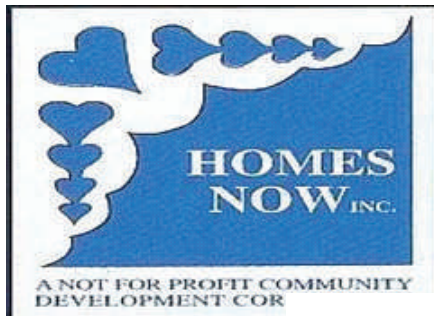


HOMES NOW, INC. Newsletter



AN EVENING TO REMEMBER



The annual "Holiday Gala" for Dottie's House, held December 1, raised more than \$50,000 for this shelter devoted to victims of domestic violence and their children.

"It was a wonderful way to usher in the holiday season, knowing that these monies will greatly assist our effort to expand by an additional nine units: one one-bedroom, four two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units housing for women and their children fighting back against domestic abuse," said Dottie's House CEO Carol Wolfe.

She noted that among the auction items donated for the event were a Gold's Gym membership; an overnight at the White Sands, Point Pleasant Beach; opera tickets to "Carmen"; a Don Mattingly bat and Yankee tickets; a diamond ring, diamond cross and a pocketbook diamond pendant; an overnight at the "Tuscany"; and an original basket created and donated by Dottie's House President Paul Barlo.

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Calendar of Events

Coin Drive
In Ocean Co. Schools

January 16 to
the end of April

Dottie's House
Annual Golf Outing

June 1
Eagle Ridge Golf Club
Lakewood

DOTTIE'S HOUSE 5K RUN/WALK

It was a rainy day, but nobody was going to rain on the Dottie's House 5K run/walk last October. A net total of \$16,500 was garnered from this event, with 120 registered participants.

Amid music provided gratis by Paul DiPasquale of Backstage Entertainment, the runners/walkers defied the elements and completed the course that wound around Point Pleasant Beach. On their return, they were greeted with subs provided by Tesauro's Restaurant.

"It was so heartening to view first hand the commitment people have made to support our domestic violence shelter," said Carol Wolfe, CEO of Dottie's House. "Rain or shine, so many people share our vision of providing housing for up to 24 months, education and job placement to women and their children who are the victims of domestic violence. Our residents are truly grateful for this outpouring of support and, in return, will invariably graduate from our program with full-time jobs and a healthy home atmosphere for their children."

Among the prime sponsors of the event were Crown Bank; Ocean Medical Center, Rehabco Inc. and Verizon Communications; Assemblyman Dave Wolfe; Ansell, Zaro, Grimm & Aaron; Applebees; Briarmill Pharmacy; Constanza Builders; Georgian Court University; K. Hovnanian Builders; Jenkinson's; Kristi Shay Construction; OceanFirst Foundation; PNC Bank; and Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A..

"KIDS HELPING KIDS" COIN DRIVE

Students from Ocean and Monmouth Counties raised more than \$8,500 this year for the children who reside at Dottie's House. The 2005 "Kids Helping Kids" coin drive allows the students to show their generosity and help children who are less fortunate.

Two First Place Prizes of \$500 worth of books from Walden Books were presented: one to Central Regional School in Berkeley Township which raised \$1,400 and one to Ridgeway Elementary School in Manchester which raised more than \$500.

The two Second Place Prize winners were: Lanes Mill Elementary School, Brick Township which raised \$485 and Silver Bay Elementary School in Toms River, which raised \$750. Both schools were awarded \$250 worth of sports equipment from Sports Time Catalog. Lanes Mill Elementary School generously donated their winnings back to Dottie's House.

The next coin drive will begin January 16 through the end of April in Ocean County Schools.

EAGLE SCOUT RAISES MONIES FOR DOTTIE'S HOUSE



Eric Horrocks, a senior at Point Pleasant Borough High School, raised more than \$800 for Dottie's House. With that money he purchased outdoor furniture, a slip and slide, balls and lounge chairs for this facility in order to earn his Eagle Scout badge. His future plans are to attend the Merchant Marine Academy.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE



Oliver Walling, the principal of Oliver Walling, CPA, has spent countless hours on behalf of charitable foundations — which now include Dottie's House and Friends of Dottie's house.

A 1971 graduate of Seton Hall University, he worked in retail for seven years, after which he was hired by John Wauters as an accountant in that firm. He continued his education at Rider College and in 1982 became a Certified Public Accountant. Four years later, he was made a partner in the Wauters, Walling & Co. firm.

Now in his own firm, Oliver Walling CPA, P.C., he specializes in consulting with fire districts, small businesses and individual taxes.

He also specializes in helping those who need help. In addition to being on the Dottie's House and Friends of Dottie's House boards, he also offers them his services free of charge. He's also is on the Board of Trustees of the Childhood Leukemia Foundation, participates with the American Red Cross in its Community blood drives and, as Commodore of the Beachwood Yacht Club, has co-chaired the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Junior Regatta Fundraiser.

VOLUNTEERS FOR DOTTIE'S HOUSE ARE ALWAYS NEEDED. CALL (732) 295-7380 or (732) 262-2009

CAROL WOLFE HONORED

The founder of Homes Now and Dottie's House, Carol Wolfe has been on the receiving end of numerous awards during the past several months in appreciation of the time and commitment she has made to the mothers and children who are domestic violence survivors; to the developmentally disabled; and to those in need of affordable housing.

In February, she was given the "Leadership Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service" from the Point Pleasant Chamber of Commerce. In May she was awarded the "Women's Advocate of the Year" citation by the Ocean County Advisory Commission on the Status of Women. Also in May, the Ocean County Bar Association bestowed on Carol the "Law Day Citizenship Award." In October, Carol was the recipient of the 2005 "Women Helping Women" award from the Soroptimist International (SI) of Toms River. In terms of the latter, SI is a world-wide organization for women in management and the professions working through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women. Carol will be inducted into their "hall of fame" as a result of this award. And in November, she received the "Exceptional Women" award from WJRZ.



DIANE TURTON SPONSORS "GIVING TREE"

Last month, Diane Turton Realtors included Dottie's House among the three benefactors of their gifts of unwrapped toys and clothing.

At each of the firms 23 New Jersey offices, Christmas trees were decorated with house-shaped ornaments and information about gifts that children, teens and adults had requested for the holiday season.

"Our Turton Giving Tree project hopefully brightened the holiday season and brought more joy to local families who need a helping hand," Turton said.

Affordable Homes

In 2005 Homes Now, Inc. completed the construction of a three-bedroom affordable home that was a dream come true for the new homeowner. This home is one of 20 affordable homes in Brick Township managed by Homes Now, Inc.

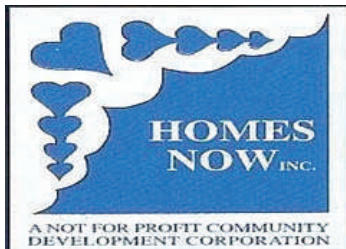
Homes Now Chambers Bridge Project

Things are always happening at the Chambers Bridge Residence. This 184-unit apartment building restricted to house low income seniors (55 and over) is always a busy place. Also, this complex provides housing for 24 developmentally disabled individuals in eight three-bedroom apartments which are leased to the Arc of Ocean County. Monthly activities appropriate for the season are published in the news letter, as well as trips to local malls and Atlantic City. These functions and trips are very popular and well attended.

Recent improvements to this beautiful facility included screen/storm doors for each balcony apartment and the installation of a well and lawn sprinkler system to help maintain the excellent landscape. It is easy to see why the residence always has 100% occupancy and a long waiting list. This property is leased from the Township of Brick for 50 years to serve this special population. The project provides Brick with 152 Council On Affordable Housing (COAH) credits for the senior apartments and 24 for the eight apartments leased to the ARC of Ocean County.

Pier Avenue

Soon there will be new residents living in a recently built home on Pier Avenue. The grand opening of one of three group homes for developmental disabled ARC residents will be in January and the construction of the remaining two homes will start shortly thereafter. When finished, this project will provide twelve ARC clients with their own bedroom, a dining room and kitchen and a beautiful deck. This property was donated by the Township of Brick, to Homes Now, Inc. and deed restricted specifically for group homes for disabled persons. This project will provide 24 COAH credits to Brick Township. Homes Now, Inc., in partnership with Ocean County, is very proud of this project and both organizations are excited that soon it will be home to very special residents.



Dottie's House II

Construction is about to begin on Dottie's House II, providing nine more apartments for women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. There is a critical need for transitional housing for these families. Seeing this need and through tireless fund raising projects more than \$1 million has been committed to this project. It is anticipated by the spring of 2006, nine more homeless families will be able to free themselves from the violence of their past and provide a stable and happy home for their children. When completed, this project will provide 34 COAH credits to the Township of Brick.

A NOTE OF THANKS

This past Christmas season was made incredibly better for the women and children of Dottie's House by the unsurpassed giving of individuals, companies, clubs and non-profit organizations. Gifts, gift cards, food, toys and clothing literally flowed into our facility, far in excess of our expectations. The joy it brought to our families is impossible to describe --- and a mere 'thank you' to those who made this holiday season so special seems not to be sufficient praise. It's my sincere hope, however, that giving to Dottie's House, as well as the many donations made to the seniors and developmentally disabled residents of the Chambers Bridge Residence, made Christmas an even more special time for our many donors. From all of us at Dottie's House and Homes Now, we send our sincere thanks and best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year.

Carol Wolfe, CEO of Dottie's House and President of Homes Now and Homes Now, Chambers Bridge Project.

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of Dottie's
House

7th Annual Golf Outing

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006

EAGLE RIDGE GOLF CLUB

Lakewood, NJ

12:00 p.m. Lunch 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start



INVITATION TO FOLLOW

Proceeds to Benefit
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