



CONTACT Cape-Atlantic

# Newsline



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November 2020

## Introducing Geri!

It's hard to have a more refreshing perspective than Geri, our Volunteer of the Month. The Egg Harbor Twp. resident makes calls three times a week officially, reaches out to some of her people unofficially on other days and talks about how she's been blessed.

All of this despite being blind for 40 years.

"I feel lucky that I was able to see at one point in my life, some people who are born with blindness never have the privilege of seeing a sunset or knowing what certain colors look like," she says. "I thank the Lord for everything I have."

What she has includes empathy. Geri cares about people in nursing homes and anyone who is lonely or sad. About four years ago, she joined CONTACT. "I am happy to make these calls for CONTACT," she says. "The people become our heart, your family. A lot of people are alone, they don't have anyone. It is very rewarding to speak with them."

Geri has been proof that blindness does not have to take over one's life. She attended a braille school. She has learned a realm of practical tools like leaving a radio on near her door entrance. The sound indicates where her door is, so if she is outside gardening and gets turned around, she'll adjust and find her entrance.

Geri knows the dot on the phone indicates the number 5 and she can maneuver from there. Tape on the stove indicates where 350 degrees is for cooking purposes. Geri built her CONTACT telephone list on a braille card. She can also type.

One of Geri's clients is blind, thus she can provide an example of rising above the situation. Geri adds a patient, friendly demeanor, lifting the spirit of her clients. She exemplifies the spirit of CONTACT. We congratulate her for this recognition and salute her dedication.

By Dave Bontempo



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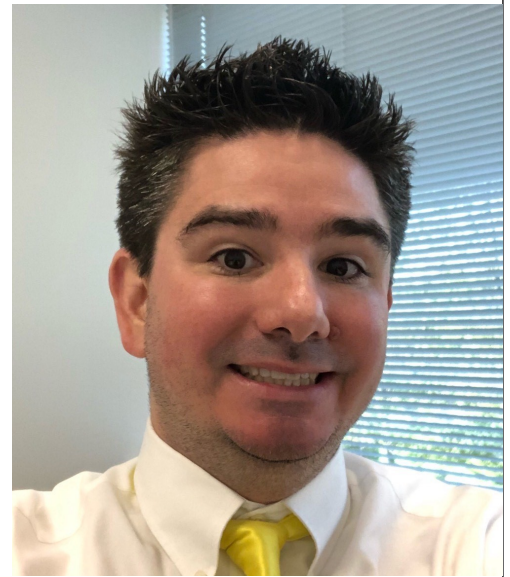
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### Welcome Back to New Board Member Kyle Jaremko

As Customer Relationship Management Administrator at EPM, Kyle works closely with the Wholesale and Retail sides of the business to help build relationships with both brokers and customers. He joined EPM from Princeton Federal Credit Union where he was Marketing Manager. Before that, he was Business Development Specialist at Jersey Shore Federal Credit Union, serving the financial needs of those in Atlantic and Cape May counties in New Jersey. Kyle earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and earned a Master of Science degree from Sheffield Hallam University (Sheffield, UK). He lives with his wife Eliza, daughter Susannah, and son Simon. He most enjoys visiting the Jersey Shore with his family between Labor Day and Memorial Day.



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- 11/03 Carol M.
- 11/05 Pierre G.
- 11/06 Dorothy R.
- 11/09 Kym L.
- 11/11 Emma T.
- 11/12 Barbara S.
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- 11/26 Bruce K.
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- 11/30 Alma B.
- Robert C.



### Welcome New Board Member Joe Dib

Joe is a junior at Mainland Regional High School. He is a member of the student council, key club and Ping Pong club; the president of the youth group at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church and a basketball captain for the church team. Joe also helps make PB&J sandwiches monthly to support the Salvation Army.

He loves to play soccer, tennis and basketball, travel and play video games. He also enjoys spending time with family and friends. Joe works at Trinity Learning Center as a teacher's aid to help the children during virtual learning and he will be participating in a mentorship at the FAA for the academic year 2020-2021.

Joe enjoys making calls for CONTACT and is excited to join the contact board and work side by side with his mother. He is hoping to get the youth involved with the CONTACT mission.

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- Having a small dinner with only people who live in your household and preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors. You may also deliver them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others

- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday. Majority of stores have shifted to online, it's the most safe and effective way to purchase things

especially because you avoid large crowds in shopping malls. Many stores offer free shipping and promotions too so there's many ways to save money during the holiday season.

- Watching sports events, parades, and movies from home.

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The Gatekeeper Program helps individuals in the community learn to listen, observe and care for those adults living alone that may need help.

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