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CHS Foster parent profile: Nancy Swites

35 years caring for our children

Nancy Swites and her husband Bob already had two children when they decided their home and their hearts were big enough to accommodate more. So, they decided to take in foster children. The initial reaction from family and friends was, of course, disapproval. Knowing how much Nancy loved children, they felt she would not be able to bear the pain of separation when the time came for the children to leave. Nevertheless, Nancy and Bob were determined to pursue their dream. When an ad in the newspaper put them in touch with The Children's Home Society of New Jersey, their lifelong journey as foster parents began.

Over a period of 35 years Nancy has been foster mother to 195 children, including six sets of twins. At one point, she had three foster children in her care. When asked how she managed it, she says simply, "I believe in the Lord and He

gives me strength."

Nancy's home became a place that saved babies who found their way to The Children's Home Society of New Jersey. Caseworkers from the agency started getting in touch with Nancy and her husband regularly whenever there was a child that needed a foster home. Her family soon learned to rise to the occasion. Once they received a phone call, 35 minutes later the baby was there. Bob would leave work everyday knowing there might be a new baby waiting for him at home. Nancy would remind her sons (and future granddaughter, as the years passed) that they were, to her way of thinking, "babysitting for Jesus" and the boys pitched in without complaint,

helping her with chores and whenever extra assistance was required. It never mattered to Nancy and Bob what the baby's race or religion might be or whether the baby had a serious medical problem. Nancy welcomed every baby with open arms.



As was to be expected, the children left as quickly as they came. When a child's birth parents were ready to safely care for their child or when a family that wanted to adopt a child was found, Nancy's family would be

informed. Sometimes, she had to part with a baby as soon as two weeks after learning of the impending adoption. And it was painful every time, she says. However, she had a strong belief that every person had a right (*continued on page 3*)

Our board elects new chair

Rosalind H. Doctor, Ph.D., Vice President of Policy for The Children's Home Society of New Jersey and the chair of its board staff linkages committee, has been elected to serve as chair of the agency's board of directors, succeeding Robert Teweles whose term expired in May. She has been an active member of the board for the last ten years.



A resident of Plainfield, NJ, Rosalind served as executive director of human resources at Telcordia Technologies Inc.

before retiring in 2001. Prior to that, she had spent 25 years working for the AT&T Bell System in the areas of organizational consulting, HR strategy and development.

Since retiring, she has continued to work as an independent consultant and maintains a private practice as a psychotherapist. She earned her doctorate in organizational and counseling psychology at Columbia University and her bachelor's and master's degrees in mathematics and physics from Hunter College, CUNY.

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Foster parents needed now for children

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey is experiencing a need for many more foster families, particularly for infants and toddlers with special health problems. In recent weeks the CHS of NJ Infant Foster Care Program has received numerous telephone calls from birth mothers in crisis who need help caring for their babies.

One of these infants, an adorable baby boy, was born with a serious respiratory condition that required him to remain in the hospital for several weeks after birth. Now that his health has finally stabilized, he is living in one of our loving foster care homes while his birth mother learns to care for his special needs.

A second boy, born small but healthy, was placed in one of our foster homes when he was only two days old. The pregnancy was unplanned and a new baby was more than his very young parents could handle while struggling to raise the four school-age children they already had. The baby is thriving with his foster family while his birth parents explore the available options, including that of freeing him for adoption. They want what is best for their baby.

Within days after placing these two infant boys, we received a crisis call from the young single mother of seven-month-old twins. She had been parenting them since birth but felt she could no longer continue to do so. We were able to place both babies in another of our foster homes so they could stay together while the mother receives counseling and the assistance she needs to make a more permanent, thoughtful decision about her ability to parent twins.

CHS of NJ's Infant Foster Care Program is offered free to birth parents as a way of ensuring that their babies receive safe and loving care until there is a permanent plan in place for their babies' future. Some of these infants and toddlers eventually return home while others are adopted. The agency pediatrician provides direct medical services to all infants in our foster homes. Coordination for any additional medical supports is arranged and monitored by our social work staff.

Because several of our foster parents are trained in providing care for medically fragile infants and toddlers, we frequently receive referrals from the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) for

newborns and other infants in hospitals who can not be discharged until they have a safe place to live. More than once, these foster parents have been asked to bring home a special needs baby with only a moment's notice. And they do. We recently welcomed a medically fragile newborn into a home where another medically fragile child has been living and warmly cared for during the past year. We have some foster parents trained and able to care for two such babies.

DYFS babies often stay longer with their foster parents than CHS of NJ babies whose families are more actively participating in our birth parent counseling process. Babies placed by DYFS have usually been removed from the care of their parents and are involved in cases where placement decisions will ultimately be made by the court.

While DYFS referrals of babies needing extra care have been increasing, our current infant foster homes are almost at full capacity and we have had to turn away some medically fragile babies we might otherwise have helped. These children must now wait in hospitals until we find additional loving foster families.

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*Have some news to share?
Families are encouraged to send
news, updates and photos of their
adoptive families.*

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Welcome, new development officer

We are pleased to announce the hiring of T. Christian Rollins as

chief development officer of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey. Chris brings with him substantial expertise in the areas of major gifts, capital campaigns, planned giving, strategic planning, annual giving and special events. He also has valuable experi-

ence in public relations and marketing. Chris will head the agency's development team and assume responsibility for advancing the organization's charitable mission through its fundraising opera-

tions and development functions.

A Certified Fund Raising Executive

(CFRE) with more than 15 years of experience in fundraising and philanthropy, Chris is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) and the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy (AHP).

He is also a past president of the Georgia Association for Development

Professionals and a former faculty member of Atlanta's Nonprofit Resource Center. Chris received a B.A. from Hood College and an M.B.A. from Frostburg State University.



Foster parent profile: caring for our children (continued from page 1)

to experience the joys of parenthood. She was always gratified to see the joyful faces of parents when they went home with the children that she had so lovingly cared for. She created lovely baby books with schedules, habits, memorable moments and pictures so the parents would always feel included in that part of their child's life and so her babies could later look back and know who they were and what they were like as babies and that they were loved from the first day they were placed in her arms.

Nancy lost her husband in 2003 after a brief illness, but she still continues the journey she and Bob began 35 years ago. It has become part of her very being. Today, Nancy is the loving foster mother to a medically fragile pre-schooler. The

child has a permanent gastro-intestinal feeding tube implanted in her body because of a serious and unusual medical condition that requires her to be on a strict protein-free diet. In fact, Nancy had to attend special classes and receive hospital training just to be able to care for this child. But she welcomes the challenge. She tries to provide her foster daughter with as normal a childhood as circumstances allow, even to the point of sending her to dance lessons and school parties. "It is not a sacrifice," she says. "This is what I enjoy doing." Deeply religious, Nancy is



currently a deacon at the Presbyterian Church in Levittown, Pennsylvania, where she lives. She is also a devoted homemaker and loves decorating and cooking. When asked to describe her experience of foster parenting, Nancy thought for a moment, then grinned. "It's been 35 years of 2 o'clock feedings," she laughs with a loving twinkle in her eyes. *Editor's note: This article was written by*

freelance writer Kavitha Manley, a volunteer who donates her time and talent to help with our newsletter and other publications. Thank you, Kavitha, for your continued assistance.

New after-school program will help children

In response to the growing need for safer and more productive after-school options for New Jersey children, Governor James McGreevey has announced the formation of NJ After 3, the nation's first state-sponsored, nonprofit corporation to expand quality academic, character building, recreational and arts-related after-school programming from 3 to 6 pm.

This initiative is seen as a partnership between all of New Jersey – the corporate community with support and leadership; the public sector with critical government funding; the nonprofits that deliver the high-quality services to the children; and the schools with teachers and principals to help guide their students.

"NJ After 3 will serve as a dynamic force for the expansion of creative, fun and educational after-school programs for kids all over New Jersey," said Mark Valli, the program's executive director. "Our immediate goal for October is to create new programs that serve 20,000 kids. But we won't be content to stop at that goal. We will then work tirelessly during the winter to continue to expand the number of students that we reach. We will also work with existing networks of after-school programs to provide coordination, training, support and technical assistance

to further expand our impact. With the support and investment of New Jersey's corporate community, NJ After 3 will be able to provide children with opportunities that will allow them to thrive within their communities."

According to the most recent statistics, more than 14.3 million K-8 students nationwide must care for themselves each weekday between 3 and 6 pm, the peak hours for juvenile crime.

Quality after-school programs, with their emphasis on hands-on learning and enrichment, keep students safe and help them develop needed skills. Studies have shown that in cities where K-8 after-school programs have been enacted, the rate of juvenile crime has dropped and students' academic achievement has improved. CHS of NJ is one of 20 agencies (out of 110 applicants) who have been awarded funding to implement NJ After 3 this fall. *Note: Among those invited to the ceremony at which the announcement was made were U.S. Army*



▲ New Jersey Governor James McGreevey (second from right) with Sgt. Anthony Coleman, Debra Coleman, their daughter Ashley (far left), and Carolina Quiel at Dunn Middle School. Both students participate in KIKS, a CHS of NJ school-based program.

Sgt. Anthony Coleman, his wife Debra, and their daughter Ashley, a participant in CHS of NJ's "Kids Intervention with Kids in School (KIKS)" program at Trenton's Dunn Middle School and a supporter of the NJ After 3 initiative. The governor acknowledged Ashley's efforts on behalf of the program and commended the Colemans for their daughter's involvement and the leadership role she has taken through KIKS. With the memory of that evening fresh in his mind, Sgt. Coleman shipped out for the Middle East the following day.



◀ **CHS Adoptive families reunite at picnic**

Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville, NJ, was the site of this year's eighth annual adoptive family cookout. Braving the threat of imminent thunderstorms (that never came) and summerlike heat, more than fifty adults and children reunited with CHS of NJ staff and other families last May for an afternoon of food, fun and games. Volunteers from Bloomberg LP assisted with the food preparation and children's activities, including the traditional waterball toss. The prize for traveling the longest distance to attend this year's picnic goes to the Styer Family who now live in New Albany, Ohio. Next year we will look for you! *Shown in photo, Ken Styer and his sons enjoying an afternoon treat. An ice cream truck hired by Bloomberg LP as a special surprise distributed free ice cream cones to picnic attendees throughout the afternoon.*

Operation Child Care wins one for our soldiers

Our CHS Ocean County office in Lakewood, NJ, is participating in Operation Child Care, a volunteer effort to support National Guard and Reserve soldiers serving in Iraq. Thirty CHS-trained child care providers (both center-based and registered family child care providers) have already volunteered to help.

Judi Novak, a registered provider, recently donated four hours of child care to Raven, the infant daughter of Felix Zamot, an Air Force National Guardsman, and his wife, Shanna. Felix, who was called into active duty on 9/11/01, spent 22 months in Iraq, serving in Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and Noble Eagle.

The United States Army implemented a plan allowing military members serving in

Iraq to have rest and recuperation leaves of up to 15 days to visit family or friends in the United States or Europe. The program enables soldiers to enjoy a few hours of donated childcare to take care of personal business, take a spouse out to dinner, or enjoy other recreational activities.

The Nation's Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies with support of the Child Care Bureau, National Child Care Association, National Association of Family Child Care,

and National 4-H Clubs, organized Operation Child Care. Our Ocean County office is the first organization in New Jersey to participate.

"We are very proud of our providers for using their time and expertise to help our soldiers," said Gwen Forte, the director of the Ocean County office. "This is a kind and caring way to offer real support to families under a great deal of stress." For more information about Operation Child Care contact Barbara Schoen at

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732-905-6363 ext. 105.

There are many ways to help children

▶ **Does your company match gifts?**

Many do. Ask for a matching gift form from your employer, complete it and mail it to us with your check made payable to CHS of NJ. You'll increase the value of your gift and double your caring.

▶ **Do you donate to United Way?**

Another way to help our children is to designate CHS of NJ when you contribute to your local United Way campaign.

Your gift will help our children.



Pre-teen uses creative talents to help other children

Profiles in Caring: Kimberly Clifton

When 12-year-old Kimberly Clifton thought about her Junior Girl Scout Bronze Award project, she knew two things: she wanted to help children and she wanted to use her creative talents. The result was 27 canvas tote bags stenciled with colorful designs and filled with art supplies for children being helped through The Children's Home Society of New Jersey.

With the support of her mother, Anne, who is also her Girl Scout troop leader, Kimberly purchased the tote bags and then designed a flyer to solicit the contents. Neighbors, family members and other Girl Scouts quickly came up with piles of paper, scissors, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks and markers — almost enough to fill the 27 bags.

To get the remaining supplies, she went to several local craft stores asking for donations. "At first it was hard to ask them for help because I was just a kid," she confessed, "but it got easier each time."

Kimberly, who graduates to the Cadette Scouts, wanted to finish her Junior Girl

Scout years by accomplishing something special — earning the Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve. The Award is a major achievement because it requires 15 hours of service, two badges related to the project, and the Girl Scout Sign and Leadership awards.

Kimberly's mother, Anne, read about CHS of NJ on its website and showed it to Kimberly. It seemed like a perfect fit. "I really liked the idea because it was a kid helping kids," Kimberly said.

The tote bags have already had a positive impact on our children according to social worker Katie Davis who has distributed many of the bags to young CHS of NJ children who are experiencing severe stress in their lives. "One boy loves his fish-design bag so much, he takes it with him everywhere he goes," she said.

Thank you, Kimberly, for caring about other children.

Editor's Note: CHS of NJ Volunteer Brenda Miranda wrote this article and took the accompanying photo for it.



▲ Kimberly Clifton (left) and her mother, Anne, with one of the 27 canvas bags she stenciled and filled with art supplies for children being helped through CHS of NJ services.

Save the dates...

October 21, 2004
Annual Fall Auction
(Bucks County Auxiliary)

October 23, 2004
Shopping trip to Vanity
Fair Outlets in Reading, PA
(Lakewood Office)

November 27, 2004
Brunch with Santa
(Trenton Auxiliary)

December 4, 2004
Foster Family Christmas Party

May 7, 2005
111th Anniversary Gala

May 16, 2005
BCAIF Golf Outing

DYFS commends CHS of NJ for role in meeting needs of children

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey was recently commended by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) for helping to develop the standards and service model to be used for future safety, permanency and well-being assessments of children in New Jersey's child welfare system.

CHS of NJ was one of three lead agencies that began partnering with DYFS last January in an effort to reform the state's child welfare system and to ensure that the needs of every child within the system were being met.

During the last eight months, two-person teams comprised of a DYFS worker and a community service provider from one of the lead agencies visited the homes of 6,050 children currently under DYFS' supervision. After meeting with each

child, his or her caregiver and other family members, they reviewed the child's mental and physical health, educational status and permanency plan to determine what issues or concerns, if any, needed to be addressed. This check assured the safety and well being of each child placed. Reports were then filed with the appropriate DYFS regional office for follow-up services.

During the assessment process, recommendations suggested by CHS of NJ were adopted and implemented by DYFS and the other agencies participating in the project. CHS of NJ staff participating in the safety assessments included Chris Stephan, Director of Clinical Services, and assessment supervisors Christine Rednor and Michelle Frattaroli.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

► Girl Scouts build joy for pre-schoolers

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 50 from Montgomery Township, NJ, presented three handmade “Play Corners” – a toy kitchen, toy tool bench, and a dress-up corner – to CHS of NJ for use in a partnering preschool center in Trenton. Nine 8th grade girls worked with troop leader Laura Heil in planning the projects, acquiring materials, measuring and cutting wood, assembling, sanding and painting the items. The result: three beautiful custom-made play centers that the preschoolers swarmed over and put to immediate use. The Scouts also provided numerous toys and props that complemented each unit. We thank the Scouts and Laura for undertaking this large and intense project for children. Lowe’s of Hillsborough supported the construction by donating lumber and other supplies and coordinating the “how to” clinics that helped the girls get started.



◄ McGraw-Hill and ETS hit “home run” for children

Twelve volunteers from The McGraw-Hill Companies and Educational Testing Service turned out on a hot and humid night last July to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at a Trenton Thunder benefit for CHS of NJ. Wearing colorful CHS of NJ aprons, they fanned out through the crowd of nearly 4,000 spectators at the Waterfront Park stadium, home of Trenton Thunder, and within a few hours raised \$841 through the sale of 1,682 tickets. McGraw-Hill will now provide a Team Volunteer Grant to CHS of NJ matching that amount. In addition to selling raffle tickets, the McGraw-Hill volunteers participated in entertainment on

the playing field that caused two of them to get very, very wet. Our sincerest thanks to all of the volunteers for the time and energy they spent that evening to help our children. Volunteers in back row, from left: Alice Hillary, Morgan Root, Randy Blum, and Cindy Wahlig. Front row, from left: Cindy Phillips, Robin Blum Morgan, Ellie Booker, Jessica Lee-You, Barbara Gray, Ryan Shander, and David Gray. Karen Lening is not shown in photo.

► MDRT Foundation award targets reading & music program for pre-schoolers

Princeton resident Roy W. Hudson, a financial services agent for Prudential Insurance in Lawrenceville, secured a \$2,500 grant from the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Foundation for The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey. The funds will be used to support our Fun with Books and Music programs that prepare preschool children for success in school and teach effective parenting skills. Mr. Hudson, a 22-year MDRT member and an active supporter of CHS of NJ, presented the grant to outgoing board chairman Robert Teweles at the May meeting of CHS of NJ’s board of directors. The MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a way to give back to their communities. The Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Million Dollar Round Table, an association of 28,000 financial professionals from 68 nations and territories throughout the world. Robert Teweles (far right), outgoing chairman of the CHS of NJ board of directors, holding the check presented to him by MDRT member Roy Hudson at the May board meeting.





◀ **Charity golf outing swinging with success**

The first-ever golf tournament for CHS of NJ was a spectacular success which raised \$10,500 for our children's programs. Sponsored by the Bucks County Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors, the tournament was held last May at the beautiful Northampton Valley Country Club in Richboro, Pennsylvania. A total of 124 golfers participated in the festivities which also included a luncheon and an awards reception. We wish to thank BCAIFA Golf Committee members Gary Armstrong, Brian Dobisch, Archie Foor, Tony Pettola, Alan Katz, and Jerry Redington for selecting CHS of NJ as the beneficiary of this annual event. We also want to extend special thanks to Hole-in-One Sponsor AXA Financial, our friends at Faulkner Buick and the many sponsors, special contributors, golfers and volunteers who helped make this event so successful. Shown in photo, CHS of NJ board member and Golf Outing Chairperson Nick Ventura (second from left) with friends who participated in the BCAIFA charity golf tournament last May.

NOTE: If you would like to participate in next year's charity golf tournament to be held on Monday, May 23rd, 2005, please contact Colleen Gehring at 609-695-6274, ext.168 or via e-mail at cgehring@chsfnj.org.

▶ **Best of Bloomberg keep helping**

Employees from Bloomberg LP in Montgomery Township, NJ, are continuing their tradition of helping children through CHS of NJ. These two groups of volunteers came to our Trenton office to assist with preparations for this year's annual gala. While some volunteers helped with mailings, others assembled



bags of favors that were given to gala attendees. Shown, from left in the photo with six people: Jay Amberg, Jason Lucas, Vince Sgro, Ann Walker, Gail Gross, and Al Bassano. Other photo, from left: Tim Sveruk, Lili Wang, Doreen Szefflinski, and Marie Murkli. Our thanks to all of these wonderful volunteers for caring about our children and wanting to make the world a better place for them.



◀ **Trenton Auxiliary installs new officers**

New officers for 2004-05 were inducted at our Trenton Auxiliary Board's 41st Installation Dinner. Shown from left to right: Kellie Foerter, President, Marcy Logan and Kristin Hartig, Co-Vice Presidents, Aline Guzzo, Treasurer, Rebecca Mullowney, Corresponding Secretary, Lisa Daly, Recording Secretary and Marilyn Carroll, Chairperson of the Installation Dinner Committee. Since its founding in 1963, the board has been raising money for CHS of NJ foster children and promoting good public relations within the community. We wish the new officers continued success as they plan for the coming year.

In memory of our friend, Tom Foy

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of board member Tom Foy, a former chairman of the CHS of NJ board of directors and a caring, compassionate advocate for children. Tom passed away September 1st after collapsing at Union Station in Washington, DC, as he was preparing to board a train to return to New Jersey. He was 53.

A fun-loving person with a zest for life, Tom was active in politics and served as a New Jersey assemblyman from 1984 to 1990 and as a New Jersey state senator from 1990 to 1992. He also served as deputy political director of Jim Florio's 1989 campaign for Governor. At the time of his death he was senior vice president of corporate business development at Hill International, a consulting firm in Marlton.



Tom Foy (1951 – 2004)

Tom and his wife, Jamie, adopted two children – a son, Brian, and a daughter, Alexandra (Allie) – who were the pride and joy of his life. Allie was adopted through CHS of NJ which prompted Tom to become an active supporter of our agency and its mission. During his 13 years on the board he served on numerous committees and was instrumental in the establishment of The William S. and Meta A. Griffith Children's Center, our current agency headquarters in Trenton. Accord-

ing to CHS of NJ President Donna Pressma, "Tom had a gift for bringing diverse groups together and was always available to help CHS problem solve. He was a trusted and beloved friend who cared about people and touched the lives of everyone he met. He will be sorely missed."

Thanks, BeginAgains

Our thanks to Linda Granett and Julie Dohanac, owners of BeginAgains Thrift Shop for their continuing support of CHS of NJ. Since the store opened in July 2002, they have generously donated a portion of their gross monthly sales to our agency to help local children. In their first two years of business, this donation totaled more than \$6,700. The store now offers a vintage department that includes clothing, hats, gloves, pocketbooks and other items from the 70's and before. BeginAgains is located at 2135 South Broad Street in Hamilton Township, NJ. If you have clothes, toys, accessories, kitchen items or nick-nacks you no longer need—and want to help children — please contact Linda or Julie at 609-888-3300.

Donate your old car

Are you thinking of selling or trading in an old car, truck, boat or RV? Why not donate it instead? For more information or to make a donation, please contact Betty Bohlert via telephone at 609-695-6274 ext. 161 or via e-mail at bbohlert@chsofnj.org.

Creative wedding day favors benefit our children

When Judith Dorkin married Robert Bonocore, they found a unique way of sharing their joy with others. Rather than having a traditional wedding favor for guests at their reception, they created a special card that was placed at each setting and read:

*To Our Family and Friends
With much thought and consideration, we have chosen a special way to say "Thank You" for sharing our wedding day with us. In lieu of a traditional favor, we have made donations in your honor to the American Diabetes Association and The Children's Home Society of New Jersey. We feel that the finest gift is one that helps others to live long and happy lives. We truly appreciate your being part of our special day.*

When asked why she did this, Judith explains, "I was adopted from The Children's Home Society in 1963 and feel very lucky to have had the opportunities they presented to me. Without them and my adoptive parents, I would never have been able to accomplish the things I have, or to find the happiness that I am so fortunate to have found."

Each card was printed on ivory paper and had an ivory ribbon glued to the top. "Everyone loved them," says Judith. "My brother, who is also adopted, said he'd never seen a nicer wedding favor. And my sister, who is not

adopted, cried."

We want to thank the Bonocores, who live in Moorestown, NJ, for their compassion and generosity and for allowing us to share their wonderful idea with our newsletter readers. This is just one more example of how a little imagination and creativity can be combined to benefit the next infant or child who comes to CHS of NJ for help. To learn more about options for helping our children, contact Gil Phillips at 609-695-6274 ext. 141 or via e-mail at gphillips@chsofnj.org. You can also visit our website at www.chsofnj.org.

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Donations from the heart

CHS of NJ thanks the following people who made generous donations
between February 2004 and September 2004 in honor of or in memory of special people.

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Bob Teweles

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Thank you for
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Volunteer Options

There are many ways to help children

Anyone who receives this newsletter is already helping at-risk children one way or another. We have recently revised and expanded the information on volunteer options and opportunities for individuals, companies, community organizations, schools, colleges and churches. There are three kits available that explain the many ways to help children: a smaller kit for people who have a pretty good understanding of what we're all about, a comprehensive kit that explains our mission along with volunteer options, and a corporate partnership kit that contains additional information on how companies can partner with us to help children. If you want to receive any or all of these kits, contact Gil Phillips at 609-695-6274, ext. 141 or gphillips@chsofnj.org.

If you belong to a community organization, are active in your church or in your child's school, or want to introduce CHS at your workplace, we can provide you with information pertaining to:

- ▶ **20 OPTIONS FOR HELPING CHILDREN.** This information is divided into categories that focus on supplies, special events and functions, talents and interests, and other ways to help.
- ▶ **SPECIAL EVENTS.** This includes highlights about CHS of NJ events and schedules and ideas for creating your own event.
- ▶ **FINDING NEW FOSTER PARENTS.** We need help spreading awareness that infants and adolescents in New Jersey are waiting for foster parents. We can provide information to post on company websites or leave in public places that will help us find homes.
- ▶ **BABY BOTTLE FORMULA FOR HOPE.** If you are tired of dealing with loose change, put it to good use by helping our foster care program. This is an easy way to help children and can make a great group activity.
- ▶ **CHILDREN'S BOOKS.** We need new books for babies through 12 years old. We are also looking for books in Spanish.
- ▶ **BABY SUPPLIES.** Our 20 options for helping children lists the many baby supplies that are needed. We also have a detailed listing for our Latino prenatal and postnatal support group.
- ▶ **10 WAYS TO HELP CHILDREN.** This summary for companies and other organizations lists the many options – web access, seminars, special events, and seven more – that are possible when partnering with us.

Adopt a Baby Bottle

Spare change helps foster babies and children

It's Easy

1. Fill the 9-ounce baby bottle that we provide with coins, checks, or cash.
2. Ask your family members and friends to help.
3. Fill out the honoree/memorial card in the bottle as another way to show you care.
4. Return the filled bottle to the designated drop-off location.

You can conduct a Baby Bottle drive any time you want. You decide the size of the drive – perhaps you want only one for your house or office. Maybe you want to encourage friends, neighbors, employees and others to take a bottle. Perhaps your employer would be interested in making it into a company project. Or you might want to make it a project at your church, a school or community organization. We also have jumbo-sized bottles for central collection points. For more information on how to get started, contact Gil Phillips at 609-695-6274 ext. 141 or Colleen Gehring ext. 168 via e-mail at gphillips@chsofnj.org or cgehring@chsofnj.org.



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▲ Liberty Property Trust volunteers who participated in the car wash included, from left, front row: Greg Parente, Sal Dragone, and Jeanne Armstrong. Middle: Jim Strojan, Flor Turcios, and Maureen McCole. Back: West Buonadonna, LuAnn Stiles, Rosann Bruno, Valerie Noble, Jim Lubitsky, Lloyd Horvath, and Tony Ewing.

On a hot and humid summer afternoon last August, 13 employees of Liberty Property Trust in Marlton, New Jersey, gathered in a sunny parking lot and set to work – washing cars as a benefit to CHS of NJ. The idea for the car wash came from Valerie Noble, Administrative Assistant at Liberty and one of our most enthusiastic supporters. She approached her bosses and they agreed to let employees take a Friday afternoon off to participate in this event. Sal Dragone, Liberty's Vice President Property Management, did even more than agree – he was in the thick of things washing down dozens of vehicles. Valerie publicized the benefit fundraiser – which a Philadelphia TV news channel covered – through the extensive network of Liberty's tenant businesses. During the course of the afternoon, more than \$650 was raised to support our programs for infants and children. Thank you, Liberty Property Trust employees, for volunteering your time to help in this wonderful way.