

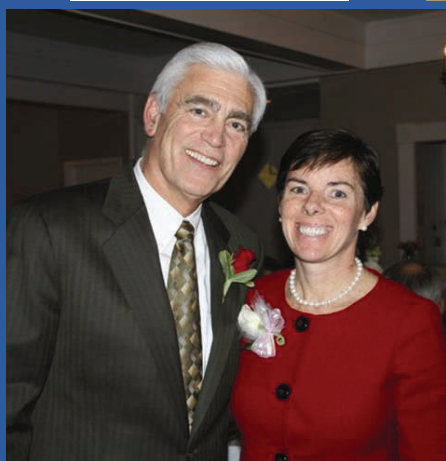
NEWSLETTER



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ART WITH A HEART BY KIDS AT DOTTIE'S HOUSE



JOHN K. LLOYD HONORED

More than 100 supporters gathered at the Spring Lake Manor to celebrate the 2nd Annual "Have a Heart for Dottie's House" Gala raising more than \$50,000. The event honored John K. Lloyd, F.A.C.H.E., President and Chief Executive Officer of Meridian Health, to thank him for his support of Dottie's House.

"We are proud to honor John K. Lloyd for his remarkable achievements in the healthcare industry and his commitment to the community, especially the women and children who have survived domestic violence," said Carol A. Wolfe, Founder and Executive Director of Dottie's House.

LOCAL BOY MAKES THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Bay Head Elementary School's 5th Grade Student, Donald G. Davis, III, chose Dottie's House as the focus for his special assignment entitled "Make the World a Better Place". Donald circulated a letter to all students and faculty explaining what Dottie's House is and the services it provides. The letter asked all families to help the women and children at Dottie's House by donating household items including clothing, towels, sheets, blankets, cleaning products, laundry detergent, shampoo and soaps. However, Donald's good will did not stop here. He went to neighboring homes to educate people about Dottie's House and collected more than \$200. Donald and his Mom used the cash collected to make gift baskets for all of the families at Dottie's House. "We are grateful that Donald has selected our organization for his assignment. His parents have been long time supporters and it's touching to now see their son give back to those less fortunate," said Carol Wolfe. "While Donald may be a young boy, he certainly has a big heart. If every child becomes as compassionate about others as he has, then the world really would become a better place," Carol added.



Volunteer Spotlight - Jim & Lisa Dowd



Jim and Lisa Dowd are well known for their philanthropic works and we are proud to have them as Dottie's House supporters. Jim and Lisa serve on the Board of Directors for Dottie's House and Friends of Dottie's House and are among our most dedicated supporters. Jim, a graduate and star hockey player at Brick High School, has played professional hockey for more than 17 years and recently retired, after a very successful career, including the New Jersey Devils' 1995 Stanley Cup victory. Jim and Lisa founded the Jim Dowd Shoot for the Stars Foundation, a non-profit organization which, through High School All-Star Hockey Games and other sporting events, raises thousands of dollars for local families and organizations in need.

The Dowd's reside in Ocean County with their two sons, Anthony and Jimmy. Both boys are following in their dad's footsteps by participating in hockey leagues. Dottie's House is grateful for their support and proud to recognize the Dowd's for all of their charitable works. We are honored to have them as a part of our Dottie's House family and on behalf of the women and children from Dottie's House, we send out a great big THANK YOU!!!!!!

KEEP THE AMERICAN DREAM ALIVE



Many individuals who were living what they thought was the "American Dream" are finding themselves on the verge of foreclosure due to the effects of adjustable-rate mortgages, which at the time of purchase seemed affordable. First-time homebuyers secured mortgages not fully understanding the terms and how they qualified for a seemingly good interest rate; all they saw was the low monthly payment and quickly signed with their lender. However, when

their interest rates adjusted, the mortgage payments became unaffordable for many, thereby leading us into the foreclosure crisis we are presently facing. What these homeowners are not aware of is that most banks and mortgage companies will work with you to avoid foreclosure proceedings. All it takes is a phone call!

Homes Now, Inc. staff attended the 2009 Housing Summit on March 31, 2009, most of which focused on the downfall in the housing market as a result of the foreclosure crisis and economic uncertainty. A Foreclosure Mediation Program was discussed which will work towards making homeowners' future mortgage payments affordable through the use of a mediator and housing counselor. If you are in foreclosure or know someone who is, please contact the Office of the Courts Foreclosure Mediation Hotline at (888) 989-5277. If you have missed mortgage payments or feel you may in the future since your mortgage is no longer affordable, please note that the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) has partnered with several agencies to provide free counseling. Some of these agencies are as follows:

- O.C.E.A.N., Inc. (Toms River, NJ) - (732) 244-2351 ext. 14
- AHOME (Millville, NJ) - (856) 293-0100
- Faith Fellowship Community Development Corporation (Sayreville, NJ) - (732) 727-9500 ext. 1171 or 1704
- Novadebt (Freehold, NJ) - (732) 409-6281

For a complete listing of all agencies please visit www.state.nj.us/dca/hmfa/foreclosureprevention_resources.pdf

Homes Now urges homeowners to be cautious of phone calls and mailings from unknown agencies that seem too good to be true, because they most likely are. If you are asked to pay a fee upfront, you have been presented with a foreclosure rescue scam. You will never be assessed a fee in exchange for modification of a delinquent loan with your lender or for any housing counseling service from a HUD-approved counselor or New Jersey Counseling Agency. If you are unsure of an agency you have been in touch with, please contact NJHMFA at (800) 446-7467. NJHMFA also has programs for prospective home buyers including a First-Time Home Buyer Program with a 5.50% 30-year fixed interest rate. They also offer a First-Time Home Buyer Tax Credit Loan Program which will provide an up to \$5,000 pre-fund stimulus rebate. Together we can help keep the "American Dream" alive.

Exciting News

Dottie's House Trustee **Gale G. Wayman** was the recipient of the 11th Annual **Women Helping Women** Award presented by the Business & Professional Women of Southern Ocean County

The Jersey Shore Council, Boy Scouts of America presented their **Good Turn Award** to Homes Now, Inc.

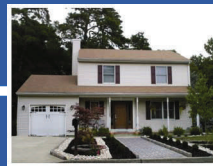
Trustee **Richard Lau**, R.Ph., and his wife, Lisa Lau, on June 28, 2009

Congratulations!

Let Homes Now, Inc. work with your municipality to develop an affordable housing project that meets your needs and will aid in the fulfillment of your affordable housing obligation. We develop, build, and monitor various properties including low and moderate single family homes, always striving to protect the municipalities' property and interest.

Contact Homes Now, Inc. at (732) 295-7380 to request more information and schedule a tour of our properties.

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AFFORDABLE SENIOR LIVING

The Chambers Bridge Residence provides affordable housing to low-income seniors and physically disabled individuals in its 184-unit building consisting of two and three bedroom apartments. The complex, conveniently located in

Brick near shopping, transportation and recreation, is always accepting applications and the waiting list is at an all time low so now is the perfect time to apply and look towards a brighter, more affordable future. The income requirements and rent are as follows:

For a 1 Person Household

Minimum income must be \$19,740, not to exceed \$30,700

For a 2 Person Household

Minimum income must be \$22,500, not to exceed \$35,100

Rent for a 1 Bedroom Unit is \$591.00

Rent for a 2 Bedroom Unit is \$695.00

If you are interested in applying or would like a tour of the facility, please contact Carolyn Rivers at (732) 451-1600.

EXCERPT OF A LETTER FROM A GRADUATE

"A little over three years ago I was standing on the front step of a shelter, bruised and battered, with no money, no education and a 2 year old daughter to care for. Scared and confused, I was convinced that I needed my husband (my abuser) to survive. I had two choices, Dottie's House or a run down motel.

I was told that Dottie's House taught self sufficiency. It wasn't until after I graduated that I learned what that truly meant. I went back to school, graduated and earned an award "Graduate of the Year" from the school and from the State of New Jersey. I got a wonderful job. Graduating from Dottie's House taught me to go for my dreams... never settle. I can accomplish whatever I put my mind to.

Today I live in my own apartment. I need no assistance. I can afford to live on my own and support my daughter and myself. We have a backyard with a swing set. Dottie's House brought out the survivor in me, the girl who could accomplish her goals. I used to say my best asset was my sense of humor... now my answer is self sufficiency."

Sincerely,

A Dottie's House Graduate

To obtain an application for the Township of Brick's Affordable Housing Program please contact Homes Now, Inc. at (732) 295-7380 or download one at www.homes-now.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

2nd Annual Triathlon / Duathlon

Sunday, October 11, 2009
Island Beach State Park
Seaside Park, NJ



"It's a Wonderful Life"

Day Trip to New Hope, PA

A day of holiday shopping, theatre & dining

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

New Hope, PA

Bus leaving from Brick, NJ



KTU CARES

On April 5, 2009, Carol A. Wolfe was invited to be a guest on 103.5 FM's "KTU Cares" Program hosted by Cindy Vero. The program recognizes individuals and organizations who give back to their communities. Since domestic violence recently touched upon the music industry with the Rihanna and Chris Brown incident, this was a great opportunity for Dottie's House to get the message out to the public about the warning signs of domestic violence and to let victims know that there is help out there.

Carol explained the Dottie's House program to all the listeners indicating that this is the only long-term transitional housing program in the area and discussed the services that we offer to our residents. Carol thanked all members of the community stating that, "With your help we make all of this possible."

Abuse among students in as young as middle school was discussed and Carol relayed that teenagers are wearing their bruises as "a badge of honor". Carol discussed our collaboration with other organizations to provide programs in schools to help teenagers recognize the warning signs of abuse, physical and emotional control, and offer resources so they will realize this behavior is not acceptable and put an end the abuse before it escalates.

Carol thanked Cindy for letting us be a part of their "KTU Cares" Program. "With enough outreach we can bring more awareness to this issue and help put an end to the generational cycle of domestic violence," Carol added.

RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

On Saturday, May 9th the Ocean County Bar Association hosted their annual 5K Run/Walk in Seaside Park with this year's honoree being Dottie's House. The race also featured a 1 Mile Fun Run which attracted many little ones.

The 5K had a total of 172 participants and raised over \$6,000 for Dottie's House. "We are honored that the Ocean County Bar Association has selected Dottie's House as the beneficiary for this year's 5K and we would like to thank all sponsors, participants, members of the Ocean County Bar Association, volunteers, the Beachcomber Bar & Grill and the host committee who organized this successful event," said Carol Wolfe. "We saw many new faces and hope to see you all again at our upcoming Triathlon on October 11th."

10TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC A SUCCESS!



Dottie's House Executive Director and Founder, Carol A. Wolfe, and Board of Directors President, Oliver S. Walling, III, gather with NBC4 meteorologist, Chris Cimino, at their 10th Annual Golf Classic.

May 18th marked a special day for Dottie's House celebrating its 10th Annual Golf Classic at Eagle Ridge Golf Club's newly expanded 27-hole championship golf course. 105 golfers participated in the outing, raising more than \$70,000 for the program.

This year's major sponsors included New Jersey Natural Gas, Verizon, Costanza, Chambers Bridge Residence, Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer P.A., Chubb, Hazel Gluck, and OceanFirst Foundation. Carol Wolfe thanked the Host Committee, Co-chaired by Mark Wintjen and Hazel Gluck, and all the sponsors, golfers, auction donors, dinner guests and volunteers. "As we mark our 10th year, I see many of the same faces who have attended this annual event since 1999, and would like to thank you for your continued support," said Carol Wolfe as she introduced two special guests: 17 year NHL Veteran and 1995 Stanley Cup Winner, Jim Dowd, and NBC4 meteorologist, Chris Cimino. Both have been long time supporters of Dottie's House and Jim Dowd along with his wife, Lisa Dowd, serve on our Board of Directors.

All golfers received Bolle sunglasses in a case embroidered with the Dottie's House logo, a hand rolled cigar, steak lunch and gourmet dinner. The evening also featured a live and silent auction consisting of exceptional items. Thanks to all who participated and we'll see you next year!



Participants begin the Ocean County Bar Association's Annual 5K which benefitted Dottie's House this year.

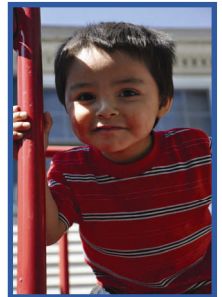
YOUR SUPPORT GOES A LONG WAY

Dottie's House is very grateful to all our donors, volunteers, staff and community members who help make our transitional housing facility one-of-a-kind in the State of New Jersey.

Your support enables us to provide the services necessary for the mothers and children to strive towards emotional and financial independence.

Our intense case work, job training and support services give these families the tools to live independently and provide their children with a loving, safe and nurturing home life. Please consider a gift to Dottie's House – it will not only impact their life, but yours.

Below is a list of items we are in need of:



- New sheet sets (twin & full sizes)
- Blankets (twin & full sizes)
- New hypoallergenic pillows
- Bath towels
- Laundry detergent
- Glasses
- Pots and pans
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Mops—Swiffer WetJets
- Baby gates
- Diapers (all sizes)
- Baby wipes
- Steak knife sets
- Gift cards to grocery stores
- Gift cards to local stores (i.e. Target, Walmart)
- Cleaning Products (i.e. Windex, Fantastic, Mr. Clean, Clorox Clean-Up, dusting polish)

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please return this portion with your donation to:

Dottie's House, 2141 Route 88 East, Suite 4, Brick, NJ 08724



Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Donation: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other _____

Check Enclosed Bill my Credit Card - Credit Card No. _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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