

## PANDEMIC RELIEF FUND HELPS AGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION



Our agency was awarded a \$150,000 grant from the New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund (NJPRF) to increase our capacity to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. The New Jersey Pandemic Relief Fund was assembled to provide assistance to organizations that regularly care for vulnerable communities. These funds are being used to directly support food purchases, internet services, IT service costs and other technological needs for remote learning. More than \$90,000 of the grant went towards providing food to hungry, vulnerable families state-wide and the remainder of the funds were used to provide IT support and Head Start/Early Head Start support. This grant allowed us to give IT help to our 340 employees providing our programs and services remotely as well as bring Chromebooks and internet services to Head Start families for virtual learning.

Our agency is thrilled to have received this substantial grant award from such a major organization founded by First Lady Tammy Murphy. Much like our mission, the First Lady of New Jersey's policy initiatives have included a priority to improve infant and maternal health outcomes state-wide. We are grateful to the NJPRF to be able to support our employees so they may continue providing our essential services to our New Jersey children and families.

## AMAR COMMUNITY DOULA PROGRAM TURNS ONE!



THANK YOU so much for your support during our first year!



AMAR COMMUNITY-BASED DOULA PROGRAM

The Children's Home Society of New Jersey AMAR Community Doula program, funded by The Burke Foundation, happily celebrates 1 year of helping improve birth outcomes for Latina women in the City of Trenton. On October 29, 2019, the AMAR Community Doula program was created as a way to strengthen our maternal child health services. Our programs include free pregnancy testing, classes to learn ways to ensure healthy pregnancies and healthy child birth (Body & Soul and CUNA) and doula care. These services aim to educate and increase awareness about preconception, prenatal and inter-conception care among women of all ages.

Our passionate and dedicated Doulas have helped improve the lives of 48 women, supported the births of 30 healthy babies, and provided 247 prenatal visits and 230 postpartum visits to our clients. Even during the global pandemic, the AMAR team continued to provide our much-needed services and make an everlasting impact in our community. As we celebrate this successful year, we would like to thank our amazing Doulas—**Teresita Carrasquillo**, **Hilda Villanueva** and **Silvia Corado**—for their hard work and dedication to improving the lives of infants and women in Trenton.

## 126TH ANNIVERSARY GALA “SEEDS TO BLOOMS” GOES VIRTUAL



The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey is proud to have successfully celebrated our 126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala—Seeds to Blooms.

For the first time in the agency’s history, our 2020 Gala Committee (led by Gala Chairs Tim & Mary Anne Ryan and Jim & Sheri Shea) was tasked with coordinating a fully virtual gala event. The event, which took place on Saturday, October 3, 2020, featured a video premiere

<https://vimeo.com/manage/464539438/> that showcased our real agency stories. Over 125 viewing screens with an average of 5 viewers for each screen allowed 725 attendees to come to our gala. At the video premiere, attendees also participated in our online silent auction and were able to browse and bid on 85 wonderful packages. We warmly thank the hard working gala committee: Pamela Cipriano, Angela McManimon, Justin

Girard, Jocelyn Rock, Beth Ferriano and Cordelia Staton. We would like to thank everyone who both shared and supported our virtual gala—you made it possible for our agency to bring in funding for our children during covid times.

## VIRTUAL GIVING SEASON



In the midst of the global pandemic, our agency has continued to find creative ways to run our annual fundraisers and drives. We have successfully hosted a virtual **Back to School Drive** where we collected thousands of school items for children in the communities we serve throughout New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania. We would like to thank **You Give Goods** virtual fundraising platform for making this year’s virtual Back to School Drive a success. We are forever grateful to all of our corporate supporters, individual donors, family and friends for helping us collect more than 5,000 items for this year’s school drive. Many of our families have been directly impacted economically by the current pandemic and were unable to get the necessary school supplies they needed in order to ensure their children had a successful school year. Because of our caring donors, hundreds of our children received all of the supplies needed for their school year! Thank you so much for supporting our agency and our mission of **saving children’s lives and building healthy families!**

## INTRODUCING NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CEO ISAIRA ROSARIO



The Children’s Home Society of New Jersey would like to congratulate longtime CHSofNJ employee **Isaira Rosario** on becoming the new **Executive Assistant** to our President and CEO, Donna Pressma. Isaira has been working diligently with our agency for 15 years and in that time, has filled many vital roles.

In 2005, Isaira began her career at CHSofNJ as a Program Assistant in our CUNA program, a Maternal and Child Health Educational/Mentoring program for Latino women. She then transferred to our Kinship Connection program, a federal initiative supporting kinship families in their effort to raise kin children and navigate legal guardianship. Confident in her ability and belief that she wanted to continue advocating for others, Isaira applied for a position in our Human Resources department and worked as an HR Associate for 5 years.

Outside of work, Isaira enjoys volunteering and helping out within her community. She is a member of the Latino Vision Council Committee of the United Way of Mercer County and volunteered at Capital Health NICU as March of Dimes bed side support and also as translator. Isaira enjoys working at CHS and truly believes in our mission and in advocating for people who are in need. Congratulations and good luck, Isaira, as you take on your new role as Executive Assistant to the CEO.

| CORPORATE AND FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BETWEEN 5/28/2020 AND 10/23/2020 | AMOUNT       | IN SUPPORT OF     |
|--|--------------|-------------------|
| Smith Family Foundation, Inc.  | \$850.00     | FSC               |
| Highland Mills Foundation  | \$1,000.00   | UNRESTRICTED      |
| Roundview Capital, LLC   | \$1,000.00   | GALA              |
| Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc.  | \$1,429.40   | UNRESTRICTED      |
| Best Buy Foundation  | \$5,000.00   | POSITIVE IMPACT   |
| Public Consulting Group, Inc.  | \$5,000.00   | UNRESTRICTED      |
| Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation   | \$5,000.00   | TEDI              |
| Smith Family Foundation, Inc.  | \$5,000.00   | FSC               |
| Janssen Pharmaceuticals  | \$5,000.00   | TEDI              |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Company   | \$7,500.00   | POSITIVE IMPACT   |
| Turrell Fund   | \$7,830.00   | DOULA             |
| Reinvestment Fund  | \$10,000.00  | COVID             |
| Community Foundation of New Jersey   | \$10,000.00  | UNRESTRICTED      |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Company   | \$10,000.00  | POSITIVE IMPACT   |
| Bunbury Fund of the Princeton Area Community Foundation                      | \$10,000.00  | FISCAL            |
| AT&T Foundation  | \$10,000.00  | POSITIVE IMPACT   |
| OceanFirst Foundation  | \$15,000.00  | CLINICAL SERVICES |
| Munich Reinsurance America   | \$15,000.00  | UNRESTRICTED      |
| Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Inc.   | \$32,500.00  | TEDI              |
| Community Foundation of New Jersey   | \$150,000.00 | WIC               |

## KIDS HELPING KIDS



**Elizabeth Banas**, from our Girl Scout Troop, put together an exciting project where she taught young children at our Heritage North Family Success Center (HNFSC) about Science. Elizabeth's project, named Gold Award Project—The Future is Bright Exploring Science, was created to teach children about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). She believes that every child deserves a chance to learn about the world of science and how impactful it is now and will continue to be in the future. Elizabeth designed her project to help children in grades K-8. To engage the children, she created age-appropriate experiments for grades K-5 and 6-8. While performing the experiments, Elizabeth explained the science concepts that occurred and welcomed questions from the children. Her Chemistry experiments showed her that the kids loved experiments about the three states of matter as well as experiments that changed colors. In Physics, Elizabeth found that the children loved the concept of construction, particularly catapult building.

Thank you, Elizabeth, for believing in our children and their futures! We are so lucky to have a Girl Scout Troop like you in partnership with our organization!

All of Elizabeth's experiments can be found on her project website where she shares instructions and supplies needed to successfully perform all experiments. To see Elizabeth's exceptional work, you can visit the following link below.



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## WELCOMING CHSOFNJ'S NEW FACILITIES MANAGER ANTHONY JULIANO



The Children's Home Society of New Jersey would like to give a warm welcome to our new **Facilities Manager, Anthony Juliano**. Tony joins CHSofNJ with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and over 20 years of management and operational experience. Throughout his career, Tony has held the titles of Engineering Manager, Operations Manager, and Director of Operations and also started an IT Consulting Firm where he specialized in providing services for various not-for-profit entities in the greater Philadelphia area. Within the scope of facilities and operations management, Tony has orchestrated multiple office relocations and openings; has planned and coordinated capital equipment installations and refurbishments; has managed all aspects of facilities including building and equipment maintenance, utilities, security, access and alarm systems; and has been responsible for inspection of building structures and assessment of utilities consumption to minimize costs.

Tony pursued a life-long passion in documentary photography with a mission of highlighting the everyday plight and struggles of those in our urban communities. He chose to bring his diverse skillset and services to The Children's Home Society of New Jersey. As Facilities Manager, Tony hopes to use his skills and expertise to help improve the lives of children and families. We are thrilled to have Tony join us in our mission of saving children's lives and building healthy families!

## WE THANK YOU, OUR SUPPORTERS

We are so appreciative of the ongoing generous support we have received from our community during these incredible times. Your donations have made it possible for us to work remotely and continue providing our critical services to the children and families we serve! As the global pandemic continues to threaten the lives of our children and families, we ask that you find it in your hearts to continue to support our agency as we keep providing our free, essential services to our community. Any donation, small or large, will make a difference in the lives of children and families! We are forever thankful for individuals, foundations, corporations, longtime and new supporters who find it in their hearts to help uplift our communities and make a more just world. Your donations are keeping us going and are making the difference! To donate to our agency please visit: [www.chsofnj.org/support-us](http://www.chsofnj.org/support-us)