

*Making Dreams
Come True with the
Scholarship Fund*

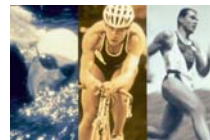
The Dottie's House Scholarship Fund was established to provide the women and children of Dottie's house (both current and former) with an opportunity to further their education. At Dottie's House, our goal is to provide residents with the tools they need to gain self-sufficiency. The goodwill and generosity of our sponsors has helped to make a resident's dream of higher education possible.

A Scholarship Committee has been organized to establish the application and selection process. If you would like to make a contribution to the Scholarship Fund, please contact our office at (732) 295-7380.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Triathlon/Duathlon

Sunday, October 12, 2008
8:30 a.m.
Island Beach State Park
Seaside Park, NJ



Cost: Triathlon - \$60 if registered before 9/12/08
\$65 if registered between 9/12/08 - 10/11/08
\$75 - day of the race
\$90 - 3 member teams (for pre-registrants only)
Duathlon - \$50 if registered by 9/12/08
\$55 if registered between 9/12/08 - 10/11/08
\$60 - day of the race
\$60 - 2 member teams (for pre-registrants only)

Register online at <http://www.dqtridu.com/islandBeach.htm>

2nd Annual

"Have a Heart for Dottie's House" Gala



Tuesday, February 5, 2009
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Spring Lake Manor
Spring Lake, NJ

10th Annual Golf Classic

Monday, May 18, 2009
Eagle Ridge Golf Course
Lakewood, NJ



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Newsletter

Summer 2008

Housing Pioneer Carol Wolfe Speaks Out at the Ocean County Workforce Summit

By Nicole Yannelli



On Friday, June 20, 2008, Homes Now gathered with various government agents, not-for profit and private organizations to discuss the pertinent issue of workforce

housing at an event sponsored by the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Carol Wolfe, CEO and President of Homes Now, was one of several experts asked to lead a panel discussion on the issue of workforce/affordable housing. Her accomplishments as an administrative agent have made Brick Township one of the most successful affordable housing providers in the state. The innovative, model developments spearheaded by Homes Now, Inc. serve as a model for all affordable housing providers. The workforce summit gave members of various interest groups the opportunity to learn from experts and engage in problem solving efforts. The event was a pivotal milestone in Ocean County's attempt to resolve the workforce/affordable housing crisis.

The Boca of Brick
The innovative Chambers Bridge facility is home to a community of youngsters, age 55 and older and offers a variety of amenities and planned activities. It's no wonder its popularity continues to soar. The waiting list is lengthy. It is handicapped accessible for the developmentally and physically disabled adults. Chambers Bridge is "where it's at" for the adult population of Brick Township. The facility sponsors a host of events for its wide variety of residents including opportunities for leisure, civic engagement, and participatory learning. Designed to include a library, patio, fitness center and movie room, Chambers Bridge has something for everyone. Free transportation is also available to various shopping centers; planned trips are taken to doctors' offices and hair salons. "We even take free trips to Atlantic City," one older woman excitedly announced. "We like to call this place the Boca of Brick."

This past year, during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the Brick Township High School Chorus held a special performance for residents at Chambers Bridge. In March, the Wednesday Night Bingo Club hosted a special dinner in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. In April, the Ocean County Sheriff's Department sponsored events such as Project Ice Box and a Senior Safety Seminar. Officers discussed various issues such as ATM safety, apartment security and personal protection. Management strongly urged residents to take advantage of the presentation in order to increase awareness of identity theft.

Questions regarding Chambers Bridge should be directed to (732) 451-1600.

Volunteer Spotlight

Rich Lau

By Renee Condo



Rich Lau R.Ph. is well-known throughout the community for his dedication and hard work in making the neighborhood a healthy hub within Ocean County. Homes Now has been fortunate to be the benefactor of Mr. Lau's efforts since 2004. He has provided countless hours of hard work serving on the Personnel Committee and Board of Directors. He is also committed to our sister organizations, Dottie's House and Friends of Dottie's House.

In addition to his philanthropic endeavors, Rich serves as President and Pharmacist-in-Charge of Briarmill Pharmacy in Brick Township. He is married to Mrs. Lisa Lau and is the doting father of Michelle. In addition to his career, family life, and service to Homes Now, Mr. Lau also serves as President of Pinewood Mobile Home Park and is a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, Garden State Pharmacy Owners, New Jersey Pharmacists Association, and the National Community Pharmacists Association.

Mr. Lau has been a vital part of the civic community and an active member of the Brick Township Chamber of Commerce, the Brick Morning Rotary Club, Economic Development Commission, the Traffic Committee, the Municipal Alliance Committee, and the Ethics Advisory Committee. He serves on the Brick Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Committee. He plays an active role in many community outreach organizations such as, The ARC, Ocean County Chapter, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ocean County, Jersey Shore Council Boy Scouts of America, and Parents of Autistic Children, among others.

Homes Now and Dottie's House are so fortunate to have the heart and benefits of this very special volunteer and man. Thank you Rich for all of your time and dedication!



To obtain an application for affordable housing contact our office at (732) 295-7380 or download one from our website, www.homes-now.org

“Have a Heart for Dottie’s House” Gala Honors Hazel Gluck



Former Ocean County Freeholder Hazel Gluck was honored at the “Have a Heart for Dottie’s House” Gala on January 29, 2008. The event, held at the Spring Lake Manor, raised more than \$60,000 for the women and children of Dottie’s House. “We were delighted to honor Hazel who is most deserving of this tribute. She has done so much for the victims of domestic violence,” said Carol A. Wolfe, Founder of Dottie’s House.

Hazel Gluck addressed the audience with a heartfelt speech on the importance of actively fighting domestic violence. “Ocean County has the second highest number of reported domestic abuse cases in the State of New Jersey, following Camden County. It is time to break the silence and bring this issue to the forefront,” she said.

An annual scholarship program was recently established to benefit a well-deserving Dottie’s House resident or graduate. Hazel Gluck was our first honoree.

Next year’s Gala has been scheduled for February 5, 2009 at the Spring Lake Manor.



The Future Is In Their Hands: “Kids Helping Kids” Efforts Are A Success!

We are pleased to announce that with the help of Dr. Bruce Greenfield, the Ocean County Superintendent of Schools, the principals and staff of participating schools, and the support of the community, 38 schools participated in the 2007-2008 “Kids Helping Kids” Coin Drive. The fundraising efforts were dedicated to acquiring donations for the women and children of Dottie’s House. This year’s coin drive ran from October 15, 2007 through April 7, 2008. In their benevolent fundraising efforts for Dottie’s House, the children also gained an important awareness of domestic violence and the need for its prevention.

Prizes were awarded from Amazon and SportTime and included books and sports equipment. In the first category, made up of schools with 700 students or more, 1st prize went to Silver Bay Elementary School in Toms River for raising \$885.00 and 2nd prize to Brick Township High School for raising \$382.11 in coins. In the second category, made up of schools with less than 700 students, 1st prize went to Lucy N. Holman Elementary School in Jackson for raising \$592.00 and 2nd prize to Veteran’s Memorial Elementary School in Brick Township for raising \$330.00 in coins. Congratulations to the winners!

We are hoping to expand next year’s coin drive to schools in Southern Monmouth County. If you would like to register your school for next year’s event or are interested in getting your children involved by hosting a local fundraiser for the benefit of Dottie’s House, please contact our office at (732) 295-7380. As always, we appreciate the support of the community and commend our friends and neighbors for their spirit of kindness and caring for others.



On July 26, 2008 Childers Sotheby’s International Realty hosted the 3rd Annual Jersey Shore Tennis Open with Dottie’s House as the beneficiary raising \$5,000 for the organization. Our heartfelt thanks to Lee Childers, his staff, and Adrienne Ballingall of Toms River Country Club for all of their hard work. Next year’s tournament is scheduled for July 25, 2009 at Toms River Country Club so mark your calendar.

At The Spring Lake Theatre’s benefit performance of *Oliver* on August 16, 2008 Carol A. Wolfe presented Eileen Mannion (Dottie’s House Board Member & Theatre Lighting Designer & Operator) and Pat Barry (Theatre Producer and Artistic Director) with the 2008 Good Neighbor Award for their ongoing support of Dottie’s House. The evening raised more than \$8,000.



Dottie’s House Golf Classic Raises Over \$87,000

Dottie’s House hosted its Ninth Annual Golf Classic on May 19th at the Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Lakewood, raising more than \$87,000 for Dottie’s House.

Carol Wolfe, Executive Director and Vice President of the organization, noted that this year’s event was the most successful to date with 141 golfers in attendance. Wolfe gave special credit to the host committees co-chaired by Mark Wintjen and Dominick Servodio. This year’s major sponsors were Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A., Verizon, Costanza, Ocean Medical Center, New Jersey Natural Gas, and Chubb. Hole-in-one prize sponsors included DeFelice Chevrolet, Tally’s Dodge, Tom’s Ford, Weisleder Lincoln – Mercury, and Atlantic Power-sports. Michael Angelo Photographers donated their services the day of the event by photographing all foursomes. “We would like to thank all our sponsors, golfers, auction donors, dinner guests and volunteers. You are the ones who make this happen and help these families break free from the cycle of violence.”, said Carol Wolfe.



Next year’s Golf Classic is scheduled for May 18, 2009.

What a Surprise!!!



Over the past few years, Meryl Clement of Wall Township has endlessly expressed

admiration and interest in Dottie’s House. She was constantly brainstorming and coming up with ways to raise funds for victims of domestic violence. Her busy schedule made it difficult to volunteer time. This past year, for her 40th birthday, her husband and two young children decided to give her a big surprise! They organized a surprise birthday party and asked family and friends to bring cash donations to Dottie’s House instead of gifts. They would forward the donation to Dottie’s House in Meryl’s name!

Meryl was overwhelmed with joy. Shortly after the party, Meryl and her two children, Victoria and Jacob, presented Homes Now with \$960 in donations to Dottie’s House made by her friends and family in honor of her birthday. “I couldn’t have asked for a more rewarding birthday gift”, Merrill told the staff. “You do so much for the women and children who have survived domestic violence. I am so grateful to have a loving and caring family who organized this surprise for me benefiting your organization.”

We would like to extend our gratitude to Meryl Clement, her family, and friends for providing Dottie’s House with such a generous gift. The people of the community are the ones who make dreams, like the creation of Dottie’s House, a reality.

Recent Grants Awarded to Dottie’s House

Office on Violence Against Women(OVW) \$ 255,000

Federal Grant awarded for the expansion of services to now include child-parenting classes

Shelter Support (DCA) Grant \$ 27,199

Purchase and installation of window security and replacement of carpeting

Ocean First Foundation Grant \$ 33,000

Purchase a new 15 passenger van

Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders Grant \$ 17,500

Expansion of services