



# The Center for Great Expectations

Embracing change. Empowering futures.

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## Center News

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### Run to Overcome!

Our inaugural 5K took place on Sunday morning, April 13th, and the day could not have been more beautiful. Blue skies and bright sun greeted us at Mercer County Park, along with the amazingly organized volunteers from H4B Catapult of Hamilton and HavasHealth of NY. Music from NJ 101.5 added to the fun as we were joined by over 200 runners and walkers, including the Center's moms, and their children!

All runners received t-shirts, waters and goody bags, bananas and granola bars. Among the crowd were supporters from Rutgers, St. Charles Borromeo, and a big group from Rutgers Prep.

When the race was completed, Pat Chenot, EVP of HavasHealth presented Peg Wright with a check for

\$8,500! Catapult Care and Havas teamed together for success through sponsorships, bake sales, auctions, and other fundraisers along the way.

One young CGE client asked as she pushed her son's stroller along the course, "Are all these people really here to support our Center? I can't believe it!"

We believe it – and we know the time and effort it took Catapult/Havas to make this 5K a reality and an amazing success.



### The Center is Expanding!

Earlier this year, we were awarded a NJ State contract to expand residential treatment for pregnant and parenting adolescents by providing services for 4 more teens and up to 8 more children.

With construction expected to start within the next few weeks, our 2014 Building Expansion of the Adolescent House will

include an addition of 4 en-suite bedrooms, each with room for 2 children; and additional common living and clinical spaces which will provide more room for group counseling sessions and one-on-one meetings.

Katy's Place, our Child Development Center, will double in size, allowing us to serve even more children and implement plans including organizational-wide parent-infant mental health programs. This expansion opportunity will provide the Center with a sustained increase in revenue all while serving more families and delivering a higher intensity of service and care including the art therapy, and other allied therapies.

We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity to continue to save the lives of women and children who might not otherwise have a safe place, a safe presence, and a safe path.

### Let's Celebrate Life...2014 to date

- 5 Newborns so far – 4 boys and a girl!
- 1 Mother is attending GED classes
- 1 Adolescent mother made the Dean's List
- 1 Mother/baby Reunification
- 4 Adolescent Moms attending local college
- 16 Permanent Supportive Housing units filled
- 1 PSH resident found employment



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## Moms and Babies Luncheon



On Sunday, September 14, beginning at 12:30 p.m., the 6th annual Women Empowering Women Luncheon will take place at the Polish American Citizens Club in Whitehouse Station. This festive event, also known as the “Moms and Babies Luncheon”, is held to raise funds for The Center for

Great Expectations, a residential treatment center for homeless, pregnant adolescents and their children, and homeless, pregnant women in substance use recovery and their children.

A resident of the Center will share her personal story of how she came to the CGE and how her life is changing as a result of the Center’s programs. The silent auction selection includes many luxury and gift items to include everyone on your holiday list ... a great opportunity to start shopping early! Luncheon will include pierogies, kielbasa and sauerkraut, meatballs with mushroom gravy, salads and a delicious array of desserts.

Consider buying a table for you and your friends to help support the Center. Tickets are \$30 per person, and can be obtained by contacting Carolyn Moore at [cmoore@us.loreal.com](mailto:cmoore@us.loreal.com) or mail your check payable to “The Center for Great Expectations” to Mary Jean DiRoberto, 123 Kosciuszko Road, Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Capital Campaign

In light of the 2014 Building Expansion, the Center is leveraging a one-time capital campaign to help cover building costs—approximately \$900,000. We respectfully request your support through a direct or planned gift, or your multi-year pledge of support. Every bit helps!

We are pleased to offer naming or memorial opportunities. An individual room or area within our new addition will bear the name dedication of your choice. You may choose to honor a family member—living or deceased—or an inspiring person in your life. Multiple individuals or family members can join together to dedicate a specific room or area.

We are also offering individuals, families, groups, and companies the opportunity to purchase a leaf to help us grow our Tree of Life and support this expansion. Please contact Paula Delfs (732) 247-7003 ext. 33 for more information.

Thank you for your Consideration!

## How Your Dollar Helps

Did you know consistent sources of income for our programs include:

**Matching gifts** We currently receive donations matched by companies including: Bristol Myers Squibb, Exxon Mobil, John Hancock, IBM, J&J, Merck, Prudential, United Way.

Please, ask at your office if matching is available -the Center’s TID is 22-3560158.

**Monthly Giving** Whether \$10/month (33cents a day)  
\$30/month (\$1 a day)  
\$150/month(\$5 a day) or more

The constancy provided by a monthly gift allows us to spend more time with our mothers & children, doing what we need to do to help them.

Please, sign up for a monthly donation - whether it’s the cost of a few cups of coffee each month, or a night out - whatever you can afford, we are so grateful for this gift.

**Honorariums & Memorials** Make a donation in honor of a special person in your life.

A memorial donation is a thoughtful remembrance of a loved one’s passing.



## Tickets Fore Charity

The PGA’s Barclays is coming to the Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, NJ August 19-24th! Only the top 125 golfers are qualified to participate based on the points accumulated during the regular PGA Tour season. Come on out and watch them fight for their chance to win the season-ending FedEx Cup. Purchase your tickets using the Center’s promo code RATING14 and 75% of all proceeds will go to the Center! Tickets can be ordered online at Ticketmaster. Cost for a one day ticket is just \$65 or \$125 for a “Weekly Grounds Ticket” which will get you in to see the two practice rounds on Tuesday and Wednesday and all four competitive rounds Thursday-Sunday.

Need more information? Call Ed Stankiewicz at (908) 930-9355 or email [info@cge-nj.org](mailto:info@cge-nj.org).



## Upscale Garage Sale



We would like to send a special Thank You out to our Whitehouse Station “Friends of the Center” who hosted an Upscale Garage Sale on Saturday, May 17th at the Polish American Citizens Club. This was not a typical garage sale...major finds to

spruce up your home while benefiting The Center. Items included fine decorative pieces, framed art, dining and kitchen ware, and much more.

The “Friends of the Center” have been long time supporters of our mission. When asked why they do all that they have done for the Center, Carolyn Moore stated, “Jesus invites us in the Gospel to ‘become living stones’ that work together to build a foundation, a house, and a support network for those in need. This is what the Friends of Great Expectations strive to do... and teamwork and enthusiasm that went into the Upscale Garage Sale is a perfect example God’s work in

action. With the help of many neighbors and friends and the dedication of men and women who work as Friends, we not only raised funds, but also public awareness of the CGE and how they change the lives of women and children in need. Our reward is knowing that people will recognize our cause and support us in our future endeavors.”

At the end of the day, the “Friends of the Center” raised over \$3,000 with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the Center! We are very appreciative of all the help our fabulous Friends have done and look forward to our continued partnership.



Save the Date—Sunday, September 14th, as our friends will again host our annual “Moms and Babies Luncheon” at the Polish American Citizens Club in Whitehouse Station. A delicious luncheon of Polish specialties, tricky tray raffle baskets and the power of “women helping women” will add up for success. Join us!

## Permanent Supportive Housing

One of the final steps in the Center’s “continuum of care” is to provide safe, supportive housing in close proximity to our Outpatient Program. This past March, our 16th mother and her two children moved from the Center’s program into their new home as a part of the Center’s Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSH).

With the help of our case manager, Elmia Walker, we can provide clients participating in PSH a successful experience. Elmia works hard to emphasize the importance of family-centered practice that supports and preserves families through a respectful, strengths-based approach that views the family as central to the child’s well-being. Additionally she assists each client with an individual service plan that defines their appropriate goals for good tenancy, increased job skills and/or income, better physical and mental health, and greater self-determination.

Elmia says, “I believe I am making an impact by providing positive support to the families of Permanent Supportive Housing Program, empowering and enabling them to

achieve their goals and to do for themselves. I feel very fortunate that these families trust me to play such an important role in their lives.”

Elmia does an amazing job in assisting our clients in their final steps, but she is only at CGE part time. Just imagine what these women could accomplish with the additional support of another part time case manager.

Help make a difference in these women’s lives. Donate today and help them stay on the road to success!



**RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS**

Residential treatment for homeless, pregnant adolescents, and their children; And homeless pregnant women with substance use disorders, and their children.

**OUTPATIENT PROGRAM**

Pregnant and/or parenting women with substance use and/or co-occurring disorders.

**PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING**

16 apartment homes and supportive services for successful graduates and their children.



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**Thank You!**

Jack Kouny Food Handler Program - Far Hills; Kim Shand - Yoga; Mary Mother of God Church, Dinners - Hillsborough; Dr. Shilpa Pal Robert Wood Johnson; Pat Dobson Pet Therapy - Watchung; Holly Lange - Bridgewater; Roger Copt - Raritan Storage; Carolyn Brink, Dental Hygiene - Perth Amboy; Rutgers Prep - Somerset; RVC Trend Nurses - Branchburg; AMWA - Piscataway; Mom's Club of Bernardsville - Basking Ridge; St Matthias Carnival - Somerset; St Matthias Fishes & Loaves - Somerset; Sharon Kalkini - Belle Mead; Esabel Monteiro - Hillsborough; LaPena Insurance - Clark; Girl Scout Troop #65065 - Watchung; Girl Scout Troop #66880 - Somerset; Girl Scout Troop #65631 - Watchung; Girl Scout Troop #60153 - Somerset; Girl Scout Troops #81135 & 80553 - Piscataway; Birthday Galore - Princeton; St Mary's of Czesstochowa - Bound Brook; Viva Int'l Group - Somerville; Woman's Club Sterling Pointe, Somerset; Costco - Bridgewater; Shoprite - Somerset; Wegman's - Bridgewater; Mama Rosina's - Somerset; Mama Rosina's - Bound Brook; Bella Pizza - Hillsborough; Parker Gardens - Scotch Plains; Abundant Life Family Worship Center - New Brunswick; Wendella Carryl - Janssen Scientific Affairs - Titusville; Catholic Daughters Works of Charity - Woodbridge; Our Lady of the Mount CCD - Warren; Christ the King Church of Knitting & Crocheting Club - Manville; Glen's Redmond - South Carolina; Big Apple Circus - Bridgewater; Rutgers Muslim Student Association - Edison; St Mary's Stony Hill Seniors - Watchung; Earth Angels Prayer Group - Somerset; Garden State Quilters - Chatham; Our Lady of Victorias Rosary Altar Society - Baptiststown; Community Baptist Church - Somerset; Service Work - Lawrenceville; Empower Family Success Center - Somerville

**2014 Calendar**

July 10th	Ken Daneyko Golf Classic - Suburban Golf Club, Union
August 19-24th	PGA's Barclays at the Ridgewood Country Club
Sept 14	Moms & Babies Luncheon @ PACG, Whitehouse Station
Oct 4-5	Outreach Event, St. Mary's Stony-Hill, Watchung
Oct 24th	CGE Gala - Fiddler's Elbow GC, Bedminster
Nov	Outreach Event, Our Lady of the Mount, Warren

- Email info@cge-nj.org or call (732) 247-7003 x32.*
- Conduct a **Wish List drive** - diapers, wipes and crib sheets are at the top of our list, but just the beginning
  - Organize a **fundraiser** - donations & gift cards, host a party at home, run a car wash, collect change for the Center
  - Be an **Ambassador** - introduce the Center and distribute our newsletters to your friends, house of worship, workplace
  - Make an **online donation** now: [www.cge-nj.org](http://www.cge-nj.org)
  - **Matching gifts** from your employer can double your donations all year long
  - **Volunteer** - we have a need for your skills
  - Engage your **children in stewardship** - looking for a school, scout, religious ed or mitzvah project? Give us a call!
  - **Join us** at our upcoming events - like the Golf Outing!
  - **Donate a car** to benefit the Center

**How You Can Help**