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*From left to right: Jeannette Wallace, RWAGM, Bruce Zielinski, MWGP and Daria Hamm, MWGM.*



# Most Worthy Grand Matron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

I have now officially begun my year of pandemic recovery. To our membership I could not have done this without your support for which I am eternally grateful.

This year of “**Unity Through Simplicity**” will have changes which will differ from the normal. Please understand, we will do nothing to change the Laws Rules and Regulations, but these changes are for the safety of our membership due, to our members’ ages and health. We must constantly be aware of the social climate. You as members must use common sense and respect for each other. Be open to these changes, give them a chance to work. Our aim this year is to look to our past and bring forward those ideas and values that are important to us adapting them to meet today’s society. I want to see New Jersey Order of Eastern Star return, strong, caring, and working hard towards a new improved fraternal organization.

I value the input of each member; your thoughts and ideas are especially important to me as I move forward. I am your representative, but this is your organization. We must move forward together in harmony to reach our goals, showing the public that we are a worthwhile group of Sisters and Brothers. We are there to help our communities thrive

in kindness and service with our charitable work, with emphasis on our hearts and not on personal vendettas.

We must make coming to a meeting fun, looking forward to accomplishing things that will make us proud to be members. Let the public know when you do something in the community or any service to others. Get it into the Free Press on your social media, show people we care, share your kindness, let the people know what you do, and who is reaping the reward, hoping that this will encourage people to want to join our organization and become part of the values that have been set to better our service to others. Look to the young with their enthusiasm and motivate our empty nesters who will be looking to fill a void in their lives, never forgetting our older members who have knowledge of what worked. Remember, there will come a day when you will be that sister or brother; you do not want to be pushed aside and made to feel that you are not of any value.

Remember always, love is the thread that binds us together in Eastern Star. ❖

*In Star Love*

*Daria Hamm*

*Most Worthy Grand Matron, 2021-2022*



# Most Worthy Grand Patron's Message



*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

“Many hands make light work,” as they say, and I’m not sure how light it actually was, but there were many, many hands putting together the Grandest Session possible with our limitations this year. It was beyond all of our expectations, for sure. A truly wonderful day

We all owe a special thanks to Sister Norma and Brother Danny for taking on the challenge of a second year and doing all in their power to see that the members were kept informed, safe, and as engaged as possible during the lock down and our careful restart toward normalcy.

Being installed with Sister Daria, our MWGM, as your MWGP was a very beautiful and moving experience for me. It was impressive and grand in a straightforward but celebratory way. I surprised myself by choking up a bit when I addressed the assemblage; it is very serious and meaningful to me to give you the best that I’ve got.

We decided on Clowns and Balloons as my fun symbols, as I am a Shrine Clown

and proud of it! What a fine service the Shrine Hospitals provide, and they are one of Sister Daria’s main charities this year. Please support us as we try to support them.

Sister Daria’s theme of “Unity through Simplicity” does fit perfectly for our upcoming, reinvigorating year—we need to start with the basics and get our chapters back to meetings and functions and continue keeping in touch with those members who are not yet up to participating in person. My scripture is Matthew Chapter 5 Verse 16: “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works, and give glory to your Father in heaven.” This also is in keeping with our aim for this year of supporting our communities and letting the world know what we are about.

Let’s have some fun, keep smiling, and encourage and support one another! And get ready for some of the worst Dad jokes you’ve ever heard! ♦

*Fraternally,*

*Bruce Zielinski*

*Most Worthy Grand Patron, 2021-2022*





# Greetings From the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron



## *Greetings from the Grand West*

I find myself having a hard time believing that the time is here, and that I have been installed in the Grand West as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. What an honor it is for me to serve our Membership as part of the Top 3 with Sister Daria, our Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Brother Bruce, our Most Worthy Grand Patron.

2020, and the pandemic that we are slowly coming out of, were unprecedented times in the history of our Order. When we were forced to go dark, I was fearful for our beloved Eastern Star. But Sisters and Brothers, it is during the darkest nights that our Stars shine brightest.

I am reminded of a post that I saw on Face-book from an unknown author

which I found very meaningful: "There comes a time when you have to choose between turning the page and closing the book." After all we've been through together, let's be excited about turning the page and discovering the adventures and excitement that await us as we rediscover our love of our Order and our commitment to our Obligation. I could never choose to close the book on my Sisters and Brothers. I invite you to rediscover and recommit to why this Order has had meaning in your life. Let us all look to the future, with Star in our eyes, and keep Star ever in our hearts.. ♦

*Fraternally,  
Jeannette Wallace  
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron*



## *From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary*

*Greetings Sisters and Brothers.*

Hi All,

During this time we have been apart, I have truly missed greeting my Sisters and Brothers in my travels. As I mentioned in my last message, it will not be forever. Well, we are just getting back, “YEA” and I sure do look forward to seeing you.

Knowing that this coming year will be hard for many to get back into chapters, we need to look to the future, and we need to try to bring new members into our Order.

Our Emergent Grand Session this year was a small one; attendance was by invitation only, due to the pandemic. Hoping next year we will be able to celebrate with everyone as we have done in the past.

As we start the new year, “Unity thru Simplicity”, let us look to what lies ahead in our Chapters. Let’s continue to reach out to our members by a phone call, an email or a card. Putting a smile on someone’s face, makes you and them happy.

Our Secretaries have worked through the pandemic with their Chapters, whether it was reports, dues cards or a greeting to our membership. During the pandemic, some chapters were socializing through zoom, and some chapters have decided to continue to keep in touch with those members out of state who are not able to attend a chapter meeting.



This year we are planning to have a Secretary and Treasurer meeting in February, at which time we will have handouts to bring back to your chapter. There will be no Secretary or Treasurer meeting in September. Grand Chapter continues to be closed to visitors. If you do need any supplies, I will make sure that you receive them. I am available for any questions that you may have, I am just a phone call away.

I continue to look forward to working with each of our Secretaries and Treasurers. I want to thank those who have dedicated years of Service to our Order and continue to do so. This year I welcome those new Secretaries to your new positions in your Chapter, and to those Secretaries who have retired, we thank you for all the service that you have given over the years.

If you need to have something put on our NJOES website, please email me with this information at our new email: [NewJersey.OESGC@gmail.com](mailto:NewJersey.OESGC@gmail.com).

I look forward to meeting and greeting you again.

Let us continue to “Sparkle from Within” and “Remember to let the Peacefulness of Snow and the Spirit of Christmas be with you always”. ❖

*Love with Happiness,  
Patti L. Rhinesmith, PGM  
Right Worthy Grand Secretary*



## *From the Desk of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*



I can't believe that I am writing another article for the Star Journal, however, here I am. It is with much trepidation that I step into the Grand Chapter office as the RWG Treasurer. Sr.

Gail did so much behind the scenes and I hope I can fill her role. Please be patient with me as I step into this new position and get familiar with all the duties that belong to this office.

I am looking forward to getting started, even though I have been doing the basic work for several months now. Things most assuredly aren't the same as "normal", however, we are striving to get back to as much normalcy as possible. I will be happy to hear from any of the Treasurers out there that have

some input for me. I will do my best to help as much as I can, but that may not be much until I am settled into my new position.

I am looking forward to working with Sr. Patti and having her input. I also look forward to working with our Corporate Board and I wish them all the very best in their new positions, as well.

Please stay healthy; I hope to see many of you as we begin to return to our Chapters and activities. Let's always remember that Together with Faith, we can Walk Side by Side, Hand in Hand and help our Order Grow, building Friendships along the way. ♦

*In Star Friendship,  
Michele Hess, PGW  
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer*

## Grand Trustee

Emerging out of this past year and a half of uncertainty, fear, and loneliness, we also emerge with a sense of priority, purpose, and a clearer vision of our lives. I am eternally hopeful that we are coming out of this dark period with a closer bond with our families and friends and a rejuvenated commitment to the things that mean the most to us.

That is how I come to you now, as your newest elected line officer, committed to something that means a lot to me. It was during a phone conversation with a special friend, a sister and a Fraternal Mother that opened my mind. She asked me 2 questions, and told me that if I said yes to both questions, I would have to consider taking this step. Question 1: Do I love the Order of the Eastern Star? Easy, Eastern Star is something I am, not something I belong to, so yes. Question 2: Do I believe I have something to offer this organization that would add to it and move it forward....yes. And so my journey began.



When I was elected at our one day convention, I told the gathered that I was delighted, terrified and bewildered. I truly am honored to serve all of you and this great organization. But, I was unopposed. Every organization, for its health, should elect their leaders. We should have a choice. Remember those years when we would have 6, 7, maybe 9 sisters coming to the Grand East in hopes of being elected to lead this Order? It was not that long ago.

To all of you, we must work together to make sure our Order grows and emerges from this dark time with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment along with a wealth of future leaders who will step up and lead us forward into the next part of our history. Ask yourself those 2 questions, maybe the next time, will be your time.....

*With Much Love,  
Mary E. Guynn, Right Worthy Grand Trustee*



## *Right Worthy Grand Conductress*

*Greetings from the Grand South!  
Welcome Back to a New Star  
Year!!!!*

*Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

I hope this finds you all well and happy and ready for new beginnings. This last year plus has been extremely hard. We have all experienced loss in one way or another, especially the loss of our fellowship in Eastern Star. I hope you have been able to find your way back. I read this immensely powerful story by an unknown author; posted on Facebook by the Grand Representative of New Jersey in Florida, which I would like to share with you.

### *A Silent Sermon*

*A member of a certain Masonic Lodge, who previously had been attending meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The Worshipful Master found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his Master's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself at home but said nothing.*

*In the grave silence he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning*



*logs. After some minutes, he took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a bright burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all of this in quiet contemplation.*

*As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.*

*Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.*

*As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery lesson. I shall be back in lodge next month."*

We have all gotten used to being home, but if you feel your fire has gone out, we are here and ready to relight your flame. Looking forward to seeing you soon. ❖

*In Star Love and Friendship,  
Joanne Byrne, Right Worthy Grand Conductress*





## *Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress*



### *Sisters and Brothers:*

It is with a humble heart that I write this article as your Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress. I am proud to belong to our wonderful fraternal organization, that is steeped in tradition.

This is what sets us apart from other organizations such as the PTA, DAR, SAR, Women's Club, etc.

My Dad was a Master Mason and a member of Musconet-cong Lodge, and a Shriner. He was immensely proud to be a member and I know if he were alive today, he would be busting his buttons. I know both he and my mother are watching from above.

I love the seasons of the year, but my favorite is Spring. Spring is a rebirth following the dormant winter. My hope, is that after our period of lockdown, that we will have a reawakening, a resurgence in our chapters. My hope is that, after our period of lockdown, we will have members realize the friends and companionship that they missed while we were dark and begin coming out and supporting their

local chapter and Grand Chapter. We need to work together to start bringing in new members, to start rebuilding our chapters.

At my Receiving I sang two verses of the following Hymn "Hymn of Promise" which I felt was very appropriate.

*In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;*

*In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!*

*In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,*

*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

*There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;*

*There's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.*

*From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,*

*Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. ♦*

*In Star Love,*

*Sr. Sharon E. Rosequist*

*Right Worthy Associate Grand Conductress,  
2021-2022*



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## Letter from Chairman of Travel

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

During these difficult times, we are working diligently to keep our members together and are inviting you to join us for some long overdue sociability and travel. Due to the Pandemic we have missed our time together and more importantly we are suffering the financial after-effects that restrictions have forced upon us.

Sister Daria and Brother Bruce look forward to greeting many of you and hope you will support their endeavors.

What better way to help contribute to our order than by supporting fund raising activities and enjoying the camaraderie that we have all missed so much during these trying times. We have stayed in touch via online activities, email, and regular mailings, and now it looks like we can slowly start to get back to the ways we so enjoy.

We hope that you have not been a victim of job loss or other losses due to financial and imposed regulations.

With that in mind, please consider joining us on our Virginia Beach bus trip from September 13th

through the 17th, 2021. Information is on the OES website as well as in this edition of the Star Journal, but due to uncertainties, Diamond Tours has extended deadlines. As long as I receive the entire balance in order to get it to the tour company by July 13, you can still get a reservation.

Please take notice of the flyer and instruction sheet for the bus trip.

Also, many of us are missing our usual cruises. We will be leaving from Miami for the Southern Mediterranean on January 21 and returning January 30, 2022. Those reservations are made directly through Adventure Travel.

I am looking forward to spending time together again. We very much miss being with each other.

In Star Love,

*Diane D. Schmolze*

Diane Schmolze, PGM  
Chairman of Travel 2021-2022

## Penns Grove Chapter No. 86



On Saturday April 10, 2021, Penns Grove Chapter No. 86 had a luncheon get together to visit Sister Phyllis at her house. Sister Phyllis was very surprised and happy to see some of the Officers, they provided the lunch and good company.

*Left to Right: Fran Miller, Phyllis Bowman, Gerry Pohlig, Jeannette Harbeson, Verna Mulford and Jeannie Wolfbrandt.*





## Virginia Beach Bus Trip Instructions

Daria and Bruce would like to thank you for participating in this fundraising venture. We are looking forward to spending time together.

We are hoping to make this a successful trip so please feel free to invite friends to join us. The minimum number of participants is 30. If you need any flyers, I can send them to you through the mail or by email. Diamond Tours has suggested we post flyers in churches, at our Masonic Lodges and even to drop some off at gatehouses of senior developments.

1. Please make deposit check payable to Diamond Tours, Inc and mail directly to me: **Diane Schmolze 1114 Leilani Drive, Forked River, NJ 08731**. Payment in full for each participant must be received by 7/13/2021.

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4. Any dietary restrictions you have, please tell your server at scheduled restaurants.

5. **GRATUITIES.** I will provide envelopes for each passenger for the tip for the bus driver. It is suggested that \$2.00/day or \$10.00/person is the customary amount. I will collect the envelopes on the last day of our trip and present the entire amount to the bus driver. This is a suggestion and the minimum amount. If you feel that more is appropriate, please adjust accordingly. There will be one step-on guide at Williamsburg and \$1.00 - \$2.00 per person is suggested. I will provide envelopes for the guide and collect them during the tour.

6. **IMPORTANT:** You will be required to sign a waiver stating that you have had the covid vaccine. Please make a copy of your vaccination record and send it to me along with the waiver. I will handle getting all paperwork to Diamond Tours. This way I will have a complete record for all passengers. Let's all stay safe. You will not be processed unless the company has this verification. (Note: I will also make an extra copy to bring with me just in case you forget your original. You should usually carry it when you travel.)

Any questions, please call me at 973-979-5976.

## Williamstown Chapter #149



Betsey Eley, Worthy Matron, Mike Pino, Worthy Patron, PGO and along with Sister Gerry Showack-Pino, GO, visited with Sister Lorraine Scott on June 12, 2021 in her home. Sister Lorraine is a 45 year member



tions I asked was did she remember what her dress was like she said she remembered it was a long sleeved dress.

Sister Lorraine shared many stories of her life and did express regret that she did not participate more in our chap-



of Williamstown Chapter and is 102 years old. Her Masonic affiliation was through her husband of 33 years, Brother William Scott, who passed away in 1975, just prior to Sister Lorraine's initiation into our Order. It was difficult to try and come up with questions to ask Sister Lorraine, but regardless of the questions we asked, she was happy to try and answer them for us. One of the ques-

ter activities. Sister Lorraine lives independently in her home under the watchful eye of her son, Brother Ron Scott and his wife Doretta. We were all treated to cake, cookies and lemonade. We visited for about an hour and a half and we were truly amazed at how aware she was of everything we spoke about.





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- Participation on this trip is dependent upon giving a copy of my COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card (front and back) to the Group Leader who will then submit it to Diamond Tours, Inc.
- I will wear a face mask if required.

By signing this waiver, I acknowledge the contagious nature of Covid- 19 and voluntarily assume the risk that I may be exposed to Covid- 19 by participating in this group trip and that such exposure may result in contracting Covid- 19. I understand and acknowledge that, at times during my participation on this trip (including but not limited to the travel on the motorcoach), I may not be able to maintain the recommended guidelines for social distancing of 6' (six feet) from other people.

Trip participants are responsible for their own safety and must show consideration for the safety of other participants. I agree to take full responsibility for my own actions, safety and welfare. I understand my non- compliance with these measures may result in me not being able to continue on this trip.

I understand that my participation on this trip is at my own risk and I hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and release the Group Leader and Diamond Tours, Inc. as well as their present, former and future owners, officers, directors and employees from all actions, suits, claims and demands, including but not limited to actions for negligence, that I or my heirs, executors, agents, administrators or assigns have or may have, either known or unknown, arising out of my participation on this trip.

Furthermore, within 14 days of the end of this trip, I agree to notify the Group Leader immediately if I test positive for COVID- 19. I consent to have my COVID- 19 status communicated to Diamond Tours, Inc. and the Group Leader so that they may inform others of my identity to facilitate contact tracing.

**I HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RESPONSIBILITY, RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF LEGAL RIGHTS AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I ENTER INTO IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.**

**THE SIGNING OF THIS DOCUMENT IS A REQUIREMENT FOR MY PARTICIPATION ON THIS TRIP.**

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**Name of Participant**

**Participant Signature / Date**





## Eastern Star Home Board

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer vacation.

Our Administrator, Dawn Giakas and her staff had to contend with the COVID pandemic, a pipe that burst in the Sub Acute Unit that left a lot of water everywhere and ruined furniture, carpets, TVs and other items. The residents in that area had to be moved to other units till the Sub Acute Unit could be cleaned up and fixed. The Sub Acute Unit was back up and running within 10 weeks thanks to Pete and his crew. Because of all the work that Dawn, Gus our DON and other Department heads and their staff have accomplished we had a deficiency Free Health Inspection. Congratulations to all for all your hard work.

### Delegates Meeting

Our Annual Meeting of the Delegates was held on Saturday, June 5, 2021. Out of 41 Chapters we only had one Chapter missing. I hope that next year we might have 100% participation. Remember that If your Delegate or Alternates cannot make the meeting the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or Associate Matron can come in their place to represent your Chapter. To keep each Chapter informed as to what is going on at our Home it is important that either the Delegate, Alternates, Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron or the Associate Matron is in attendance, so they can in turn take information about our Home back to their Chapters. I want to thank everyone who attended the Delegates Annual Meeting via Webex, the Board of Directors and our Home appreciates it. The Proceedings from our Delegates Meeting on June 1, 2019 will be handed out to the District Deputies, who will hand out one to each Chapter.

Congratulations to the Directors that were elected at our Delegates meeting to a three-year term, Sister Elaine A. Bellan, PGO, Brother Bernard M. Byrne, GO, Sister Alice Carter-Mead, GO, Sister Rosalinda Frascati, PGO, Sister Barbara Helfrey, PGO. I have appointed Brother Bryan Wallace, PP to the vacant one-year term. Sister Daria Hamm, MWGM, Brother Bruce Zielinski, MWGP and Sister Jeannette Wallace, RWAGM are serving our Board as Ex-Officio members. To all the Board of Directors, of our Eastern Star Home, thank you for all your hard work and hours that you put into your committee and our Home, it is greatly appreciated.

After the Annual Meeting the Board of Directors held their reorganization meeting at which time the following

were elected, Sister Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO, President; Sister Susan Foster, PGO, Vice President; Sister Rosalinda Frascati, PGO, Secretary; Sister Alice Carter-Mead, GO, Asst. Secretary; Sister Carole R. Moore, PGM, Treasurer and Sister Barbara Helfrey, PGO, Asst. Treasurer. We look forward to serving on this Board as we all work for the good of our Eastern Star Home.

### Home Day

We were unable to have Home Day the past two years because of Covid. We are preparing to have Home Day on May 7, 2022. We will have to wait to see what our situation is with COVID. Please check out the Daily News on the Grand Chapter website, I will keep everyone informed when it gets closer to May.

### Home 63rd Birthday

We will not be holding the Home's 63rd Birthday because of COVID. Instead, we will have a special lunch and Dinner for the Residents on that day. I look forward to the Home's Birthday next year.

### Refresh and Renew Project

Nursing Unit A Refresh/Renew project has been completed. We are now focusing on Nursing Unit B and The Shower Room on that unit. We thank everyone who has donated to the Refresh/Renew project. It is because of your generosity that this was possible. If you would like to make a donation, please make your check payable to the "New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc." and put Refresh and Renew on the memo line, and forward to Sister Carole Moore, PGM, Treasurer of our Home Board. All donations made to our Home are tax deductible. We also had the roof on the Home done and a Wander Guard system installed for the protection of the residents.

### Rehabilitation Unit

We have a state-of-the-art Rehabilitation Unit and hope that you will consider our facility should you or someone you know need our services. They provide physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

### Volunteers

We are now open for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for BINGO, arts and crafts or anything else, please contact Ashely Molnar, Director of Activities at 908-722-4140, ext. 3527 to set a date. We want to thank everyone who volunteers their time to visit, play games, do crafts, hold a meeting, sponsor a summer picnic or



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Host other activities. The Board of Directors and the Home thank you for your dedication to the residents and our Home. You must contact Ashely before you come to the Home, and she will advise you of the regulations that the Home has in place.

### Bequest

When planning for the future, you may not only be thinking about how to help your family, but also how you might benefit one or more charitable organizations. A Charitable bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. You can create a bequest of any dollar amount. When you are preparing your will, please think about including our NJ Eastern Star Home.

### Tree of Life

The Tree of Life has received some new leaves and rocks, make sure you check it out the next time you are at the Eastern Star Home. If you would like to have a leaf or rock added to the Tree of Life, you can obtain forms by going to the NJ Eastern Star Home's website at [www.nj-easternstarhome.com](http://www.nj-easternstarhome.com) and click the Donation tab to obtain the form or go to the Grand Chapter website, or by contacting our Home at 908-722-4140. The forms for Leaves and Rocks are also printed in the journal. Leaves are \$500.00, and a rock is \$1000.00. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Home, I thank you for supporting this project.

### Facebook/Website

Did you know that the NJ Eastern Star Home has a Facebook page? Please go on their page and follow them. You can also visit the Home's website at [www.njeasternstarhome.com](http://www.njeasternstarhome.com).

### Our Home

It has been an extremely trying time for all, but especially the employees that tirelessly work for our Home as they move through these scary, stressful, limiting, isolating times, we say, "Thank You." It has been especially hard on the residents as they have been quarantined in their rooms. We thank everyone at the home for helping our residents adjust. As we move forward, the Home continues to follow the directions provided from the Department of Health, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Governor's Office. The Home is open for visitors. You must call the Home and set a date/time to visit residents. At the current time they are allowing only 2 visitors at a time with a resident.

### Fundraiser

COVID has put a stress on the Home financially. I want to thank our members that have donated to the Home to help during these trying times. In the Star Journal there is a calendar fundraiser. Have some fun with it. All donations for the calendar fundraiser can be sent to Carole Moore, PGM. Please make sure you put Calendar fundraiser on the memo line.

In closing I want to thank all the employees who work at our Eastern Star Home for their dedication and support of our residents and Home. To all our members, thank you for your continued support to our residents and our Home. Stay Safe.

In Star Love,  
Deborah Lynn LeDoux, PGO  
President

## THE TREE OF LIFE



Leaves and Rocks can be purchased and personalized for the Tree of Life. This is an effective and beautiful way to recognize members, chapters, groups, friends and loved ones. Leaves can be purchased for \$500 and Rocks for \$1,000. To purchase leaves or a rock fill out the form, make check payable to NJ Eastern Star Home, Inc. and mail to NJ Eastern Star Home, 111 Finderne Avenue, Bridgewater, NJ 08807. If you have any questions you can call the NJ Eastern Star Home or ask any Home Board Director.





## TREE OF LIFE ROCKS

1. **DONOR INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

2. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION**

Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

3. **ENGRAVING INFORMATION** (See reverse side)

Rock is a brass plate and is mounted on a bronze background. Shapes of rocks will vary slightly.

4. **AUTHORIZATION**

I hereby authorize the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one rock as indicated above and to attach it to their TREE OF LIFE.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$1,000.00 check payable to:

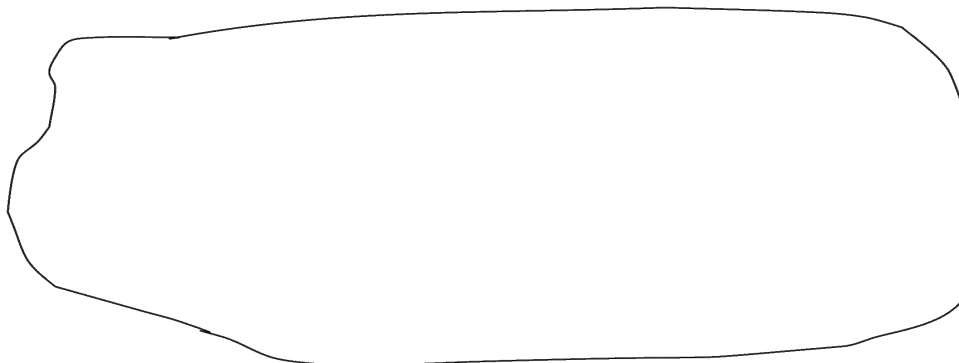
NJ Eastern Star Home

111 Finderne Avenue

Bridgewater, NJ 08807 (908-722-4140)

Documents/Tree of Life Rock Order Form 5-2019

PRINT OR TYPE THE **EXACT LETTERING**





## **TREE OF LIFE LEAVES**

### **1. DONOR INFORMATION**

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STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHAPTER: \_\_\_\_\_ NO# \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT # \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT INFORMATION**

Complete only if you wish the Home to send an acknowledgement of your donation.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

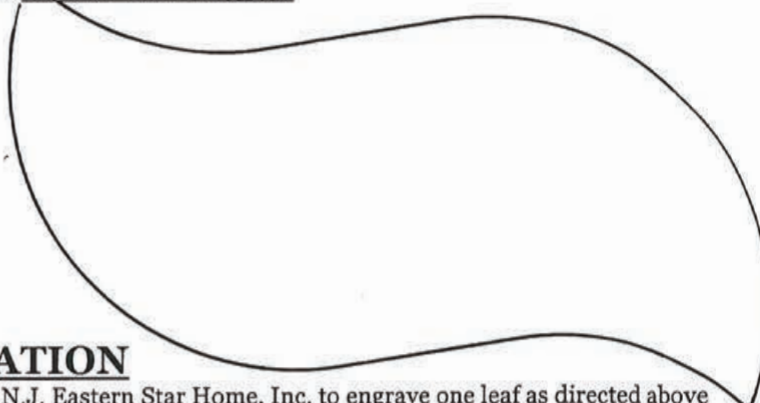
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. ENGRAVING INFORMATION**

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PRINT or TYPE the EXACT LETTERING



### **4. AUTHORIZATION**

I hereby authorize the N.J. Eastern Star Home, Inc. to engrave one leaf as directed above  
And to attach it to their *TREE OF LIFE*.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your \$500 check payable  
New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc.  
111 Finderne Ave.  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807



## Message from Dr. Dawn Giakas New Jersey Eastern Star Home Administrator

June 2021

*Dear Eastern Star Community,*

Since my last writing in January, an extraordinary amount of hard work and success has occurred here at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home. The entire team, across all shifts, has risen to the multitude of challenges that the year has presented. I will spotlight some of the major projects and accomplishments as they are too numerous to mention all of them.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 has not yet become a thing of the past, however the Home has been COVID free for several months now. We have continued to be vigilant in screening all staff and visitors to our Home as well as testing of new patients and any who have declined the vaccine. We continue to utilize all PPE and safety protocols. Three vaccination clinics were held, and we continue to offer a choice of vaccine to new patients, residents, and staff. We will remain vigilant in our practices against this virus to maximize everyone's safety.

Amidst the challenge of COVID-19, the Home experienced an environmental emergency, a flood due to a burst water pipe on our subacute unit. Our disaster response plan was immediately initiated. The entire team responded swiftly and professionally, and residents were relocated to unaffected areas of the Home. Much water damage was sustained on our subacute wing, and within 10 weeks, the entire unit was remediated, refreshed, and reopened for business.

Our unit is better than ever! Even though this unexpected event occurred, I could not be prouder of the response by our dedicated staff. In particular, our maintenance Director Pete Zoesch coordinated work being performed by numerous vendors that were performing repairs simultaneously. This was a monumental task which required the cooperation and teamwork of all departments (Nursing, Finance, Admissions, Housekeeping, Infection Control, Social Services, Administration) to render the unit operational again. After the flood, came the winter freeze and snowstorms, and we also conquered these weather-related challenges that came our way from a staffing and physical plant perspective.

During this unprecedented time, the Department of Health also mandated that all long-term care facilities implement an electronic medical record (EMR) system and discontinue the use of paper charts. Needless to say, we have been very busy with installing WIFI in the original portion of the building, selecting a software system, purchasing computer hardware, train-

ing employees and physicians, and finally launching the system in June! Another huge milestone achieved for NJESH!

In April, the NJ Department of Health arrived, unannounced, for our annual recertification survey. Due to the pandemic, a full annual survey had not been conducted since June 2019. I am happy to report that for the first time, NJESH has achieved a deficiency free health inspection! This is a coveted achievement obtained by very few facilities. The team of surveyors spent an entire week onsite observing every aspect of resident and patient care from meals, medications, rehabilitation therapy, cleanliness, staff interactions, infection control protocols, resident rights, just to name a few areas. This Deficiency Free Health Inspection directly affects our CMS Five Star Rating by increasing the inspections rating. This rating is important to the facility as consumers routinely use these ratings to select a facility for their loved ones.

A concerted effort has been made to advertise our deficiency free survey and share this wonderful news with potential patients and residents. We have begun posting articles in several online local newspapers. Here is a link to two recent articles for your review: <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/bridgewater-slash-raritan/articles/new-jersey-eastern-star-home-achieves-deficiency-free-health-inspection> and <https://www.tapinto.net/towns/warren/sections/health-and-wellness/articles/new-jersey-eastern-star-home-holds-inaugural-star-life-rewards-boutique>. Please share this information with anyone you know who may need either short term subacute rehabilitation or long-term care and let them know what a great Home we have. We will be sure to provide excellent care and a positive experience!

Finally, I would like to share with you some photos of an area in the front of the Home that has been adopted by Acacia Lodge #21. This area has been beautified with landscaping and decorative rocks. If your chapter is interested in "adopting" a spot here at the Home, we would appreciate the support and be happy to permanently honor your contribution with a commemorative plaque for all to see. We strive to maintain an aesthetically appealing environment both inside and outside of our Home and generous donations such as this make it possible.

Please know that we appreciate all that you do and your ongoing support of the Home. We would like to extend best wishes for a healthy and safe summer to all of you. Please continue to make smart contact choices.

*Dr. Dawn Giakas, DBA, MPH, LNHA, CALA, FABC  
Administrator*



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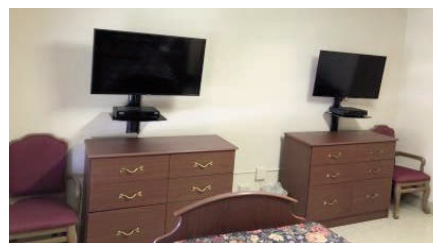
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## New Jersey Eastern Star Home Achieves Deficiency-Free, Health Inspection Bridgewater, NJ—4/29/21

The New Jersey Eastern Star Home (NJESH) is proud to announce a Deficiency Free Annual Health Inspection. The week-long inspection was held from 4/19/21 through 4/23/21. The annual recertification Inspection examines every aspect of resident care provided by the Home. During the course of the inspection, a team of surveyors from the NJ Department of Health observed resident care, interviewed residents and staff, examined medical records, medication administration, activities, food service, infection control protocols, housekeeping and environmental conditions, care planning, and administrative policies and procedures to name just a few areas of focus.

Dr. Dawn Giakas, Administrator of the NJESH, commented, "This is a milestone moment for our Home. The staff work extremely hard every day to deliver high quality, compassionate care to our residents. It is rewarding to have this work validated and recognized in a public way and to celebrate this significant accomplishment." According to Giakas, "Nursing clinical leadership, under the direction of Gus Guido, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing, has taken the facility to a new level of service that is evident in our patient outcomes."

**About NJESH**—Founded in 1957, NJESH has a long-standing commitment to providing high quality, dignified care to our patients and residents. Whether short stay or long-term, we offer

individualized care with a goal of "achieving your" highest level of functioning and returning to your previous level of activity. Our 82-bed facility offers elegant and spacious private and semi-private accommodations, a well-equipped therapy gym staffed by skilled therapists, engaging activities, appetizing meals, and a tranquil garden. The facility offers an intimate setting, conducive to recovery and becomes a home away from home. Whether patients require strengthening after a hospital stay or are recovering from a fall, illness, or surgical procedure, NJESH can provide the clinical services needed. We are proud to be a Preferred Provider of Robert Wood Johnson Somerset Hospital. **NJESH has achieved an overall 5-star rating from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; this is the highest rating that CMS awards and encompasses inspection results, quality of care measures, and staffing data.**

### For more information regarding Admission Opportunities and Availability:

Ms. Helen Bautista, Director of Admissions  
(908)-722-4140

[hbautista@njeasternstarhome.com](mailto:hbautista@njeasternstarhome.com)  
[www.njeasternstarhome.com](http://www.njeasternstarhome.com)



### Eastern Star Home



### Boutique



Hi Everyone,



I am writing to you regarding some items that the residents are asking for this month's Boutique which is hosted once a month. Maybe you can help spread the word around to see if anyone would like to make some donations! Some of the items they are looking for are Shirts, men and women, ties, hats, watches, and most importantly YARN! The residents basically wiped us out of all the donated/purchased yarn at last month's store. Some of the ladies were asking to see some makeup like powders and brushes. Word Search Puzzles and the Sudoku Puzzles are in high demand also. Many of them do not care for cross word puzzles. As always, any donations are greatly appreciated. Thanks for your time.

Kindly, Ashley Molnar  
Director of Activities

New Jersey Eastern Star Home 111 FINDERNE AVE, BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807  
Phone 908-722-4140 ext. 3527





## Renew & Refresh Project

Donations may be made payable to:  
New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Inc  
Mailed to:  
111 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater, NJ 08807  
Attention: Business Office

The building project that we completed in the Winter of 2020 was a great success! The Unit I, A-wing received a much-needed facelift. We were able to install new flat screen TV's, new head, and foot boards as well as some new paint. Now it is time for us to do the same for Nursing Unit I, B-wing. We would like to continue our color and furniture scheme as we have throughout the rest of the building. We are also going to upgrade the shower rooms to provide better service to our residents. We would greatly appreciate your help with our renew & refresh project.

TV, Mount & Shelf: \$250



Bed Side table: \$200



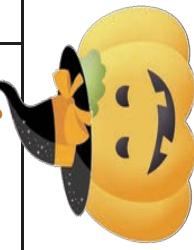
Dresser: \$724



Head & Foot Board: \$200



# October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>3</b> 25¢ if you have ever attended a Home Day. 	<b>4</b> National Taco Day 25¢ if you have ever eaten a Taco.	<b>5</b> World Teacher Day. 25¢ if you are or were ever a teacher.	<b>6</b> 25¢ if you have ever attended a Home's Birthday in November.	<b>7</b> 25¢ if you do not have a leaf or rock on the Tree of Life at the Home.	<b>1</b> International Coffee Day please put in 25¢ if you had coffee today.	<b>2</b> 25¢ if you have never been to the Eastern Star Home.
<b>10</b> 25¢ if you have never attended a MWGM's Church Service at the Home.	<b>11</b> 25¢ if you ever had Columbus Day off from work.	<b>12</b> 25¢ if you have a computer or laptop in your home.	<b>13</b> National M&M Day. 25¢ if you have eaten an M&M	<b>14</b> National Dessert Day. 25¢ if you have ever eaten a dessert.	<b>15</b> 25¢ if you have never attended a Delegates Meeting.	<b>16</b> Global Cat Day. 25¢ for each cat you own.
<b>17</b> National Pasta Day. 25¢ if you have ever eaten pasta.	<b>18</b> National Handbag Day 10¢ for each handbag you own.	<b>19</b> 25¢ if you have never volunteered at the Home.	<b>20</b> 25¢ if you attended an Eastern Star Meeting this Month.	<b>21</b> National Apple Day. 25¢ if you have ever eaten an apple.	<b>22</b> 25¢ if you have never put in a petition for the NJ ES Home Board of Directors.	<b>23</b> 25¢ if you never attended the Home when the MWGM presents her floral.
<b>24</b> 25¢ if you have never attended one of the Home's Tricky Trays.	<b>25</b> 25¢ if you have already started Christmas Shopping.	<b>26</b> 25¢ if you have ever carved a Jack-O-Lantern	<b>27</b> 25¢ if you have a cell phone and know how to use it.	<b>28</b> National Chocolate Day. 25¢ if you have ever eaten chocolate.	<b>29</b> 25¢ if you have never dressed in a costume for Halloween.	<b>30</b> 25¢ if you have never soaked up a car window on Mischief Night.



Please make checks payable to **New Jersey Eastern Star Home Inc.** and put Calendar Game on the memo line and mail it to:

Carole Moore, PGO  
280 Prospect Avenue, #2B, Hackensack, NJ 07601-2537

**31** Trick or Treat we don't want a trick please put in the price of a candy bar.





## CALENDAR FUNDRAISER MAILING ENVELOPE

Place your donation check inside the fold, then fold down along the dotted line and tape closed. Also tape the sides closed.



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Carole R. Moore,, PGM  
280 Prospect Avenue, Apt. 2B  
Hackensack, New Jersey 07601-2537



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## MEMORIAL—2020-2021

### DISTRICT #31

#### STELLA NO. 20

Shirley DeGroot  
Henrietta Doty, PGO  
Norma Hand  
Frances Kamer  
Sherida Kinney  
Isabelle Loder LaMont

#### LINCOLN NO. 95

Ross Brockhagen, PP

#### PEACE NO. 98

Mardelle J. Wardlow  
Anne A. Denny  
Betty R. Young, PGO

#### JEPHTHA NO. 134

Lucille Jorgenson  
Irene Cartwright, PGO  
Hope Kotlarich, PM

#### MOUNTAIN VIEW NO. 205

None

#### LITTLE FALLS NO. 224

Carole Barclay  
Marlene Fauerbach  
Mary Makepeace  
Lois Maskey  
Thomas Passante, WP, GO  
Mary Ricker  
Frances Ryan  
Shirley Waldeck  
Leslie Kimble

#### ALPHA NO. 288

James Daniels  
Ezra Eaddy, PP

### DISTRICT #32

#### TILDEN NO. 59

Ruth Burghard  
Ruth Archibald  
Aleda Marggraff  
Irene Schulze, PGO  
Elaine Welch  
Helen Bechtold, PGO  
Joan Streich  
Barbara J. Graba  
Lucille Heitzman, PM  
Harlan Blackwell, PP

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June Browne  
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Gerturde Cook  
Kathleen Fox  
Lois Frigerio  
Jeanne F. Hallett  
Norma F. Malluck  
Florence Palumbo  
Miriam Ralston  
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Grace K. Rohde  
Elsie E. Sayle  
Robert A. Schafer, PP  
Margaret H. Shelby  
Joan Slavik  
Antonia Titsworth  
Edythe Werner  
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Betty Rothrock, PM  
Rachel Fitzpatrick, PM  
Ruth Simpson, PGO  
Deyo Swart  
Maureen Ware

### DISTRICT NO 33

#### LYDIA NO. 41

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Ruth K. Jenkins  
Gilbert Mundy, PP  
Joyce L. Wheeler  
Margaret L. DeMatteo, PGO  
Pauline Moser, PGO  
Genevieve M. Keller

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Gilbert W. Maymon  
Florence Petruska, PM  
Dorothy R. Horner, PM

#### ATLAS NO. 99

Freda Schenker  
Diana L. Taylor  
Marion Cramer  
Barbara Lee Runyon  
Diana B. Affsa  
Carol S. Waring  
Marion Kircher  
Dorothy Arther  
Margaret MacNeil, PM  
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Emilie L. Nawrock

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Constance Kilcommins  
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Gilbert Maymon  
Margery McGinness  
Gail Schurr, PM

Barbara Snatchko  
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Patricia Duffy  
Norine Molyneaux  
Marie Jensen  
Genevieve Carson  
Mabel Bunting  
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### DISTRICT NO 34

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Diantha Mathews-Brown

#### MOLLY PITCHER NO. 198

Dorothy Black Jamison  
Harriet Hill

#### OCEAN NO. 214

Elizabeth Taylor  
Alice Mergner, PGO  
Peggy Neaves  
Joan Sloat, PM  
Lorraine Thomason

#### MONMOUTH NO. 251

Mary Karajz  
Carol Johanson

### DISTRICT 35

#### BETHLEHEM NO. 40

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Elizabeth Long, PM  
Louis N. Peters

#### TUCKERTON NO. 54

Gail, Naia, RWGT (dual)  
Elizabeth Long, PM  
M. Vivian Knauss  
Lucille Terpien  
Anne Baker

#### GLORIA NO. 159

Arvil Budd  
Anna Muzyka  
Ruth Boice  
Joan Wuillamy  
Richard Fitzgerald, PP  
Gail Naia, RWG Treasurer  
Maude Voigt, PGO



Jean Babilya  
Agnys Leach  
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#### **DISTRICT 36**

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Musie Kimley, PM  
Pauline Hand

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Brenda McCarson  
James R. Miskelly  
Mary Lou Peirson  
Joan Statiwzk  
Margaret McRoberts

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Virginia Fearheller  
Barbara Goebel  
Janet E. Goetaski  
Virginia W. Smith  
Wilfred R. Parsels, Jr., PGP

#### **DEWEY NO. 155**

Pauline Hand, PGO  
Jean Lord  
Lois Collier

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Jane Ostrum  
Asenith McGuigan

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Ruth Griffith  
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Dolores V. Kochheiser  
Olga L. Montgomery  
Wilfred R. Parsels, Jr., PGP  
Virginia L. Schmid  
Donald Taylor

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Margaret Henkel, PGO  
Demetria Voltis

Alma Alexander  
Paul Lorey

#### **ATHENE NO. 201**

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Ethel E. White

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Elizabeth Brown  
Dorothy Herbert  
Mary Long, PGO  
Marjorie Gray, PGO  
Linda Pierson  
Marilyn Willets, PM  
Nadine Vogel

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Mildred Brown  
Paul Lorey  
Ida Seidman, PGO  
Dorothy Warner, PGO

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Mildred Waggett  
Jacob Isler, PP  
Beverly Mayes

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Nancy J. Torok, PGO  
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Arline Grove  
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Howard Quick, PGO  
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Anna Parson  
David Wolfgang, PP  
Cheryl Cole, PM  
Betty Best  
Evangeline Rice, PGO  
Edna Peterson  
Walter Cyphers, PP

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Sylva Burd  
Janet M. Eichlin, PGO  
Douglas Beavers

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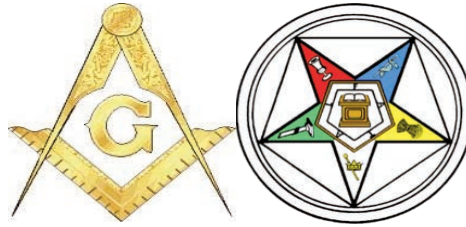
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Lawrence Dukin, PGO  
Irena Hackett, PGO  
Irene Litz, PM  
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Janet Morgan  
Jean Nelson,  
Henry PEarch, PP  
Linda Platt  
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## Who Was Wilfred Parsels?

Wil was born on February 5, 1939, to Myrtle (Benner) and Wilfred Parsels. His Grandfather, Charles Benner, was the Justice of the Peace and Tax Collector in Westville, NJ. His Mother worked at the Tax Office. Wil's parents were active and dedicated members of Blessed Hope Community Church, a strict non-sectarian church, where his Maternal Grandmother was a long-time Treasurer and his Father a long-time Sunday School Leader. His Mother died at age 42 of pancreatic cancer.

Wil grew up living across the street from a school which meant access to a baseball field. Every day he and his friends waited for his father to come home from work to hit balls to them. It was the beginning of his love for baseball. In High School he played 1st Base (his father and grandfather never missed a game). After High School, Wil worked at RCA in Moorestown. They not only had a bowling league that he enjoyed, but they were in an Industrial Baseball League which he loved. Later, he played 1st Base while stationed in France with the Army.

A year later Wil went to a dance with his friends. In the 1950's there were live bands, a great place to meet girls. Wil and a group of his friends decided that whoever lost would have to ask the miserable girl to dance. That girl would become his wife Joanne for 60 years. Two years later, they bought their first home. Wil was attending Temple University for Mechanical Engineering. Just two months later he received greetings from the US Army: basic training in Fort Dix, then transferred to Fort Jackson, S.C., and then to Toul France, for a year, where he got to ski and go to the Grand Prix. He took up photography as a hobby, was a bartender at the Officers' Club, and played baseball for the post team against Army and Air Force units and other service teams. Returning from the Army, his job at RCA was gone, due to a major lay-off. That finished his baseball career!

So, then he volunteered as a Little League coach, and he loved it!

In 1964, with the birth of his first niece, Wil's portrayal of Santa Claus began. Wil loved playing Santa Claus for many, many years, for grand nieces and nephews and Eastern Star Chapters as well. He was very heavily invested in his nieces and nephews, taking them to amusement parks to ride the largest roller coasters, spending days at the beach, teaching them golf, playing golf and tennis, and of course, taking them to Phillies and Eagles Games.

In 1968, Joanne joined the Eastern Star and in 1972 Wil joined the Masons in Haddonfield Lodge. He had no idea of any members of his family being Masons. Many years later his Grandmother told him his Grandfather Benner was a Mason at Mantua Lodge and a Shiner. Wil soon joined the Eastern Star. For many, many years was the 9th District Photographer at Installations and special nights. (He also did wedding photography). He was an excellent ritualist and loved doing the Ritualistic work, and also was deeply involved with Chapter and Grand Chapter By-Laws.

Wil served Haddonfield Lodge for 10 years as Secretary. Although the position was unexpected, after he settled in, he enjoyed the work. When Ocean City Lodge needed a Secretary, he agreed to serve there. Wil was a member of the Consistory in Collingswood, and was honored to serve as Grand Chaplain in Grand Lodge for Bob Miller.

In 1973-74 Wil was installed as Worthy Patron with his wife in Haddonfield Chapter. At the time the 9th District had 19 Chapters. He served as Worthy Patron in several Chapters: Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, Oaklyn, Collingwood, and Ocean City. In 1988 Marlene Hoffman asked him to serve with her as Most Worthy Grand Patron for 1990-91; they had a wonderful year. Afterward, Wil felt it necessary to pay back to this wonderful Organization, so he ran for the OES Home Board where he served as President for 2 years. He served Grand Chapter in various positions, but his favorite was Chairman of Jurisprudence for several Grand Matrons.

After returning from the Military with no job, Wil was employed by many companies, General Electric, Siemens, etc., but he also did drawings for a small conveyer company. He was offered a Sales Job with the Company, was promoted to Plant Manager and then his career changed. He was offered a job as Vice President to another conveyer Company. And then another. His engineering background gave him the ability to draw a conveyer in front of the customer, which his competition could not do. He loved both careers.

After, being retired for 15 years, Wil decided he wanted a job, and after completing a series of computer applications, he was hired at Dick's Sporting Goods in the Golf Department. He absolutely loved the job and the people!

Who, then was Wil Parsels?

He was a dedicated family man, Mason, and Eastern Star, loyal to his country and his work. He led a life filled with joy, and people that he loved so much. We all miss him and his jokes!



*In loving memory, Joanne*







## Past Matrons and Past Patrons Association

*Dear Sisters and Brothers Greetings:*

When I wrote my last message for the Star Journal, we were in the midst of a Pandemic, and I said all the Officers and Governors of the Association would remain in office until our Annual Meeting in May 2021. Well, we are still in office: however, there is light at the end of the tunnel. We will be holding the Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 9, 2021, at Musconetcong Lodge (Starlight Chapter) Budd Lake, NJ. Formal notification of the meeting will be sent by our Secretary. At this meeting a new slate of Officers will be elected for 2021-2022. Should you be approached to become an Officer or Governor, please give it consideration.

This Organization is made up of Past Matrons and Past Patrons striving to help those in need, not only our OES members, but the general public. At the Annual Meeting Sister Lorraine Altimus, PGO, Relief Chairman, will give us a report regarding any help that was requested and what we were able to do to be of assistance. As you know, our funds are generated from Dues, District Fundraisers and Donations. Due to the Pandemic, funds have not been forthcoming, which means we are not able to give assistance unless we bring our dues current and hopefully the Governor of each District is able to have a fundraiser to help our cause.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and Governors for their continued dedication and support of our Organization, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for giving me the privilege of serving as your President, I congratulate my successor and her Board of Directors and Governors and wish you the best in the coming year.

Remember to "Keep a twinkle in your eye and help the world to learn to laugh, and spread a little friendship along the way. It only takes a second to show you care."

*With Fraternal Love & Friendship,*

*Ruth Ann Hoyt, PGO, President*

*2019-2021*

## Grand Representative of New Jersey President's Message

We have survived—we have made it through this pandemic and are ready to get back on the road. Congratulations to Sister Norma on handling a never situation and to Sister Daria on getting us back to as close to normal as possible. We are scheduling our next meeting for Oct.2; I am trying to get us as centrally located as possible for everyone's convenience. It will be streamlined to give us more time to socializing. Thanks to Sister Judy Brown for continuing to do her duties as secretary, which means if you have not already forwarded your dues to her please do so now. I am anxiously looking forward to attending the Rainbow Convention on Aug. 14 in Bordentown. I am combining my speech as president with the presentation of my annual scholarships to save time, as this will be a one-day session. The girls know I like to talk, and we always have a great time together. The costume presentation and awards will not be held due to time restrictions. The girls will be our guests on Oct. We will see what can be done then. Please seriously consider attending our meeting, as all precautions will be made to ensure your safety. If you are already a member attend. If you are a new grand representative join us. AND if you and Daria know you, will be one soon surprise us. Watch for letters regarding our Oct. 2 meeting and join us for fun and social ability. Happy 100th birthday to Sister Lillian Bott PGO on June 23.

*Sr. Dottie Westdyke*





## Eastern Star Charity Foundation of N.J., Inc.

*To live our obligation by providing "aid to members in their misfortunes" and educational support for the future*

### **NOW IS THE TIME TO REQUEST A SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FOR YOUR STUDENT**

**WHO:** MASONIC PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS & UNCLES

**WHAT:** MUST BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING WITH OUR ORDER

**WHEN:** NOW

**WHY:** SPONSOR A YOUNG PERSON IN YOUR FAMILY WHO WILL BE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL OR AN EQUIVALENT IN 2022!

**WHERE:** IN WRITING TO JUDY BROWN, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT:  
35 SHEFFIELD PLACE, SOUTHAMPTON, NJ 08088 OR EMAIL [jandd11@verizon.net](mailto:jandd11@verizon.net)  
INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF STUDENT

The New Jersey Eastern Star Charity Foundation awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors or related equivalent and entering an accredited college or university in the Fall of 2022. Applicants must be a member, daughter, son, niece, nephew, grandchild or grandniece/nephew or a member in good standing of New Jersey International Order of Rainbow in the Spring of 2022.

There will be two Regular Scholarships, one Allied Health and one New Jersey Rainbow awarded in the Spring of 2022. Each Scholarship awarded will be a one-time amount of \$5,000.00.

Applications must be requested prior to February 1, 2022.

**Applications must be received by March 1, 2022, in order to be considered.**



## Charity Foundation President's Message

*A new year opens before us while summer's heat beats down upon us. I have been honored to be elected as the President of the Board of Directors of your Charity Foundation. The Charity Foundation is still meeting remotely but we hope that we may be able to start meeting in person in the fall. As always, your presence is most welcome at our meetings. Remote access is offered to all members. Just send a request to [oescharityfoundationnj@gmail.com](mailto:oescharityfoundationnj@gmail.com) to get an invitation to attend. I encourage you to come out and be a part of the action. We need your thoughts and input so that the Charity Foundation can successfully provide the aid that our members need. Come and support your Charity Foundation and see what we are doing.*

*The Charity Foundation's mission is "To live our obligations by providing aid to members in their misfortunes" and educational support for the future." We perform these duties through aid to Sisters and Brothers in need, support for our Eastern Star Home, Scholarships and educational loans for relatives of our members and life skill grants for members who are in the process of improving their skills to aid in their vocations.*

*We will continue the Rays of Caring campaign, our capital investment initiative. For your generous, tax deductible donations to the Charity Foundation, you will get pins relating to our Star points and a patch to display them on. Sister Andrea McCollum is the contact for this program.*

*I extend a welcome to our new Directors and look forward to a productive year. We have a very strong group of Directors this year and you can be assured that we will perform our duties to serve our beautiful Order with diligence, compassion and zeal. Please ask any of the Directors to speak at your next meeting.*

*The Advocates will continue their fund raising for the Charity Foundation. Please remember that the Charity Foundation does not receive any portion of your per capita. Member donations are our sole means for the funds that we must have to perform our duties. Please consider the Eastern Star Charity Foundation in your estate planning.*

*I am looking forward to a wonderful year, especially now that we can actually see our Sisters and Brothers. This year will be a great opportunity to reconnect with our Chapters and our friends. I hope you all can get out and enjoy your Eastern Star.*

*In Star Service and Love,  
Joseph Herx, President, Board of Directors  
Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey*

## Special Night at Bordentown Chapter



Great night at Bordentown Chapter as Sister Daria and Brother Bruce gave out two commissions. Sister Bettye Young, Borden-town's own Grand Representative of Kentucky and Nichole Dickerson, Star-light #107, Grand Representative of Louisiana. Also in picture Cathy Fusaro, WM and Bob McCormick, WP.

## **New Jersey Eastern Star Charity Foundation College Graduate 2021**



My name is Rachel Albertson and I was one of the recipients of the Eastern Star Charity Foundation scholarships. In May, I graduated from Neumann University, located in Aston, Pennsylvania, with my Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW). Over the past year, I completed my internship at Saint Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware. Within the hospital, I worked in the Patient Experience Department, where I spoke to patients regarding their problems or difficulties in the hospital. I also shadowed the social workers who worked in various departments of the hospital. This experience solidified my interest in working as a social worker in a hospital setting. To pursue this area of social work, I need to obtain my master's degree. Thus, I am currently enrolled at Widener University in their Advanced Standing Part-Time Master's in Social Work (MSW) program, which I will complete in two years. I have moved home and will commute to campus, located in

Chester, Pennsylvania, to defray some of the costs.

In the pursuit of my undergraduate degree, I was a scholar athlete, as I played softball for four years on the Neumann University Softball Team. Although it was challenging, I enjoyed it immensely. This spring, I was again named to the Atlantic East Conference All-Academic Team. In 2020, I was inducted into the Athletic Honor Society, Class of Chi Alpha Sigma. During the same year, I was also inducted into the Phi Alpha Social Work Honors Society and the National Society of Leadership and Success. In my last semester at Neumann University in 2021, I was given the Social Work Award for Excellence and the RISES Excellence Award, which are two awards given by the Neumann faculty. I graduated with a 3.7 overall grade point average (GPA) and a 4.0 GPA in the social work program.

I am so thankful for the support provided to me by the Eastern Star Charity Foundation, which has allowed me to complete my undergraduate degree. Without the assistance of your foundation, it would have been more difficult for me to reach the monetary demands of my institution. Thank you again for your support.

## **Nutley Chapter No. 21**



Heather Lynn Arlett-Doherty is a member of Nutley Chapter No. 121 and a fourth-generation member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She took the State Principal's test and has just been informed that she has passed it. Heather is halfway through her Doctorate in Educational Leadership and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in History and Secondary Education, Master Degree in Special Ed ABA, and a Master Degree in Educational Leadership. Heather Aspires to become a principal. Heather has been teaching now for nine years and is presently teaching in Bayonne. She has taught grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 in math, science, social studies, and language arts. And grades 5 and 6 self-contained.

Heather is married with two children, Connor 3 years old and Ava 1 year old. Heather and her husband Chris live in Bloomfield. Her Mom, Sharon Arlett-LeDoux and Aunt, Debbie LeDoux both members of Nutley Chapter are very proud of Heather and Chris.





## Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey 2021 Scholarship Recipients

*The Charity Foundation is proud to spotlight this year's recipients who were awarded Scholarships.*

### REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP ALYSSA COSTELLO

Alyssa, pictured here with her great-grandmother, Sister Marion Canary, Gloria Chapter #159, District 35.

She is the daughter of Dawn and John Costello and has a younger brother. She is a graduate of Marine Academy of Technology and Environmental Science (MATES), where she excelled in the all-honors program.

While completing her school studies, she was also involved in many extra-curricular activities, which included supporting her home school, Lacey Township High School, where she was a four year varsity team member on their softball and field hockey team. Alyssa was member of the Key Club and Project Terrapin-Outreach, serving as an Asst. Leader and Head Leader. For three years she was involved with Research Assistance and



Development and served as head leader. She started a mask sewing initiative which allowed MATES to donate 300 masks to members of the community in assisted living facilities.

Attributes listed in letters of recommendation include her being a well-rounded and accomplished student. She demonstrates incredible leadership abilities, is compassionate, and has a strong strength of character. She inspires others and includes her fellow students. During the pandemic, she volunteered to help the research supervisor, virtually assisting underclassmen with their efforts. She has shown a high level of responsibility, motivation and leadership qualities.

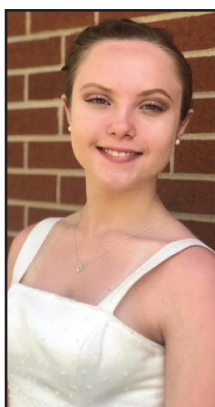
Alyssa has been accepted to Stony Brook University in New York, where she plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Master of Science in Chemistry.

### RAINBOW SCHOLARSHIP ISABELLA STORIE

Isabella is the daughter of Christine and Wayne Storie and has a younger brother. She is sponsored by her mother, a member of Morning Star #22, District 38.

She is a member of Trenton Assembly No. 9, NJ International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She held the Grand Faith State Office and also served as Trenton Assembly's Worthy Advisor for 3 terms and was active in service work and community events.

Isabella is a graduate of the George School, Newtown, PA. While at George School, she was active as a four year Cheer Captain Varsity letter winner, Secretary General of Model United Nations (MUN), a member of the Yearbook (Design Editor 2021 and Photo Editor 2020), also the School Newspaper (Layout Editor 2020-2021 and Writer 2019). She has been an honor roll and



Dean's list student every term at school. She plans to major in Archeology with a minor in Dance. She has shown impressive curiosity and fearlessness in her drive to constantly learn. She demonstrates innovative ideas, after ideas advanced management skills, along with her compassionate nature and desire to help those in need.

Isabella also excels as a competitive dance team lead and teacher assistant. She began dancing at the age of 3 and has continued with ballet, lyrical, jazz, musical theatre and Pointe, in which she has shown her technical strength and dance abilities. She is a very committed dance student, a positive role model for all, a hard worker, organized and dedicated.

Isabella has been accepted to Haverford College in Pennsylvania. She plans to pursue a major in Archeology with a minor in Dance.



## Eastern Star Charity Foundation of New Jersey 2021 Scholarship Recipients

### ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PEYTON RYDHOLM

Peyton is the daughter of Eileen and Sean Rydholm and has an older sister. She is sponsored by her Grandaunt, Sister Nancy Herbert, amember of Ocean Chapter #214, District 34.

Peyton is a graduate of Manasquan High School where she was a member of the National, Science and Spanish Honor Societies. She was a student athletic trainer and belonged to the Warriors for Wellness Club.

Letters of recommendation reference Peyton as a student who enjoys challenging herself academically. She is always putting forth her best effort and is active in a variety of activities. She works well her peers, is good-natured, has a sense of humor, affable and fun-loving. She



has shown intellectual curiosity, civic concern and leadership skills. Peyton is a well-rounded and competent individual.

Peyton has a love of science, especially biology and anatomy. She is highly motivated to pursue a career as a certified Physician Assistant. She loves helping others and finds joy in aiding someone to feel better. Peyton also wants to expand her knowledge of the Spanish culture and language so that she can be a bilingual Physician Assistant to care for her patients without a language barrier, thus providing better treatment.

Peyton has been accepted to DeSales University in Pennsylvania. She will be pursuing the Medical Studies (Physician Assistant) major.

### REGULAR SCHOLARSHIP AHNIKA EBERL

Ahnika is the daughter of Dianna and Guy Eberl. She has two younger sisters and a younger brother.

She is sponsored by her grandparents, Sister Linda Amme and Brother Ron Amme, Penns Grove Chapter #86, District 37.

Ahnika is a graduate of Arthur.P. Schalick High School. Her extra curricular school activities include Interact, the student arm of Rotary International; French, (National Honor Society); Varsity Soccer, Unsung hero; Varsity, 1st Team All-Conference High Jump; Spring track, Varsity, 1st team All-Conference, 4 x 100m; Lacrosse, Berlin Cup Champ; and Diversity. She also served as Coordinator of Peter's Pantry grades 9 thru 12.

Letters on her behalf express a hardworking, dedicated, intelligent, strong willed student. Ahnika enjoys a challenge, but she is also there to help in any way to encourage the whole team to



succeed. She is an honor student and enjoys volunteering in her community. All letters of recommendation state she has been a pleasure to teach.

Ahnika is pursuing a career in Kinetic Imaging. This major will focus on animation and motion pictures. Her goal is to become an animation director for Disney. She has always been fascinated by Disney and hopes to one day create her own character or characters and create a movie that everyone will love.

Ahnika has been accepted to Virginia Commonwealth University. She is pursuing a major in Kinetic Imaging at VCU's Art School.

*The Eastern Star Charity Foundation Board, members and Scholarship Committee congratulate all graduating students and wish them much success in their future endeavors. We also commend our continuing recipients, as they continue to strive toward their academic goals. Best wishes to everyone in the future.*



## **CAPS REPORT**

### **(Chapters Assisting Preemies and People)**

**Reported by Roberta Russell**  
**State Chairman 2019-2020**

The Grand Chapter's CAPS program is continuing to support many worthwhile organizations throughout the state. We were able to supply hats, blankets, scarves, quilts, etc. to several organizations. Unfortunately during the pandemic many organizations were not accepting donations.

During the past two years many hours were dedicated to crocheting/knitting thousands of caps, blankets, prayer squares, mittens, booties, pillowcases and scarves. We even had blankets made for animal shelters.

The donations were sent to various organizations such as: hospitals, Churches, Cancer Centers, Food Pantries and animal welfare associations.

In addition to the NICU units at various hospitals, we found additional needs for the Caps. Not only were preemie caps made, larger caps for cancer patients were also requested. We now make several sizes of hats to distribute to these various organizations.

For the 2019-2021 Grand Chapter years over 7,700 caps were distributed; along with over 600 blankets, booties, mittens, pillowcases and prayer squares. Over 13,250 items were donated during the past two years.

The following organizations received donations from the CAPS program:

Geisinger Medical Center; Mountinside Hospital;  
St. Joseph's Hospital; Holy Name Hospital; Englewood  
Hospital; YMCA; Lehigh Valley Hospital; Trinitas Hospital;  
Jersey Shore Medical Center; Atlanticare NIC Unit;  
Inspira Health Network; Shore Memorial Hospital; Virtua  
Hospital; Camden County Cancer; Capital Health System;  
Newton Memorial Hospital; Morristown Medical Center;  
Interfaith Food Pantry; First Presbyterian Church;  
Redeemer Church; American Cancer Society; Semper Fido;  
Hope Mountain-Native American Tribe (Bozeman, MT); Shriner's  
Hospitals (PA and KY); Masonic Home (PA); Hunterdon Medical Center;  
Lyons Hospital; New Jersey Eastern Star Home;  
Saint Peter's University Hospital; and Animal Welfare Association.

Thank you to the District Chairpersons for the past two years:

District 31 – Sandy Lind  
District 32 – Joan Davis  
District 33 – Denise McCarthy  
District 34 – Jeanne Gionfriddo  
District 35 – Dawn Betts  
District 36 – Rose Tesoroni  
District 37 – Joan Smith  
District 38 – Tammy Wilkin  
District 39 – Larry Dukin (posthumously)

It is our hope that the CAPS Program will continue in the future.



## THANK YOU FROM Saint Peter's University Hospital

Saint Peter's University Hospital  
in New Jersey, United States

*Hi Miss Roberta,*

Thank you so much for the baby hats and baby blanket donations. We have already started sharing them with the babies.

Stay healthy!

**Ashley Zapolski BSN, RNC-MNN**  
Nurse Manager - Mother Baby Units  
Saint Peter's University Hospital,  
254 Easton Avenue,  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
732-745-8600 Ext. 7893, Cell-732-374-6458



## THANK YOU FROM Shriner's Hospitals for Children®

*Dear Ms. McCarthy:*

Thank you for your thoughtful contribution of 4 lap quilts and 3 lap blankets to Shriners Hospital for Children®, for its Philadelphia location.

**Your support is bridging the gap of access to treatment for so many families in need of our specialized orthopedic care.** No child or parent should have to worry that they may not have the means for receiving help in order to start life with a healthy foundation, which is why at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospitals for Children all pediatric care is provided regardless of a family's ability to pay.

Because of you, thousands of children in our community facing similar struggles have the chance to enjoy the simple pleasures of just being a kid. Thank you for helping these families provide their children with this vital cornerstone of care for a happy and healthy future!

If you have any questions, please contact Geraldine Barrett Geary at 215-430-4044 or [gbarrett@shrinenet.org](mailto:gbarrett@shrinenet.org).

Sincerely,  
**Mario Salvati, MBA**  
Director of Financial Services







## THANK YOU FROM SEMPO FIDO



Dear Joan and Diane,

On behalf of our Board of Directors, myself, and most importantly our Veteran and Service dog teams, we thank you for your generous donation of hand crocheted blankets which we received in March 2020. The blankets are beautiful and the dogs that don't chew and eat them (lol), enjoyed them. We are honored, greatly appreciative & truly blessed that you chose Semper Fido as the recipient of your support.

Semper Fido, Inc. exists solely on the monetary & in-kind donations made by people & organizations like you. We are staffed by a six (6) member, all-volunteer board of directors and have no salaried employees. Approximately 98% of our monetary donations are used to cover the \$45,000 per service team cost; this includes everything from initial adoption fees, spaying/neutering if necessary, boarding, feeding, veterinary, and all training/equipment costs before and after they are partnered with their veteran. The remaining 1-2% is used to purchase nominal items, t-shirts, hoodies, etc. which we sell to help raise additional monies. Upon completion of their training, an approximately six (6) months/six-hundred (600) man hours long period of time, the dogs are adopted to their veteran at absolutely no cost to them as their new lifetime partner.

Founded in November of 2010 and incorporated in February of 2011, to date we have proudly graduated (36) service dog teams. We currently have two (2) veterans and two (2) rescue dogs in training. We train and provide service dogs to those Honorably Discharged & combat veterans diagnosed with Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) & mild to moderate Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Only homeless shelter or surrendered dogs are accepted into our program, giving them a second chance in life. For all of us at Semper Fido, Inc. the profound difference we've seen in these brave men and women who served their country honorably and sacrificed so much for us, helping them find their "new normal" has been one of the most important and gratifying accomplishments of our lives!

Please know that your donation will help us save the life of an unwanted dog and improve the life of a brave veteran.

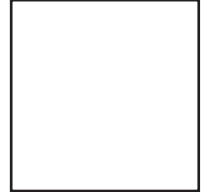
Sincerely,

**Lisa Ann Berg**

*Semper Fido is a designated 501c3 Charitable Organization by the IRS (371-622915). For tax purposes only, your donation is deductible to the extent allowed by law. No merchandise was received for this donation.*

## **Important Information for Submissions:**

Digital photos need to be high resolution. (If not, they will be used in a limited fashion.)  
Articles need to be submitted in Microsoft Word.



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