



## Freehold Borough Selected as Finalist for RWJF Culture of Health Prize.

*Community Improvement Efforts Contribute to Progress  
in National Prize Selection Process*

**Freehold Borough, NJ** (February 24, 2021)— Freehold Borough has been chosen as a 2021 finalist for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Culture of Health Prize - bringing the Borough one step closer to the national Prize, which honors communities working at the forefront of advancing health, opportunity and equity for all.

Freehold Borough joins eight other finalist communities from across the country. Winners will be announced this fall.

**"We are excited to advance as an RWJF Culture of Health finalist. This recognition means a great deal to Freehold Borough. We are pleased that our efforts to advance community health are being acknowledged,"** said Kevin Kane, Mayor of Freehold Borough.

Kane said the recognition is a result of a coordinated effort to improve the health and quality of life of Freehold residents made by the town's leadership along with Neighborhood Connections to Health, the Freehold Area Health Department, the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, CentraState Healthcare System, Freehold Borough Schools and countless other community organizations and partners.

The achievements so far, Kane said, include bringing the Freehold Community Health Center to Freehold Borough, advocating for funds to support and expand Freehold Borough schools, forging policy changes to address primary prevention of lead exposure, inclusion of the community in planning through participatory budgeting and working to provide more coordinated food resources to those in need.

**"We will continue working collaboratively to build a lasting culture of health that benefits everyone in our diverse community,"** Kane said.