains and the feeling of volunteerism. My time spent here allows me to give back to the schools my daughter has attended. I typically find some great items here, such as these really cute shorts I plan on wearing in the summer." Dominguez volunteers behind the scenes and processes, tags and hangs clothing along with other volunteers donating their time. She believes Saturday is the busiest day of the week for Magic Hat because of how many people have the time to

stop by and check it out when they are out of work. Dominguez states, "A lot of people think Magic Hat just has used clothing, but really we have a lot of new stuff, too. All of great quality. That's the number one."

Magic Hat thrift store is located in the Marblehead Veterans Middle School. Its hours are Wednesday through Friday 10 a.m. -2 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If one is interested in getting involved, Christopher notes: "Each school has a volunteer coordinator. Individual schools are responsible for a week – so about every six weeks your school is on deck. The volunteer coordinator will send out an email using Sign Up Genius asking people to sign up for a time slot. Just because it is not your school's week, you can still come in any time we are open, volunteer, and your school will get credit." Donations are accepted during store hours and a list of the following items are accepted to be donated.

All Headlight staff members had a fantastic experience while at Magic Hat and we encourage all readers to get involved. More information is available on their website, <http://magichatthriftshop.com/>.

Donations Accepted:

New or gently used clothing, footwear, household items, small furniture, CDs and DVDs, sports equipment, holiday themed items, jewelry, lamps, games and puzzles, artwork, handbags and books.

The Beautiful Mess(terpiece)

Drew Faria
Reporter, Junior

Over the summer, some friends of mine introduced me to the live album "Jason Mraz's Beautiful Mess: Live on Earth." Personally, live albums drive me insane. I typically cannot stand the crowd's cheering and the band's antics that interrupt the music. Seeing that we would cover two tunes from Jason Mraz for an upcoming gig, I gave in to my insistent friends. Perhaps it was the greatest iTunes buy I've ever made.

"Wow," was just about the only thing I could say after listening to the whole album. Jason Mraz brought together masterful musicians from trumpets to hand percussionists to create an event out of the next hour and fifteen minutes of my listening time. What really makes the album click is its engaging energy. Never did I feel tempted to hit the "next song" arrow on my iPod, but rather, the "play again" arrow always beckoned me. Of course, the songs are great too! I never really gave Jason Mraz a good listen before hearing this album, but I recognized so many songs of his. "The Remedy," "Make It Mine," and "I'm Yours" are some of his more iconic works. However, I quickly found some tunes from the record that I enjoyed even more than those! I found the best place for this music was on my family boat in the summer. As my friend

put it perfectly, "It's just happy music." But stop wrapping your head around the idea that happy music is a bunch of hip-pies singing campfire songs! This album is impossible to listen to without smiling. There is a wave of positivity from this album that in all honesty makes it the perfect mood-booster playlist. Sometimes, if I have it as background music, I get sucked in and zone out of what is going on around me! I would strongly recommend this album to any person for any occasion.

"Jason Mraz's Beautiful Mess: Live on Earth" has since risen to number one in terms of my favorite albums of all-time. There have been days when I can listen to it over and over again. It is a combination of Jack Johnson-esque acoustic guitar with a Billy Joel-styled band. Finally, blend some reggae music with some complexity, and you've got the perfect album. You can technically identify it as pop/rock music, but this album truly speaks to Jason Mraz's versatility. He and his fellow musicians can create timeless music that anyone can relate to, so it does not even really need a typical genre designation. Perhaps "awesome" will suffice as a category.

Magic Hat Town of Marblehead Appreciation

Day on Thursday, March 13th

25% for all employees!!! Check it out!

Magic Hat will be open until 4:30 p.m.



Beautiful Capri

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Just off the coast of Naples, Italy lies a small charming island known as Capri. Although the island is only four miles long and two miles wide, its attractions are innumerable. This beautiful destination is home to some of the most famous grottos, endless hiking trails, small boutiques, a tropical climate, and tasty Italian cuisine. Not only has this island attracted locals, but also it is a destination visited by a range of celebrities including Ernest Hemingway, Jacqueline Kennedy, Jennifer Lopez, Tom Cruise, Selena Gomez,

and many more.

From the U.S., visitors may reach the island by flying to Sorrento or Naples, taking a brief taxi ride to the coast, and then taking a ferry directly to Capri's port, Marina Grande. The busiest times in Capri are the summer months, especially July.

While staying in Capri there is a lot to do. Located right in the center of the town is Piazza Umberto. The Piazza is easily accessible from the island's funicular. Here you can find unique shops ranging from handmade jewelry to leather jackets. Capri is known for their artisan-made perfume, sandals, and limoncello. Hidden restaurants are located all throughout the Piazza with delicious pizza, pasta, and seafood. Da Giorgio is one of the finest eateries, overlook-

ing Capri's mountains and the Bay of Naples. Gelato is a must have in Capri and is most popular at the Avolacalda Gelateria Bar. Just a short walk from the Piazza are the Gardens of Augustus and the Via Krupp. The Via Krupp is a long winding road built on a cliff face above the water. It is a popular walkway and no cars are permitted.

The Blue Grotto, one of Capri's most famous tourist attractions, is visited hourly by boat. Along with the Blue Grotto there is also the Green Grotto, Faragolini, Pizzolungo, Villa San Michele, beaches, and secret coves. If you are looking to spend the entire day out on the water, you can rent a boat at the Marina Grande. It takes about an hour and a half non-stop to circle the island. From your boat you can swim

through the grottos and caves, snorkel, cliff jump, and explore the Mediterranean Sea. The sea is an iridescent blue and a perfect temperature. Keep an eye out for jelly fish while in the water. Marina Piccola is one of the many beach clubs in Capri. The clubs are located right on the water and are a fun place to spend the afternoon. However, Capri is not known for its beaches. The beaches are not typical sandy ones; they are composed of rocks. To see the whole island, you can take a taxi to Anacapri and ride a chairlift to the top of Mount Solaro. The views from the top are breathtaking, giving tourists a bird's eye view of Capri's beauty.

Alix Segil
Reporter, Freshman

Peace Poem

If I could paint the world, it would be a palette of rainbow. Where yellow or black, brown or white would have a place from the start.
If I could write a story, it would tell a life without villains and lowlives. It would be full of heroes like Atticus Finch, Ellie Wiesel and Martin Luther King.
If I could build a house, it would be filled with doors to welcome anybody. Rich or poor, short or tall, they have a place among us all.
If I could rule the world, I would erase war, hate, violence. Impossible to believe and see. But this is the key: believe and dream.

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