

## Local residents are United for Puerto Rico

WAKEFIELD — In response to the severe need following Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the American territory of Puerto Rico, an ad hoc group of Wakefield residents and businesses organized a series of events to benefit United for Puerto Rico, an organization dedicating 100 percent of proceeds to relief efforts.

Over a two week period, the group held a charity fitness boot camp, a pick-a-prize raffle, and a Dine for Dollars night collectively raising over \$1400.

Special thanks to:

- Rebirth Body Transformation Center for holding a Saturday boot camp and matching participant's donation, as well making a raffle donation of a free month of classes

- Dockside Restaurant of Wakefield for donating 25 percent of every meal participating in the Dine for Dollars event on Tuesday, October 10.

- Sweat Fixx for a raffle donation of free classes.

- State Representative Paul Brodeur for a raffle donation of a State House tour with lunch.

- Tastefully Simply consultant Gertrude Encarnacao for a raffle basket.

- Becky Gilding, Mary O'Connell, Julie Smith-Galvin, Pina Masciarelli, Julie King, Mehreen Butt and Josh Ostroff for raffle donations

Nearly 100 people participated in the events, including Representative Paul Brodeur, Wakefield Human Rights Vice Chairperson, Pina Masciarelli and Selectmen Mehreen Butt, Ann Santos and Paul DiNocco.

Thank you to everyone who participated and generously donated. Those who would like to support the Puerto Rico relief efforts can learn more about United for Puerto Rico at [www.unitedforpuertorico.com](http://www.unitedforpuertorico.com)

United for Puerto Rico is an initiative brought forth by the First Lady of Puerto Rico, Beatriz Rosselló (wife of Puerto Rican Governor, Ricardo Rosselló), in collaboration with the private sector, with the purpose of providing aid and support to those affected in Puerto Rico by the passage of Hurricane Irma and Hurricane María.



**STATE REPRESENTATIVE Paul Brodeur, Julie Smith-Galvin, Becky Gilding (with shy daughter Lucienne), selectmen Mehreen Butt and Ann Santos, and Pina Masciarelli, vice chair of the Human Rights Commission attended the United for Puerto Rico Fundraiser held at the Dockside Restaurant on October 10.**