

Newsline



Thank you volunteers and clients, donors and corporate partners

October 2020



Happy 102nd Birthday Edith!

Edith H. grew up in the Absecon highlands, she recently celebrated her 102nd birthday on September 18, along with her wonderful friends and family. Edith's hobbies include artistry and also traveling. She has traveled around the world and loves the

beautiful scenery and the mountains. She noted that Nova Scotia was amongst her favorite places, because it was very pretty. Our CONTACT reassurance volunteers call Edith every morning and her positive attitude brightens our day.



Judi H. Celebrates 32 years of volunteering with CONTACT Cape-Atlantic

Judi is one of our longest volunteers, starting in 1988 as a crisis line volunteer.

The Brigantine native has seen lots of changes as she continues to serve as a volunteer. In addition to making calls to clients, she has been a great supporter of many events. Judi prefers her name not to be used when she sponsors events, but she likes to use a smiley face logo instead because the capital J in the Wingdings font © looks like a smiley face.

When Judi moved back to the area after living away for some time, she volunteered so she could meet people. Even though this type of volunteering didn't lend itself to socializing, she has stuck with it for 32 years!



This 83 year old stays busy playing Bridge, walking and swimming at the Brigantine Aquatic Center.

CONTACT Cape-Atlantic provides "free" telephone reassurance and community support for older adults, people with disabilities, and those who are lonely, living alone, or feeling isolated from their community.







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We so excited to share this picture from the check presentation from Gold Corporate Partner, Republic Bank!

Pictured are Voula Liacopulous, Owner of Touching Hearts at Home - South Jersey and member of the CONTACT Board; John Davidson, Vice President at Republic Bank, Somers Point; Mary Jo Bernardo, Executive Director at CONTACT and Leslie DiLuigi, Senior Vice President at Republic Bank.

ANNUAL MEETING/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

We decided to not hold the annual meeting and volunteer appreciation luncheon in January. Although we all look forward to this event, we think that it will be too soon to meet in person. We will do something else to show our appreciation, honor the awardees and annuance the new officers. Please be on the lookout for news.









Welcome new volunteers Judith Yoa, Lorraine Glasser, and Arlene Polmaneri

THANK YOU to our amazing active volunteer team!

Carl & Joanne Petzold, , Sharon & Charlie O'Neill, Debbie Clark, Linda & Rob Klersey, Peggy Adgie, Deborah Amdeick, Megha Andrews, Mary Lou Antinozzi, Bill Barnes, Julie Baumgardner, Ruth Berdinis, Dave Bontempo, Carol Bruce, Jeannette Capinas, Rene Capua, Myra Cohen, Aaryan Deshpande, Faten, Nick and Joe Dib; Mary Duncan; Kathy Engle; Detta Fagnano; Sharon Fish, Carla Furr, Victoria Gaskill, Pat Gerew, Gerry Giangiobbe, Max Grieco, Judith Hall, Sandra Hamer Jensen, David Hammonds, Agnes Horenkohl, Kathy Johnson, Elizabeth Katz, Mary Anne Kelly, Norma Kilgour, Kym Lagattuta, Mary Laielli, Kim Leung, Sandra Long, Kim Malinkski-Rifkin, Carol & Harry Marder, Louisa Mazetis, Sheila McLaughlin, Janet Melven, Richard Middlesworth, Marilyn Miller, Kathy Morrin, Linda Muhlig, Marc and Sue Murphy, Anne O'Donald, Mary Quarterolo, Gina Rendon -Perez, Dot Rogers, Arlene Rosenfeld, Eleanor Rust, Geri Sampson, Deb Sattler, Karen Saunders, Ted Scheick, Matt Scheinert, Cecilia Sharif, Tina Smith, Derek Solomon, Joan Sorenson, Tim Stafford, Kamini Surti, Amie Sykes, Emmy Todd, Bhavana Tretina, Ellen Van Winkle, Jane Vitullo, Regina Williams Fields, Beverly Wilson-Oliver, Rachel Winkworth, and Barbara Youtie.

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Thank you Major Donors Jane Soreth and Nancy Ramundo











Happy October Birthday!

10/01 Yvette M.

10/04 Harry M.

10/05 Gertrude L.

10/06 Dot R.

10/08 Dave B.

Barbara R.

10/12 Jean L.

Patricia C.

10/13 Jane S.

10/14 Shiloh K.

Mary Anne K.

Marty B.

10/19 Harry R.

10/22 Karen S.

10/23 Alciena D.

10/25 Aida S.

10/26 Mary J.

10/28 Mary B.

10/29 Ted S.

Denise S.

Constance V.

10/30 Kim L.

10/31 Geri S.

GATEKEEPERS at the Forefront

Anyone can be a gatekeeper

The Gatekeeper Program trains community members to recognize the signs that a neighbor who lives alone could use some help. IF YOU WOULD LIKE FREE GATEKEEPER TRAINING PLEASE CALL (609) 823-1850. Training is available for public service companies such as cable and utilities, employees of local business such as banks, delivery companies, and others from organizations who have daily contact with local residents.

- Training is less than 1 hour
- New training materials are available
- In person or on your own at your staff meeting

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

CONTACT's Facebook page contains robust information and resources of interest to older adults, people with disabilities, volunteers and corporate partners/sponsors. Join social media, like and follow our FB page today.

We have almost 1,000 followers. Thank you for





your support.



Director's Digest



Newsline News

Starting in January 2021, the Newsline, CONTACT Cape-Atlantic's paper newsletter is changing to a quarterly newsletter!

We will mail the paper Newsline in January, April, July and October each year. During the other months we will share shorter digital newsletters to those of you for whom we have email addresses.

The reasons for this change is that the costs of printing and mailing are rising and many of our readers are accustomed to reading email. Also we will have the ability to offer more content in a timely manner.

Currently we mail to approximately 770 clients and families, volunteers and supporters and we e-mail to over 1,300. Over the past few months many readers have provided their email addresses. Therefore they have already transitioned from paper to the e-news.

We ask that those of you who have email please provide your addresses to us. You can tell your reassurance caller, call the office and give us your info, send it with your donation, or mention it to Shayna when you are talking with her.

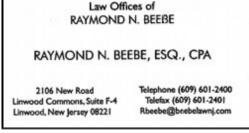
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Interested in being a Journey Hospice volunteer? There are so many ways to help! If anyone is interested please visit www.journeyhospicenj.org to download and complete the *Volunteer Application*. For questions, contact Beth Gebhart at (609) 760-6073 or email journeyinfo@lsmnj.org.









\$1 a day? That's enough to make a difference to a CONTACT Client!

One month sponsor: \$30;

One year sponsor: \$365! (please mail your donation with the last page)

Thank you to the annual client sponsors: Murray & Debby Bevitz (November 2019), William and Alice Crockford (June 2020), Anna Marie Donley, Barbara Youtie, Maggie Rohe-Miller, Carol Nania, and Beverly Jernee.

Volunteers, can't make your calls?

Let us know as soon as you can please. Call Shayna at 609-823-2109.

Clients, going to be away?

Please inform us if you won't be home for your scheduled reassurance call. Call Shayna at 609-823-2109.

Know someone who needs a check in call? Some social time on the phone?

Tell them about us and ask them to call us! Or tell us and we will reach out to them.









Thank you to CONTACT's generous supporters!!

Lucille Ellis, Andrea Thompson, Mary Lou Antinozzi, Diana Booth, Mary G. Johnson, Carl Petzold, Patti and Len Smith and The Older Americans Act via a grant from Atlantic County Division of Intergenerational Services.



New Clients!

- Robert R.
- Audrey M.
- 🜢 Jeanne M.
- Laurence S.
- Elaine S.

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Avalon Community Center, Avalon NJ

Free to the Public; Exhibitor Tables \$200

Vendor/Sponsorship Opportunities available!

~ Spring 2021 ~









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