

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Cardiac screening may have saved local teen's life

To the Editor:

We want to express our greatest gratitude to the Anthony Bates Foundation, Finger Lakes Health, local sponsors and all the volunteers involved with the free cardiac screening offered to area school districts at the Geneva Community Center Sept. 12.

We were fortunate enough to have a family member so adamant about the importance of this screening. We decided to bring our children, which turned out to be a life-changing decision. Never in our wildest dreams would we have believed our son would have been diagnosed with Wolk-Parkinson-White syndrome. The medical staff involved responded quickly and professionally, which led to a life-saving surgery less than a week later.

Fortunately, our son is on the road to a complete recovery and will have full involvement in his senior year activities.

If this or any other free screening is offered again, we highly recommend that all parents and school districts take full advantage of the opportunity.

Lastly, we would like to thank all our family, friends and community members for all their support. It was greatly appreciated.

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