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BASCH & KEEGAN HELPS IMMIGRANT OBTAIN SIX-FIGURE SETTLEMENT

A native of Honduras, our client migrated to the United States to provide her children and family with a better life. She was a mother of two who worked six days every week cleaning houses and Airbnb's in Ulster County. She worked long days to help her working husband pay for a two-bedroom apartment in midtown Kingston. While our client was considered an undocumented immigrant, she did acquire from the Internal Revenue Service a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) for the purpose of paying taxes on her wages.

The life of an undocumented immigrant is not an easy one. Many undocumented immigrants migrate to the United States to escape poverty, violence, or oppression in their native countries. The life they find here in the United States is perhaps safer, but their lives are not easy. "One cannot truly appreciate the isolation of an undocumented immigrant," said attorney John A. DeGasperi. "These people live off the grid—and not because they prefer it—but there is no other way. They can't get official identification. They can't open bank accounts. They can't get insurance. They don't exist."

The difficulties undocumented immigrants experience was recently illustrated in one of Attorney John A. DeGasperi's personal injury cases. Our client was riding passenger in a SUV driven by her employer. They had worked a long day cleaning houses and Airbnb's. They were on their way home when someone crossed over double yellow lines and crashed into their SUV head-on. John's client, the undocumented immigrant, broke her leg in the accident and needed emergency surgery. This is when the nightmare began.

The injured woman spoke Spanish, not English. She did not know whether a local law firm would be able to help her due to the language barrier. Basch & Keegan was prepared to answer the call because the firm recently hired a woman who is fluent in Spanish. Together, John and his co-worker, Carolina, went to the injured woman's home to educate her about her legal rights and to help guide her through the difficulties that lie ahead.

John's client did not have a social security number. Consequently, her employer would not cooperate with the loss of wage claim. This meant John's client had no income coming into the household while she recovered from surgery. Her situation looked grim because she had no income and was unable to provide for her family.

John knew he had to act fast. He quickly investigated the accident and acquired all the client's medical records. He turned everything over to the negligent party's car insurance company and lobbied for an efficient resolution to the case. His efforts proved successful because the insurance company tendered its full policy limits of \$100,000 within weeks of the accident.

When the settlement money arrived, John's client could not open a bank account to deposit her net proceeds because she did not have a social security number or proper identification. John worked with the woman and the firm's bank to ensure that she would be able to cash the check and deposit the funds into her father's bank account for safe keeping.

Once you retain Basch & Keegan for your personal injury lawsuit, you become family. Our attorneys are always here to help and will find you justice.



Basch & Keegan is dedicated to helping the community.

Here is where you might have seen us in September:

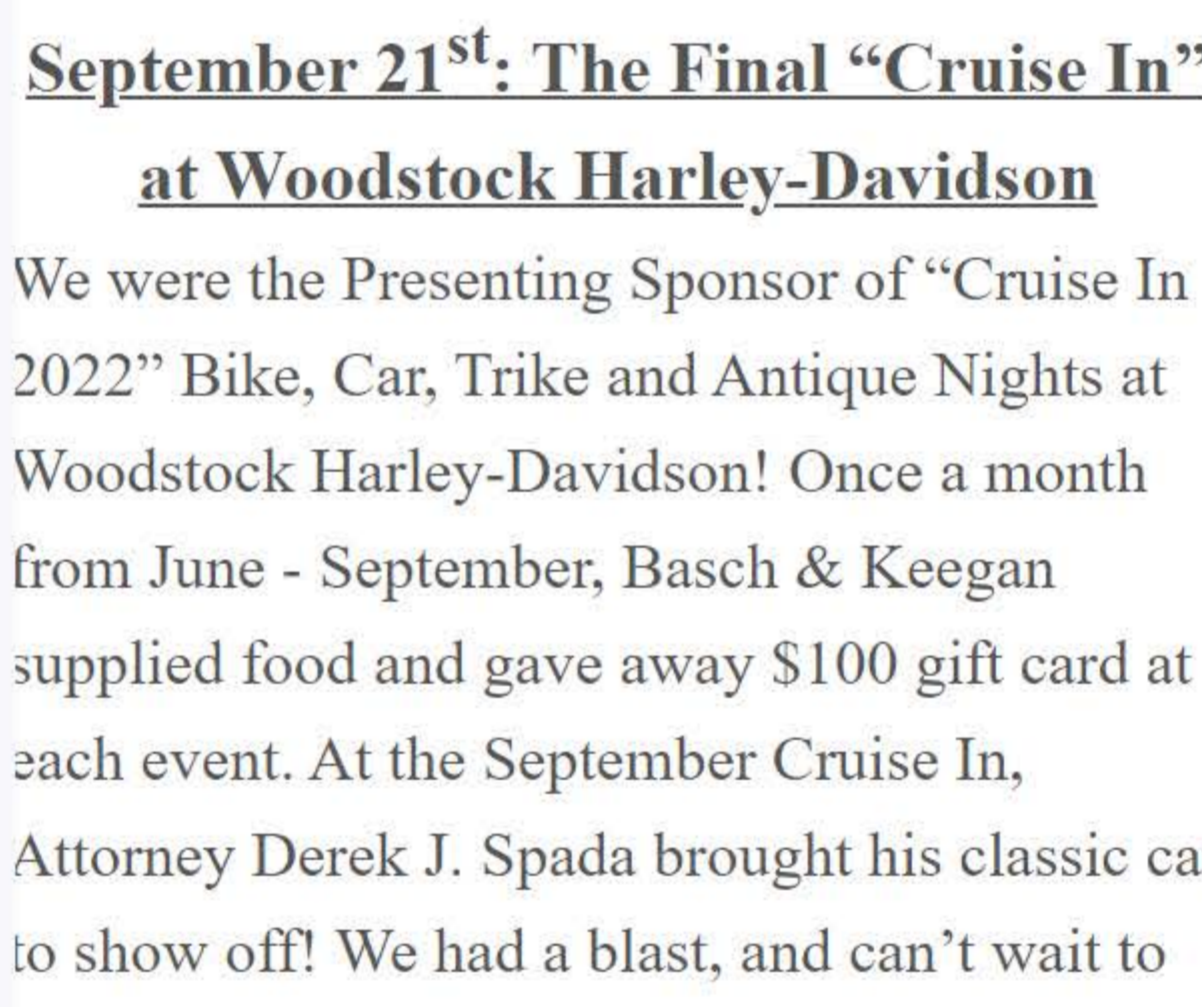
September 17th: Keegan Army Scavenger Hunt

We sponsored the first annual Keegan Army Scavenger Hunt through Uptown Kingston! Proceeds went to the SUNY Ulster Community College Foundation. The Basch & Keegan offices were a clue in the hunt! Thank you, Keegan Army, for including us.



September 20th: Mid-Hudson Women's Bar After Work Mixer

Basch & Keegan sponsored the Fall Kickoff, "After Work Mixer" at Zeus Brewery for the Mid-Hudson Women's Bar Association. Maureen Keegan is on the board for the MHWBA. It was a great turn out and fun a night!



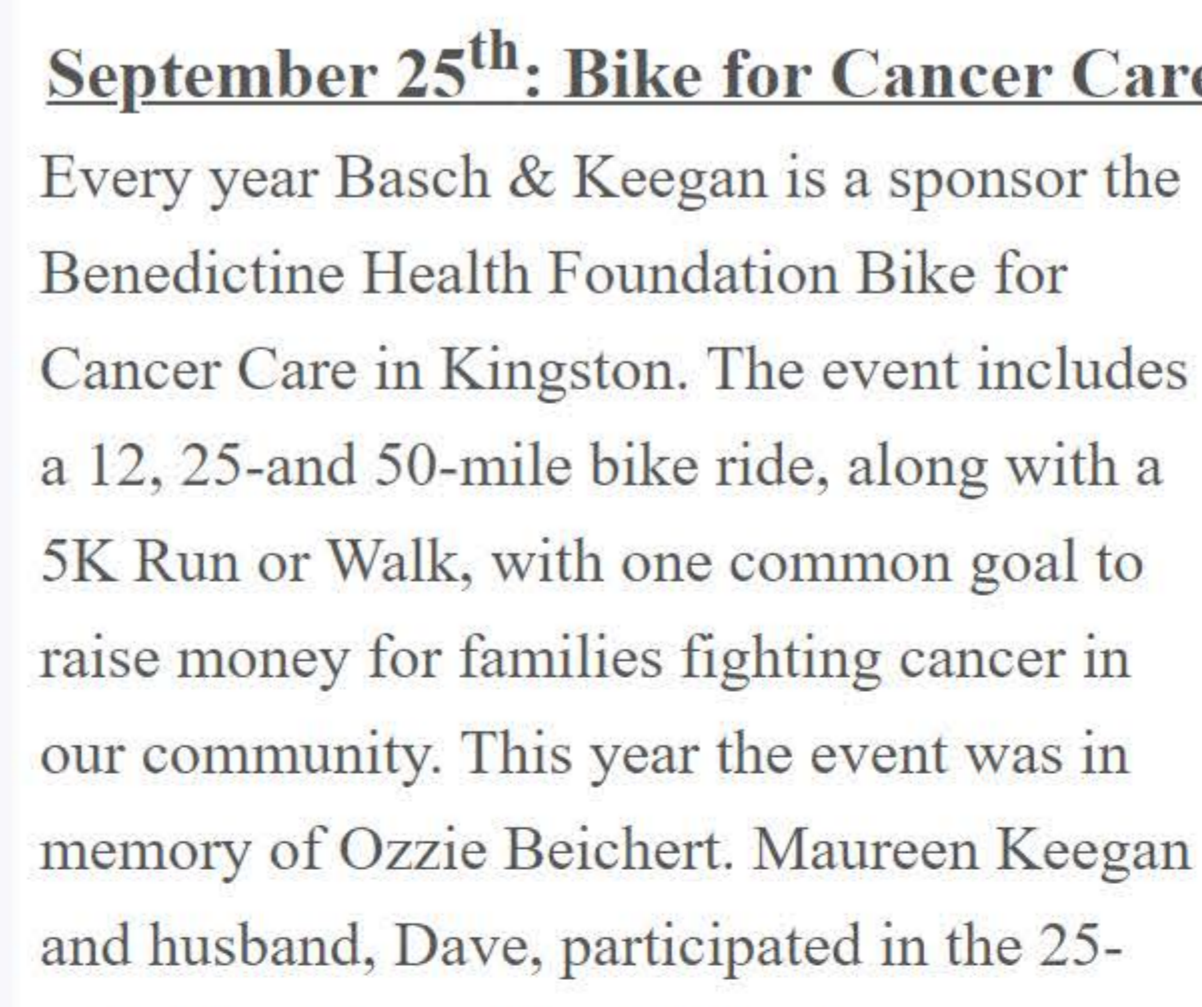
September 21st: The Final "Cruise In" at Woodstock Harley-Davidson

We were the Presenting Sponsor of "Cruise In 2022" Bike, Car, Trike and Antique Nights at Woodstock Harley-Davidson! Once a month from June - September, Basch & Keegan supplied food and gave away \$100 gift card at each event. At the September Cruise In, Attorney Derek J. Spada brought his classic car to show off! We had a blast, and can't wait to do it again next summer!



September 24th: The 2nd Annual Hispanic Heritage Festival

We sponsored this great event in its first year and are so grateful to have been part of it again. The Center for Creative Education put on another block party style celebration in Kingston, with performances, food, unique vendors, resources, and a kid's corner! Basch & Keegan had a table at the event, and we are excited to do a part of this again next year.



September 25th: Bike for Cancer Care

Every year Basch & Keegan is a sponsor the Benedictine Health Foundation Bike for Cancer Care in Kingston. The event includes a 12, 25-and 50-mile bike ride, along with a 5K Run or Walk, with one common goal to raise money for families fighting cancer in our community. This year the event was in memory of Ozzie Beichert. Maureen Keegan and husband, Dave, participated in the 25-mile bike ride and the 5K Run!



COMMUNITY NEWS & Local Events

Upcoming Sponsored Events by Basch & Keegan in October

- **October 1st:** People's Place Golden Jubilee, Celebrating 50 Years! at The Mount Academy: [Read More Here](#)
- **October 1st:** Stockade Faire, Uptown Kingston: [Read More Here](#)
- **October 1st:** Woodstock Harley-Davidson Open House: [Read More Here](#)
- **October 3rd:** Hurley Lions Club Golf Tournament, Wiltwyck Golf Club: [Read More Here](#)
- **October 6th:** SUNY Ulster Gala, Wiltwyck Golf Club: [Read More Here](#)
- **October 8th:** Community Matters 2 Putting for a Purpose, Poughkeepsie: [Read More Here](#)
- **October 9th:** Ulster County Italian American Festival, Downtown Kingston: [Read More Here](#)

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