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Book Inspires Those Tested By Illness And Misfortune

Black, author of Unexpected Blesssign her book at Hunterdon Medical Center on Thursday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 8 p.m.

When Ms. Black was only 15, she was diagnosed with lupus, a chronic inflammatory disease that can attack the vital organs of the body. As ailment, she yearned to connect with others who knew first-hand what she was experiencing. So she formed a support group to bring patients across the country together. Friends' Health Connection, a nationwide community that matches thousands of people with similar conditions — from cancer and lupus to paralysis and chronic pain, human spirit. and more.

swer: 'To help others." Unexpected 6515.

RARITAN TWP. - Roxanne Blessings is an extension of that mission. It brings to life not only ing: Finding Hope and Healing in Ms. Black's inspiring personal stothe Face of Illness will speak and ry, but also the lessons of courage she's learned from all the famous and not-so-famous people she's met over the years.

From a poignant encounter with Christopher Reeve to her intimate experiences with patients around the globe who stand strong in the a teenager with a rare and terrifying face of extraordinary challenges, these are stories of heroism and hope. They are also reminders of the healing that happens when we can connect together from the heart. Warm and down-to-earth, Unex-That group has now become pected Blessings offers support and encouragement for anyone touched by illness, or anyone facing a difficult time in their life. It is a powerful testimony to the strength of the

Unexpected Blessing: Finding Ms. Black's mission each day for Hope and Healing in the Face of Illthe last 20 years has been to turn her ness will be available to purchase at "bad news" diagnosis into some- the event to be held near the auditothing positive. As she says, "When I rium at Hunterdon Medical Center. wonder 'Why me?' I know the an- For more information call 788-

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