



Kraft Employee Fund Awards Adult Day Center for Innovative Program

For nearly thirty years, a number of Somerset County families have benefited from being able to leave an elderly or disabled loved one in the care of the trusted staff of the Adult Day Center as they went to work. When the evening hours roll around, caregivers sometimes find they need extra help with care issues that arise unexpectedly, but they have nowhere to turn for help.

The Adult Day Center would like to answer their call—literally. The ADC has designed a program that would assist the caregivers of ADC members when they need unexpected support. The program has a two-prong focus. First, it would provide “after-hours care” for occasional times when caregivers need our services beyond our normal hours of operation. Second, an “emergency” caregiving response system offers an “on-call” staff member who would be available during evening hours for many levels of support from telephone counseling to a home visit.

Implementing this program comes at a cost and the Adult Day Center could not accomplish this feat alone. The idea was presented in a proposal to the Kraft Employee Fund (KEF) in May. KEF responded by awarding the ADC \$40,000 to support the new program. ADC’s Assistant Director, Diann Robinson, and Director of Development,

Lynn Gaissert, were presented with the generous check at Kraft Foods’ East Hanover office July 27, 2005. “We are pleased to receive such generous support from the KEF fund for a much-needed program,” said Robinson. “We are grateful that Kraft employees understand the impact of this need.”

The Kraft Employee Fund New Jersey was established in 2003, in response to Kraft employees’ desire to actively help those who are economically disadvantaged and to become more personally involved in good programs located in New Jersey. The Fund is a workplace-giving program supported by contributions from Kraft employees in New Jersey. Kraft Foods, in showing its support to KEF New Jersey, makes an annual financial contribution to the Fund and absorbs 100% of its administrative costs. The fund is a not-for-profit, workplace-giving charity managed by Kraft employees.

Doodle for Alzheimer’s

A picture is worth a thousand words. Or it could be worth a thousand dollars. It depends on who the artist is. If the artist is a famous celebrity and they donate their work to charity, the value can transcend a dollar figure.

The Adult Day Center will host an unusual event, Doodle for Alzheimer’s, on March 9, 2006, to benefit the Adult Day Center’s “Growing a Community of Care and Acceptance” capital campaign. The evening will feature hand-drawn, signed doodles created by some of America’s most famous celebrities—matted and framed along with the star’s signed publicity photo—as well as live music, cocktails, sumptuous hors d’oeuvres and decadent desserts.

“Some of the celebrities who have contributed their doodles to the Doodle for Alzheimer’s event include: Donald Trump, Alec Baldwin, Glenn Close, Mike Wallace, Regis Philbin, Kelly Ripa, Itzak Perleman, Micky Dolenz, David Hyde Pierce, Richard Simmons and more.

The event will be held 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Neshanic Valley Golf Course, Branchburg, NJ.

For tickets or more information, contact Lynn Gaissert, 908-725-0068, or lgaisert@aduldaycenter.org.



Kraft Foods Senior Brand Manager, Karen Woros, of KEF NJ Fund, presents a check to ADC’s Director of Development, Lynn Gaissert and Assistant Director, Diann Robinson.



Neshanic Valley Golf Course clubhouse overlooking ADC Golf & Culinary Event foursome on the green.

ADC's First Golf & Culinary Event a Success

Ask any golfer what an ideal day of golf would include. Bright, sunny skies? Companionship of friends and colleagues? What more could a golfer ask for? How about sizzling shrimp-on-the-barbie, chilled champagne with strawberries or hand-rolled cigars?

These ideals were all met by the Adult Day Center's inaugural Golf and Culinary Event. The premiere event was held at the beautiful Neshanic Valley Golf course on a warm and sunny September 12, 2005. The golf event was a huge success raising \$25,000 with nearly 90 participating golfers. All proceeds of the event will support the Adult Day Center.

The day-long occasion began with lunch at the clubhouse provided by Culinary on the Green. After the shotgun start, golfers were treated to an outstanding day of golf featuring decadent culinary treats, prepared fresh at each hole. The hole-in-one prize offered the opportunity to win a two-year lease on a Ford 5000 provided by Flemington Ford & Truck Country.

The day's events were followed by a lavish cocktail reception including butler-passed hors d'oeuvres, pasta and carving stations, as well as lush desserts. Various high-valued raffle prizes and a fifty-fifty were awarded to many members of the enthusiastic crowd.

The beautiful course provided a great backdrop for photos of foursomes and action on the course. To view photos of the day's activities, go to the *Courier News* website, www.c-n.com/photogallery and scroll down to our golf event photos.

Mark your calendar for the Second Annual Golf & Culinary Event, which will be held on September 18, 2006.



Stan Wisniewski, of The Kelsey Charity Run, presents ADC Director, Jeff Macaulay, with check.

The Kelsey Run's Ride for Charity

The Kelsey Charity Run, or "Ride for Kelsey," is a charity motorcycle "run" that takes place every year, rain or shine, on Father's Day. The ride began in 1996 as the brainchild of Ret. Chief Richard Voorhees of the Bridgewater Police Department, and was designed to help a little girl in need and her family.

At two years old, Kelsey Kirchner was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and the experimental treatments she needed were not covered by medical insurance. The Volunteer Fire Fighters of Somerville's Lincoln Hose Company #4 and local businessmen joined with the Chief and launched what has become an annual fundraising event.

Over the years, the ride has generated over \$100,000 for Kelsey's medical expenses and for other charities as well. Kelsey is doing somewhat better. Her cancer is in remission; however, treatment has left her with lifelong side effects.

Now that Kelsey's medical condition has improved, the Kelsey Charity Run is still an annual event, but the money that is raised is given to other charities and individuals in need. This year, the Kelsey Run has donated \$5,000 to the ADC's "Growing a Community of Care and Acceptance" capital campaign.

Stan Wisniewski, a representative of The Kelsey Charity Run, visited the center in December. His presentation of a check to ADC Director Jeff Macaulay was met with applause and cheers from ADC staff and members.

Shirley Noble, Long-Time ADC Board Member, Dies

The staff, board members, and all those at the Adult Day Center who knew Shirley L. B. Noble mourn her loss. She died September 17, at age 86, at Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Greenbrook.

In addition to her many and varied community activities over the years, Shirley supported the Adult Day Center from its inception in 1977.

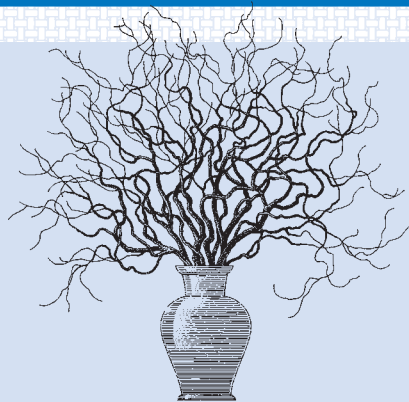
She served on the Board of Trustees for over 20 years, including 4 years as president and many years as a volunteer. Upon retiring from the Board, she joined the Center's Advisory Board. Surviving Shirley are her husband of 60 years, Vernon A. Noble, two daughters, and four grandchildren.



“Getting Better with Age 2005”

“Getting Better with Age 2005” was another successful evening for our annual wine-tasting benefit. The wine was flowing, the food was delicious, the live music was soothing and the air was filled with the excitement of competitive bidding for much-sought-after prizes. The silent auction tables were adorned with beautiful crystal, gold jewelry, gift baskets, dinner and entertainment packages, hand-crafted art and more.

The room was filled with the excitement of a live auction, silent auction bidding, and announced raffle prizes. Attendees left with smiles and a variety of auction prizes in hand including Broadway show tickets, designer jewelry, Yankees tickets, and the ADC’s wine-tasting event tradition: the Gabrielski family’s home-made pierogies.



Doodle for Alzheimer’s 2006

Celebrity Art Auction

A Unique Event to Benefit
The Adult Day Center
of Somerset County

If a picture is worth a thousand words,
imagine what a celebrity’s
hand-drawn picture is worth?

Doodle for Alzheimer’s will Feature:
framed and signed celebrity art and photos
cocktails, music, & hors d’oeuvres.

SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS

MEET OUR STAFF



MaryAnn Royce

MaryAnn Royce, says she loves her job as Craft Director of the Adult Day Center. “I consider the members my family,” says MaryAnn. This explains MaryAnn’s 19-year tenure at the ADC.

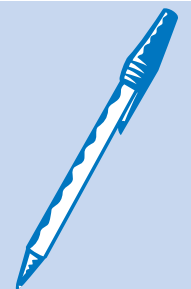
There is always a bustle of activity in MaryAnn’s Craft Room, where she is surrounded by spools of ribbon, scissors, glue, pots and pans and hair dryers. Cooking Club and Arts & Crafts as well as Hair Salon services all take place in this multi-purpose room under her supervision. MaryAnn’s knitting hobby has been embraced by several members who proudly display their own creations.

Outside of the ADC, MaryAnn loves shopping and cooking as well as traveling with her fiancé, Fred. They especially love warm weather climates.

MaryAnn lives in Bound Brook, NJ, and was raised in Iselin, NJ. Her education includes two years of nursing studies at the Middlesex Vocational School. She has one daughter and two grandchildren.



A MESSAGE FROM Jeff



Two years ago, my brother-in-law, Tom, was diagnosed with frontal lobe dementia. Having worked in this field for thirty years, I was still not prepared for the effect it would have on my family.

Tom is fifty-six years old. He is a well-educated and talented man with a wife, a home, and three very sweet children. Now he is a man afflicted with an illness similar to Alzheimer’s disease and his family struggling to survive. Tom’s wife, Janet, works full-time to make ends meet. Their children’s daily lives have changed as they attempt to deal with the changes in their father and to assist in his care.

Tom’s behavior is occasionally a little difficult to for his family to manage by themselves but attempts to find adequate adult day services in the Chatham area have not been successful thus far.

So now, Tom comes to the Center with me because I know that the people who work here will care for him and treat him like he is a part of their family. Janet can go to work now. The kids can go to school. And I know Tom will be as OK as he can be.

SAVE THE DATES!

March 9

Doodle For Alzheimers

Art Auction



September 18

2nd Annual Golf & Culinary Event

Golf Fundraiser



November 10

"Getting Better with Age 2006"

Wine Tasting Event

Mission: The Adult Day Center of Somerset County is a nonprofit agency committed to providing high quality, affordable medical and social day care services for disabled and elderly residents of Somerset County.

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