



Dear Friend of the ADC,

Welcome to the 2017 April edition of the ADC's monthly newsletter! Later this month we will celebrate our volunteers during National Volunteer Recognition Week. Welsh Labor Organizer Elizabeth Andrews is quoted as saying "Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." This sentiment struck home for me as I thought about our program and event volunteers as well as our Board Members, who juggle their careers and family life to make time to further the work of the ADC. We are grateful.

Please take the time to read this newsletter. Reservations are being accepted for our 2017 Generations Gala honoring Steve Kalafer, and celebrating our 40th Anniversary. We hope you will join us. You will find news about donations from Unity Bank and Affinity Federal Credit Union, and an update on our 40th anniversary celebrations.

We welcome your feedback and invite you to visit the ADC if you get a chance.

See you at the ADC!

Sincerely,

*Diann Robinson*  
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Executive Director

## Generations Gala

The Generations Gala, our annual fundraising event, will be held this year on Thursday, June 8, 2017, at Trump National Golf Club at 5:30 p.m. This year we will honor Steve Kalafer of Flemington Car and Truck Country and the Somerset Patriots.



ADC Member Greg Gibson and Gala Honoree Steve Kalafer.



Above: Thank you Unity Bank!

## Unity Bank Sponsors Support Group

Unity Bank recently contributed to the ADC to underwrite the expenses of our Caregiver Support Group, which meets on the second Saturday of every month. Our support group has been part of the fabric of ADC programming for 18 years. We are grateful for this donation, which will underwrite marketing and staff expenses.

The date for the next support group is Saturday, April 20th, and our speaker will be Patti Kerr, CAEd, Certified Alzheimer's Educator, keynote speaker and author. Patti is the author of "I Love You, Who Are you? Loving and Caring for a Parent." She will have copies of her book available for purchase following the discussion. We are expecting a larger-than-usual crowd, so please RSVP to Stacy [\(908\) 725-0068](tel:9087250068) or [sscelfo@aduldaycenter.org](mailto:sscelfo@aduldaycenter.org) by Wednesday, April 19th. To learn more about the partnership between Unity Bank and the ADC, or to see a list of future support group dates, please [click here](#).

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Thank you Affinity!

## Affinity Federal awards grant

The ADC has received a grant from the Affinity Federal Credit Union Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of Affinity Federal Credit Union. Our award is directed toward our mission of ensuring that our services are available, regardless of the member's severity of illness or financial limitations. It will allow us to further identify and implement new programs for the growing population of younger clients with Alzheimer's.

About the grant award, Dr. Laretta Farrell, Executive Director of the Affinity Federal Credit Union Foundation explains, "Affinity seeks to leverage our

contributions to make impactful investments in local, grassroots charitable organizations. Our support of the ADC helps families to have access to compassionate care for their older and disabled loved ones. We have been longtime supporters and we are pleased to support their honorable work."

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Pictured above: Senator Kip Bateman joined ADC staff and members along with Laura DePrado of Final Touch Plantscaping, LLC.

## **ADC Celebrated Horticultural Therapy Week**

The ADC celebrated Horticultural Therapy Week on March 16th. Special guests were: Senator Kip Bateman (NJ District 16); Executive Director Lori Jensen and Senior Director Jack Otterbein of the NJ Nursery and Landscape Association. All participated with staff in activities presented by Laura DePrado of Final Touch Plantscaping, LLC. Click [here](#) for more information.

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## Spring Mural Appeal

The ADC is pleased to announce our Spring Appeal. We would like to launch a year-long project to design and install a mural in the main hallway, similar to the mural that was designed and painted in Spring 2015 in the activity room. Members will be encouraged to participate in all aspects of the project including planning, preparing, and painting the walls. The total cost of the project is projected at \$3,500. We are looking for 35 donations of \$100 each. Please click [here](#) to learn more.

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Congratulations ADC!

## Freeholders Recognize the ADC

The ADC's 40th Anniversary Celebrations were kicked off on Tuesday, March 28th when the Somerset County Freeholders presented the ADC Board of Trustees and staff with a Ceremonial Proclamation. Learn more about this proclamation and other activities on our website [here](#). In the photograph on the left: Senator Kip Bateman (NJ District 16); ADC Board members Mike Stanford and Dave Tucker; ADC Executive Director Diann Robinson; Freeholder Peter Palmer; ADC Board Members Christine Flanagan and Tom Grady; and Director of Development Hilary Kruchowy.

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## March Birthday Buddies

Our Birthday Buddy for March was Cristina Mandoni Festa, daughter of member Angelita Mandoni. During the party, members and guests were entertained by DJ Gary Morton. The party included gifts for celebrants, and cake and cookies for all. Our April sponsor is The Hunterdon Somerset Board of Realtors Community Service Committee which has been joining us for over 10 years. To learn more about our Birthday Buddy program please click [here](#). Sponsors are needed for later this year.

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## Caregiver Cafe is Open

All ADC caregivers are invited on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for coffee, pastries, and fellowship. This informal group, that is independent from ADC staff, is meant to give caregivers a friendly shoulder to lean on during difficult weeks, to share advice, and to provide encouragement in a positive environment. All caregivers are welcome to pop in for as little as five minutes or for the full 90 minutes. The next time the cafe is open will be on Friday, April 21st and Friday, April 28th.

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## Caregiver Coalition of United Way of Northern NJ Programs

The ADC collaborates with the Caregiver Coalition of the United Way of Northern New Jersey. We are pleased to promote their upcoming programs.

**Caregiver Coalition Monthly Meeting** - The Caregiver Coalition meets once per month on the third Thursday at the JCC of Bridgewater at 9:30 a.m. The April meeting is scheduled for April 20th. Please call Stephanie Howland at [973\) 993-1160 x534](tel:973-993-1160) for more information.

**Caregiver's Night Out** - The Caregiver Coalition's annual Caregiver's Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2nd at the Trade Wins at Somerset County Vo-Tech. For more information, please click [here](#).

For more information click [here](#) or call [\(888\) 338-9227](tel:888-338-9227).

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## April Activities

Please find attached the April calendar of activities. Of particular note this month is our first 40th Anniversary Celebration Event scheduled for Friday, April 21st. The theme is "You've Come A Long Way Baby." Our Volunteer Appreciation Lunch is April 25th.

## Additional Information about the ADC

### About the newsletter

Please email Hilary Kruchowy at [hilary.kruchowy@adulthoodcenter.org](mailto:hilary.kruchowy@adulthoodcenter.org) if you have any suggestions about future features. Please feel free to forward the newsletter to your friends and colleagues. We are trying to build our mailing list. Currently there are 950 names on our list. Thank you.

### "Like" us on Facebook!

We update our Facebook pages two or three times a week with news of what is happening at the center. Please "Like" us and check out our photographs. It is a great way to see what your loved one is up to and how they are spending their day. To date we are 3 likes away from 500.

### Mission

The Adult Day Center of Somerset County, a compassionate community of acceptance, is a non-profit agency committed to providing extraordinary day care services for the elderly and disabled residents of Somerset County, and support for caregiving families.