

## Proclamation

## By The County Executive

## Recognizing Steven M. Rodriguez

Whereas, Mercer County partners with the Cherish the Children Foundation to recognize and honor volunteers who contribute outstanding service to the children of Mercer County; and

Whereas, the Cherish the Children Foundation hosts its 33rd Annual Cherish the Children Awards Banquet on April 17th, 2019 to honor individuals and organizations in Mercer County that work to have a positive impact on the lives of children; and

Whereas, the Cherish the Children Foundation presents the 2019 Youth Recognition Award to a Mercer County student whose commitment to improving the lives of Mercer County residents serves as an inspiration to others; and

Whereas, the 2019 Youth Recognition Award is presented to Steven M. Rodriguez, a senior at Ewing High School who has been a volunteer at Central Church in Ewing, New Jersey since 2017, helping to repurpose and renovate two large rooms to be used by the Community Connections group to ensure ongoing community outreach; and

Whereas, Steven M. Rodriguez continues to offer his services, spending time in North Carolina to work on hurricane-ravaged homes, working with Athletes in Action to educate children at a free soccer camp hosted by Central, participating in an international mission trip to Haiti where he helped provide aid to Haitians in need, and participating in a mission trip serving Trenton where he helped reroof and paint a house for a local family; and

Whereas, Steven M. Rodriguez has volunteered more than 500 hours of his time during the past two years, helping to provide food, shelter, and clothing to those in need, making him a wonderful role model for others,

Now, Therefore, I, Brian M. Hughes, Mercer County Executive, do hereby congratulate Steven M. Rodriguez on his receipt of the Cherish the Children Youth Recognition Award, and thank him heartily for his example to the young people of Mercer County.

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