



The Friends' Voice

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Spring Gala is HUGE Success, Thanks to You



Gala committee (l. to r.): Marie Adler-Kravec, Martha Fickinger, Lauren Auerbach, Katherine Lucas, Nancy Slott, Carol Whaley (co-chair), Brenda Gallagher, Bernadette Davis (co-chair), Ellen Goodman, Nina Sharma, Stephanie Karl, Bayne Belair and Barbara Brady.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Gala Co-Chairs, Carol Whaley and Bernadette Davis and their committee, the 30+ volunteers and the agency's development staff, this year's Gala, "There's No Place Like Home," exceeded all expectations. They transformed the Hackensack Golf Club into Oz, complete with a Yellow Brick Road, poppy fields and Emerald City. Dorothy, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion and the lollipop kids joined over 350 guests for a fun-filled evening.

Corporate sponsorships were the highest-ever and made a huge difference, thanks to the generosity of Helen's Hope Foundation, Irwin Franchise Capital Corporation, Applebee's, BD, Toys "R" Us, Boiling Springs Savings Bank, Mutual of America, Brenda and Frank Gallagher, Wyeth, TD Bank, Ellen and Michael Jacobs, Hudson City Savings Bank, Katherine and Craig Lucas, and Town News.



"We are so grateful to all of our generous sponsors, our guests, our special event committee that worked so hard to make this a memorable event and the many volunteers who helped run the silent and live auctions and the registration," said Madinah Grier, director of development and communications. "You have raised the bar on what is now becoming our signature event. We could not have done it without you. Thank you all for your incredible support."



Gala volunteer Laurie Jaffee (far left) happily provided help to guests (l. to r.): Susan Bendes, Talia Marcus and Larry Levine and answered their questions about the silent auction items.



We want to hear from you. Please submit your questions, feedback and stories about your volunteer experiences, to the Volunteer Office at volunteer@cafsnj.org or call 201-261-2800 x222



SPOTLIGHT on Volunteers

Goldman Sachs Community Team Works

Since the spring of 2007, employees of Goldman Sachs have spent a Volunteer Day reading stories, doing activities and creating crafts with children at the Turrell Child Care & Early Learning Center in Paramus. Their efforts are part of Goldman Sachs' *Community Team Works* program. The aim of this 10-year-old program is to give back to communities in which the firm operates. Projects are initiated and organized by employees.

Peter Koski, a Goldman Sachs employee, was the impetus behind establishing the relationship with us. As an active community volunteer, Mr. Koski believes that "everyone should give back in one way or another, especially when people are in greatest need." Pursuing his conviction through *Community Team Works*, Mr. Koski wrote the

project proposal and organized the first *Community Team Works* Day. Last year a total of 20 Goldman Sachs employees participated – 80 percent of whom were returnees from the initial effort.

May 14th will mark the third consecutive year that Goldman Sachs employees will spend a day volunteering at the Turrell Center. The great success of the first two *Community Team Works* projects has inspired even more to participate. In addition, the relationship between Children's Aid and Family Services and Goldman Sachs *Community Team Works* has expanded. We are now a Community Team Works Partner, allowing for volunteer activity to extend from a single day to multiple days over the course of several weeks.



For the past two years **Goldman Sachs** volunteers have spent the day at the Turrell Center interacting with our young preschoolers. They will be returning on May 14th.



Help Babies and Children on Mother's Day Weekend



Saturday, May 9, 11 a.m. -7 p.m.

at Paramus Park

North Court, Macy's Wing



Bring baby supplies (diapers, formula, baby food, wipes) and receive a free \$20 Paramus Park gift card while supplies last

Ask about our foster care or adoption services
Enter our raffle for a "Mother's Pampering Basket" worth over \$200



Help Wanted: Volunteer Opportunities



Tutors and Mentors are needed at our Therapeutic Foster Care Homes

(Paramus, Ridgewood, Bogota, Park Ridge and West Orange)

- * Become a mentor to a teen or young child. Program training is provided.
- * Tutor children in Reading, Math, Science and English after school and on weekends

If you'd like to help, please call the Volunteer Office at volunteer@cafsnj.org or at **201-261-2800 x222**

OUR VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION...



(l.-r.) Author Susan McCorkindale and Michele Petrillo, owner of Baskets-n-Beyond in Dumont hosted a fundraiser for the agency at Ridgewood's Smith Brothers restaurant. They donated a portion of book sales as well as all raffle proceeds for gift baskets and gift certificates from local merchants.



As part of her Bas Mitzvah project, Jordan Mandel of Warren, NJ held a charity run and raised over \$1,200 for children in our care. She and her mom purchased blankets, comforters, sheets, towels, games and sports equipment for the young boys in our new home in West Orange.

Students at **The Village School, Waldwick** held a school-wide Baby Basics drive for the sixth consecutive year.



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