For A Child’s Sake

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REMEMBERING AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN; OUR FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BETTY LIPMAN

With a heavy heart, we must say goodbye to an important member of the CHSofNJ family; Betty Jeane Oxley Lipman, who passed away in 2018. Betty began her career at CHSofNJ as a social worker in 1957. Her extensive knowledge, wide-ranging experience, and exceptional work ethic led her to become a Supervisor, and by the time she retired in 1987, Betty had served as the Executive Director, a role in which she made many important innovative changes that helped shape CHSofNJ into the comprehensive child and family support agency it is today.

Betty held a Bachelor's degree from Douglass College and a Master's in Social Work from Columbia University. She was a charter member of the National Association of Social Workers and of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, and had more than 30 years of experience in the child welfare field as a caseworker, supervisor, and consultant. Betty led and presented at many state and national workshops regarding various facets of adoption, including recruiting and preparing prospective adoptive families for the “hard to place” child; transracial adoptions; adult adoptees; and permanency planning. She served on the Advisory Council of Executives for Child Welfare League of America and as Peer Reviewer for the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. Betty was also chairman of the Inter-Agency Adoption Council of New Jersey, and a member of the Family and Children's Services Practice Advisory Committee of Rutgers Graduate School of Social Work.

Of Betty's many lifetime accomplishments, those nearest and dearest our hearts are those made in her 30 years at CHSofNJ. Under Betty's dedicated leadership, CHSofNJ grew from an adoption agency with three components (counseling services for unwed mothers considering adoption; temporary foster care for infants of those mothers; and adoption services for families who wished to adopt) to a multi-service agency. In 1975, Betty signed CHSofNJ's first contract with the state of New Jersey, to provide psycho-therapeutic services to families whose children had been placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. That program was one of the earliest permanency planning programs in the country, and papers describing its importance were presented at several Child Welfare League of America conferences. Under Bettys' leadership, CHSofNJ also began to provide counseling for families of children without regard to their adoptive status, and increased our foster care services to include young children in crises while their parents participated in therapy. And in 1985, the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), now the Department of Child & Family Services, contracted with CHSofNJ to provide post-placement and post-legalization counseling services to families who had adopted through DYFS and other agencies. Betty and her staff provided support groups and educational meetings for all members of the adoption family, in addition to individual and family counseling.

Betty felt strongly that no successful agency had the luxury of standing still- it must always move forward or it would fall back. This sentiment remains true for us today, and we believe that Betty would be proud to see how CHSofNJ has continued down the path she started us on- one that embraces constant change and growth to better meet the ever-evolving needs of the at-risk babies, children, and families we serve.

The agency is honored to memorialize Betty through the creation of a special fund in her name; The Betty Lipman Adoption, Foster Care, and Birth Parent Fund. No memorial donation is too small, as every dollar helps save a child’s life and build a happy, healthy family. If you would like to contribute in Betty’s memory, please contact Taylor Hamilton at (609) 695-6274 or visit our website www.chsofnj.org.
CHSofNJ’s AUXILIARY BOARD CELEBRATES 55 YEARS OF PROTECTING OUR FOSTER CARE BABIES

In November of 1963, Shirley Thomas Hartig decided to do something wonderful. She decided that she would make a difference in the lives of at-risk babies in their community, and recruited her friends and neighbors to help. Shirley rallied together a small group of women whose compassion mirrored her own, and as the first President of the CHSofNJ Auxiliary Board, began what has since become a 55-year legacy of love.

Charter members Marilyn Carroll and Ruth Bartasawitz happily accepted Shirley’s invitation and helped Shirley start the important work of fundraising for CHSofNJ’s Infant Foster Care program. The vision and commitment of these exceptional women continues today, as President Michele Krasny, Vice President Amanda Borgstrom, and more than 30 Auxiliary Board Members, including Shirley Thomas Hartig’s granddaughters Kristin Hartig & Erika Kishler, follow in their footsteps as advocates for the babies and children of the CHSofNJ.

In 55 years, the Auxiliary has hosted many events and fundraisers in support of CHSofNJ’s Infant Foster Care program, including candy sales, Brunch with Santa, Designer Handbag Bingo, and the ever-popular Red Rose Day event. The ladies of CHSofNJ’s Auxiliary work tirelessly to think of new ideas and make existing events even better to help even more local babies in need. Since its founding, the Auxiliary has donated more than $375,000!

This past November, the Auxiliary once again hosted an incredibly successful Brunch with Santa event, and we are honored to accept a check for nearly $10,000, representative of proceeds from this festive and fun event! We cannot thank the caring members of CHSofNJ’s Auxiliary Board, past and present, for all that they have done and continue to do to help our babies and children find their forever loving families.
CHSofNJ PARTICIPATES IN FIRST LADY TAMMY MURPHY’S FAMILY FESTIVAL RESOURCE EVENT TO SAVE INFANT/MATERNAL LIVES

CHSofNJ would like to thank New Jersey’s First Lady, Tammy Murphy, for hosting a Family Festival event in Trenton to help improve health outcomes for mothers and babies in Mercer County. The December 2018 event welcomed more than 100 community partners, including CHSofNJ, to offer families a comprehensive view of the life-saving resources and services available throughout our communities. CHSofNJ featured 5 of our 47 programs: Mercer County WIC supplemental nutrition and breastfeeding support; Head Start/Early Head Start; the Heritage North and South Family Success Centers (Trenton) and the Anchor Family Success Center (Ocean County); and our Maternal/Child Health services, including CUNA and Body & Soul.

Improving access to healthcare and insurance for low-income residents has been a priority for Mrs. Murphy, and it is a goal we share at CHSofNJ. Our partnership with Horizon Foundation for New Jersey enables us to help 175 women and families obtain adequate medical insurance each year through our Womens Health Literacy project. CHSofNJ's Mercer County WIC program provides education, breastfeeding support, and vouchers for healthy foods to more than 8,000 women, infants and children annually. Maternal/Child Health is one of our core service areas, and we are proud to positively impact birth outcomes in Trenton through our CUNA and Body & Soul prenatal education programs- between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018 our CHSofNJ participants had the following positive outcomes on these measures:

- 97% kept all of their prenatal doctor visits
- 90% of mothers who provided post-delivery information delivered full-term babies; and 93% delivered babies that weighted more than the 2500 gram threshold for healthy birth weight
- 92% of the babies required no time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)
- 100% of mothers breastfed their babies
- None of the mothers used alcohol or drugs once they knew they were pregnant

We are so grateful for wonderful partners like First Lady Tammy Murphy who makes at-risk children a priority. We look forward to further improved health outcomes in Trenton as a result of our shared commitment to the at-risk babies, children, parents and families of New Jersey!
We are so grateful for the opportunity to partner with United Methodist churches in Trenton and central New Jersey, Maker’s Place, and the many church and community groups who have come together to help Trenton families care for and protect their sweet babies!

LOCAL METHODIST CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS COLLECT DIAPERS FOR AT-RISK BABIES

One in three American mothers struggles to provide enough diapers for her baby. In a community like Trenton, where 37% of families with children under the age of 5 live below the poverty line, the need for help is even greater. Because of this, CHSoFNJ was thrilled to partner with Pastor Michael Reed and Pastor Rupert Hall of United Methodist churches in Trenton and central New Jersey. Pastors Reed and Hall coordinated a diaper drive with assistance from four Trenton-area churches and nearly 40 additional congregations and community groups from across the State of New Jersey. Together, this remarkable group has already collected more than 87,000 diapers for shared groups in Trenton. These caring friends plan to host community parties, sponsored by Maker’s Place, to celebrate the first birthdays of low-income babies in Trenton! These parties will create opportunities for the community to come together and celebrate an important milestone for Trenton’s babies and their families, as well as provide diapers for the ‘Birthday Babies’ and any other young children in diapers who attend. In addition, families in attendance will receive important information and resources to help reduce the city’s high infant mortality rate. The important topic of “Safe Sleep” practices will be discussed at the first community diaper party on March 2, from 1:00–4:00pm, at Turning Point United Methodist Church (15 Broad Street, Trenton). To learn more, contact CHSoFNJ Activity and Event Planner Evelyn Sellas-Ramirez at (609) 695-6274 x129.

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125 YEARS OF SAVING CHILDREN’S LIVES AND BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES

CHSofNJ is both pleased and humbled to have fulfilled our mission of saving children’s lives and building healthy families for 125 years! As we celebrate this remarkable feat, we look back proudly on our beginnings, and on our willingness to always grow and change to better serve at-risk children and families.

In 1894, CHSofNJ was founded as New Jersey’s first child saving agency. Through a comprehensive continuum of effective prevention and support services, and more than a century of unwavering commitment to the at-risk babies, children, adolescents, parents, grandparents, and caregivers of our communities, CHSofNJ has grown to the respected child and family welfare agency it is today. With a talented staff of 300, 21 dedicated Board members, 31 caring Auxiliary Board members, and the support of more than 900 caring volunteers, CHSofNJ is able to make a meaningful difference in 84,000 lives each year. We serve children and families in every county of New Jersey and into Eastern Pennsylvania with services in child welfare, child care, early childhood education, Maternal/Child Health, Counseling, and Kinship support. Our services are free, confidential, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate. We evaluate every program.

We consider it an honor and a testament to the quality and effectiveness of our programming that CHSofNJ has remained a leader in child welfare and family support for both the State of New Jersey and the nation. Our Kinship Cares program is currently being considered as a model for national replication. In addition, CHSofNJ has been invited to the Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) national conference this spring to present our clinical post-adoption services, our proven model for supporting and empowering grandparents and other relatives raising kin children and our future direction model of child welfare services.

In this exciting anniversary year, not only do we look back on our past, but we look eagerly toward our future! As we approach the spring, CHSofNJ will open our trauma-informed clinic in Trenton to serve at-risk babies, children, and families where access to quality mental health care is limited. This accomplishment and many others have been made possible by the generous support of our donors, corporations, foundations, and government partners who have believed in us and have seen the impact of our good work for more than a century. Our hardest obstacle going forward is that government funding has not increased for the past 9 years, yet each year so many more children come to us for help. We are endlessly grateful for your support, and we look forward to working together with you to continue to save children’s lives and build healthy families for another 125 years!
HOLIDAY DONORS

Thank you to the individuals, families, clubs, organizations, and companies who supported our 2018 Holiday Drives:

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KIDS HELPING KIDS

The students of East Amwell Township School in Ringoes, New Jersey know a little something about holiday spirit! Each year since 2011, students learn the importance of kindness by purchasing gifts for CHSofNJ’s children with money that has been generously donated by parents and other members of the school community during the last week of November. Then, in support of our agency’s annual Holiday Gift Drive, approximately 50 students and many school staff members go on a shopping trip to purchase gifts from our children’s holiday wish lists! We are truly grateful to have such wonderful friends helping to make holiday dreams come true for the at-risk families we serve.

Pictured: Students from East Amwell Township School donate holiday gifts for CHSofNJ’s at-risk children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

125th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, April 6, 2019
Cherry Valley Country Club
Skillman, NJ

Designer Handbag Bingo
Friday, May 10, 2019
Our Lady of Good Counsel
Ewing, NJ

TEDI Event of the Year
Thursday, May 23, 2019
Patriots Theater at the War Memorial
Trenton, NJ

Red Rose Day
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Trenton, NJ

NAIFA-GP Golf Outing
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Northampton Valley Country Club
Richboro, PA

UPCOMING DRIVES

Easter Drive
baskets, nut-free candy, small games/toys, etc.
Please call to schedule your delivery between
Monday, April 8 - Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Back to School Drive
backpacks & school supplies
Monday, August 5 - Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Halloween Drive
candy, costumes, and decorations
Monday, October 7 - Friday, October 18, 2019

Thanksgiving Food Drive
gift cards and non-perishable food
Monday, November 18 - Friday, November 22, 2019

Holiday Toy Drive
Unused Toys, clothes, cold weather essentials, gift cards, wrapping paper, holiday decor, and electronics
All of December

For more information about upcoming events or drives, visit www.chsofnj.org or contact Angie Giacolona McManimon at (609) 695-6274 x138 or agiacolona@chsofnj.org.
RECOGNIZING OUR OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEES

After many months of consideration and thoughtful planning as to the structure CHSofNJ will need to succeed as we move forward to ensure our continued success, we have put together the new organizational structure, effective February 1, 2019. The following promotions have been made based on the advanced skills and proven positive expertise of each of the following professionals:

- **Ruth Ruggentaler-Cooper** has been promoted to **EHR Evolv System Administrator**.
- **Angie Giacolona McManimon** has been promoted to **Program Administrator of Marketing, Communications, and Funds Development**.
- **Craig Hutton** has been promoted to **Clinical Coordinator of Trauma Informed Behavioral Health**.
- **Tara Rivas** has been promoted to **Administrative Coordinator for our Mental Health Clinic**. Tara will continue her work in contracts & grants development/quality assurance.

Please join us in congratulating our outstanding staff. Keep up the great work team!

NEW DIRECTORS & EXECUTIVE PROMOTIONS

**Karen Courtney** has been promoted to **Chief Operating Officer** and now oversees all agency program implementation, monitoring and evaluation. This includes responsibility for research, evaluation, quality assurance, and legislative education. Karen will develop/update agency policies and procedures, and is now responsible for Critical Incident reporting.

**Dolores Bryant** has been promoted to **Vice President of Trauma Informed Child Welfare, Kinship & Clinical Services**. Dolores will also continue to oversee professional development, New Hire Orientation, and oversight of our student interns. She will also help lead CHS in community partnerships.

**Joseph Zdeb Jr., LCSW** has recently been promoted to **Director of Clinical Child Welfare and Contracting**. Joe has been with CHSofNJ since 2007 as one of the original clinician’s in the Ocean Reunification Program. He was promoted to Program Administrator in 2011, overseeing many of the agencies clinical child welfare programs in both Ocean and Mercer County. He has been instrumental in the enhancement of clinical services provided and creating trauma-informed care for those programs in the agency. In addition to his many responsibilities, Joe helps in supervising and supporting clinical staff in meeting the needs of our families.
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125TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

CHSofNJ's largest annual fundraising event, co-chaired by Board Chair Timothy P. Ryan and Mary Anne Treacy-Ryan, will honor CHSofNJ's 2019 “Champions of Children” – AvalonBay Communities, Inc. and The Meta A. and William S. Griffith Foundation, in memory of former Board member and community leader Meta A. Griffith.

The black tie optional event includes a cocktail reception, delicious dinner, exciting live and Silent Auctions, a cash prize raffle, and special performances by Triune Entity, CHSofNJ’s Head Start Special Stars, and Shorty Long & The Jersey Horns.

To reserve tickets, purchase 50/50 raffle tickets, or learn more about Sponsorship levels and other ways to support this important event, please contact Pamela Cipriano at 609-695-6274 x160 or visit www.chsofnj.org/125th-anniversary-gala-seeds-of-dreams by March 22, 2019. Sponsorship information is due by March 15, 2019. Additional information, including previews of our auction prizes, can be viewed on CHSofNJ’s Facebook page (facebook.com/CHSofNJ) or Instagram feed (instagram.com/chsofnj or search #seedsofdreamsgala).