

Newsletter

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Friends of Dottie's House



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Calendar of Events

Ocean County Mall's Evening of Giving –

Nov. 19th

6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

7th Annual Holiday Gala - Dec. 5th

6-9 pm,

Lobster Shanty, Pt. Pleasant Beach

8th Annual

Golf Outing

May 24, 2007

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Chris Cimino & Carol Wolfe

HOMES NOW BUILDING PRIVATE RESIDENCES FOR OCEAN ARC

LAKEWOOD—Three new four bedroom homes are under construction and scheduled for completion in March of 2007. Located on a cul de sac and staffed by ARC, the facility will provide a private open space area for passive recreation for the residents.

This project has been in the planning stages for several years and was first brought to Homes Now by Lil Gallagher, retired Executive Director of ARC.

The project is named in memory of former ARC Board President, Donal T. Kemper.

HOMES NOW MOVES UP

BRICK TWP— Homes Now Corporate offices have moved up to the second floor of their office building and are now occupying Suite 4.

DOTTIE'S HOUSE GOLF OUTING RAISES \$65,000 FOR HOUSING

BRICK TWP— In its largest event ever, the 7th annual Golf Outing to benefit Dottie's House, sponsored by Friends of Dottie's House, netted a total of \$65,000. These funds are dedicated toward expansion of this transitional housing facility for victims of domestic violence. The newly planned construction will increase the facility by nine two and three-bedroom apartments and is slated to open in December.

"We're thrilled and gratified by the continued support for this event," said Vice-President and founder of Dottie's House, Carol Wolfe. "This is the only facility of its type in the state where women and their children are offered a 24-month residence and the services needed to prepare them to live independently.

"The demand, unfortunately, has well exceeded our ability to accommodate these single mothers, but the monies raised here will speed us on our way to this much needed expansion," added Wolfe.

A total of 134 golfers took part in the event at Lakewood's Eagle Ridge Country Club, with many others --- including WNBC New York's weatherman Chris Cimino --- attending the dinner afterward featuring a silent and live auction.

Among the auctioned items were U.S. Open tickets; a day at a luxury suite with lunch at Monmouth Park; tickets to the Governor's box for the Giants vs. Bears; a fireworks cruise with food and refreshments on the Cindy Sea 111, Point Pleasant Beach; dinner and lunch packages at many of the shore's finest restaurants; an overnight with dinner and a spa at Point Pleasant Beach's The White Sands; a full-day striped bass fishing trip on the "Canyon Runner;" and many sports memorabilia items.

For the golfers, foursomes were offered at some of the state's most prestigious courses: Galloway, Springdale, Pine Hill, Manasquan River and Pine Barrens, among others.

Among the winners of the golf outing included the three-some of Ron Bevacqua, Chuck Lindstrom and Dennis Mabbit for low gross; Regina Foley of Ocean Medical Center for longest women's drive and George Carroll on the men's side; and Ilene Cohen and Mabbit for closest to the pin.

DOTTIE'S HOUSE 5K RUN/WALK RAISES MORE THAN \$15,000 FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

POINT PLEASANT BEACH—The skies cleared September 23 just in time to have 160 runners and walkers embark on the 5K family walk/run for Dottie's House, the transitional housing facility for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence.

This 7th annual event grossed more than \$15,000 for this facility of two and three-bedroom apartments, which in December will be expanded by nine more units.

"We are overjoyed at the outpouring of support from volunteers and participants alike," said Regina Foley, President of Friends of Dottie's House. "Everyone so clearly embraced our mission and gave of their time and energy to make this event such a success."

Carol Wolfe, Dottie's House Vice President and founder extended particular thanks to US Subs, Route 88, in Point Pleasant, which donated assorted subs and salads for the event; "Backstage Entertainment," Point Pleasant Beach, whose owner Paul DiPasquale provided entertainment throughout the event; Manhattan Bagel (Fisher Blvd., Toms River), Bayside Bagels (Hooper Ave., Toms River); and Dunkin Donuts (Hooper Ave., Toms River, Rt. 88, Brick and Rt. 70, Brick), all of whom provided breakfast for the event; the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department and the borough's Emergency Medical Services; Brick Township's Lane's Mill School, whose Early Act community service organization walked and donated \$240 towards Dottie's House; and Toms River High School East, whose Junior Varsity Soccer Team ran and donated \$100 to Dottie's House.

Paul Barlo, Dottie's House President pointed out that many of Dottie's House residents and their children were stationed along the race route, assisting in directing the participants "but also anxious to show how much they care about the effort being made on their behalf."

The top three male winners of the event were: Gerald Messina of Wycoff (time: 19.21); Stephen O'Connor of Point Pleasant (23.02); and Salvatore Carretta, Jr. of Yonkers (23.17).

Among females, the top three runners were Kristen Disoteo, Toms River (25.13); Dana Spafford, Hazlet (25.23); and Thao Ho of Union (25.26).

"Our goal at Dottie's House is to give women and their children the opportunity of embarking on productive and violence-free lives. We receive no governmental subsidies so the monies received at events like this one are crucial to meeting this goal," said Wolfe. We are grateful for the tremendous support from our community, including volunteers and cash and material donations.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE



Her resume is as impressive as she, and now it includes being a member of the boards of Dottie's House and Friends of Dottie's House.

Diane Legreide may not be a household word to many people, but they think of her unknowingly every time they visit their local motor vehicle agency.

Where there used to be long lines and the resultant hot tempers, there now are friendly staff, short waiting times and spruced up facilities. It was Diane's doing, when she headed up the Motor Vehicle Commission from 2000-2004.

The Brick Township resident has much more on her list of accomplishments. Currently she serves as the Executive Director of the Democratic State Committee. Prior to that, she was the Chief of Management and Operations for the Governor's Office. She was a member and vice-chair of the Casino Control Commission for eight years and the Deputy Executive Director of the New Jersey Senate for another eight years.

And now she's lending her considerable expertise to help Dottie's House at an especially important time --- its quest to expand the facility by nine two and three-bedroom apartments.

"The function that Dottie's House performs is so important to the women and their children who are seeking to start new lives free of domestic abuse. I wanted to be part of this success story and I am anxious to help in whatever way I can," said Legreide.

"Diane brings a wealth of experience and a history of caring for the less fortunate that adds immensely to the work we do at Dottie's House," said founder and Vice-President Carol Wolfe.

KIDS COIN DRIVE RAISES THOUSANDS FOR DOTTIE'S HOUSE

OCEAN COUNTY— More than \$9,000 has been raised this year for Dottie's House from children seeking to help other children who have lived with domestic violence. The "2006 Kids Helping Kids" Coin Drive, with support from County Board of Education Superintendent Bruce Greenfield, was held in 34 schools throughout Ocean County.

Prizes of books from Barnes & Noble or sporting equipment from SportTime were awarded to schools in two categories; those schools with enrollment of 700 or more and enrollment under 700.

In the first category top prize went to Brick Memorial High School and second prize to Russell O. Brackman Middle School. The second category top prize went to Ocean County Vocational School of Performing Arts and second prize to Lanoka Harbor Elementary School.

DOTTIE'S HOUSE RECEIVES GRANT FROM GOVERNOR

TRENTON—Governor Jon Corzine awarded a \$450,000 grant to Dottie's House from the state's Shelter Support Grant fund that was part of the anti-poverty budget initiative.

The grant is earmarked to further fund construction of nine new apartments to house survivors of domestic violence.

"This grant could not have come at a more important time in the history of Dottie's House as we near completion of construction of these new two and three-bedroom apartments," said founder and Vice-President Carol Wolfe.

"I speak on behalf of all of us involved in Dottie's House, most particularly our current and future residents, as we extend our heartfelt thanks to Governor Corzine and Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Susan Bass Levin for this most timely and generous infusion of monies," she added.

Completion of the new addition is expected in December.



CHILDERS SOTHEBY'S JERSEY SHORE TENNIS OPEN TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR DOTTIE'S HOUSE



TOMS RIVER—Lee Childers, of Childers Sotheby's International Realty sponsored a two-day event that raised more than \$2,000 to benefit Dottie's House.

The focus of the event was the "Jersey Shore Tennis Open Tournament," held July 29 at the Toms River Country Club. The day before, a "draw" party was held at Joey Harrison's Surf Club, compliments of Joey Barcelona.

The tournament was open to all levels of play and featured both men and women's double play. Men and women single entries were paired for a rotating Round Robin format.

The winning male twosome was Brian Salik of Toms River and Dave Hofstetter of Normandy Beach. The female winning pairing was Jill Bua of Island Heights and Mary Corcillo of Point Pleasant.

"Lee and Joey are once again demonstrating their commitment to helping those less fortunate than they. A full 100 percent of what was raised is earmarked for Dottie's House. That is truly remarkable," said Wolfe.

According to Childers, this first tournament is the beginning of what will be an annual event on behalf of Dottie's House.

JERSEY CENTRAL POWER AND LIGHT PRESENTS "DOTTIE'S HOUSE" WITH \$10,000 GRANT

BRICK TWP—Dottie's House, a transitional housing program in Ocean County for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence, has received a \$10,000 grant from the FirstEnergy Foundation for an employment readiness skills and training program.

The Foundation is funded solely by First-Energy Corp. (NYSE:FE), the parent company of Jersey Central Power and Light (JCP&L).

Dottie's House, located at a confidential location, is the only domestic violence facility in the state that offers a 24-month program for mothers and their children.

"Dottie's House provides these women and children the tools they need to empower them to break free of the cycle of violence," said Maria Sessa, JCP&L area manager. "The employment readiness and training program will help residents develop the necessary skills to establish and foster the economic independence that is so important to them."

Carol Wolfe, founder and Vice-President of Dottie's House, noted that this grant was not only significant in terms of dollars, but also in terms of timing.

"The FirstEnergy grant comes when we're embarking on a \$1.3 million plan to expand our facility," Wolfe said.



HOMES NOW AWARDS HOMES TO THREE FAMILIES IN BRICK

BRICK TWP—Homes Now, Inc., the Affordable Housing Administrative Agent for Brick Township recently awarded single family, three bedroom homes to three eligible families.

The homes are located in neighborhoods throughout the community and awarded to families who are qualified under Council on Affordable Housing regulations.

Although deed restricted, the newly selected homeowners may remain in these homes for as long as they choose.

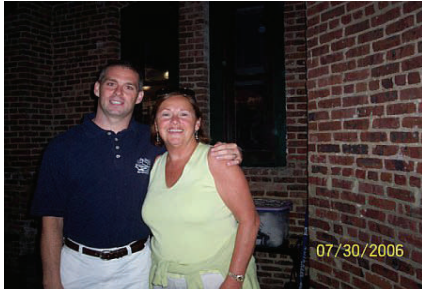
Under the terms of the Affordable Housing regulations, in the event the homeowners wish to sell, the home remains affordable for another eligible family.

For more information regarding affordable housing or to request an application, please contact the offices of Homes Now at 732 295 7380, email us at info@homes-now.org or visit our website at www.homes-now.org.



SAVE THE DATE: December 5 Holiday Gala SPONSORSHIPS STILL AVAILABLE

JIM DOWD'S "SHOOT FOR THE STARS" RAISES \$10,000 FOR DOTTIE'S HOUSE



RED BANK - Newly signed New Jersey Devil hockey star and Stanley Cup championship player Jim Dowd this year added Dottie's House to his list of charities that benefit from funds raised during his annual All-Star high school hockey contest pitting players from Monmouth and Ocean counties against each other.

In his 9th Annual "Shoot for the Stars" competition July 30, Dowd made Dottie's House the recipient of the proceeds from the competition, resulting in \$10,000 being donated to this transitional housing shelter for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence. "We are so grateful to Jim for his interest and support for our effort," said Carol Wolfe, founder and Vice-President of Dottie's House. "He has used his well-deserved fame to raise funds to benefit many local charities and we are delighted that this year, Jim Dowd and his wife Lisa have chosen Dottie's House to be the recipient of their generosity."



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