



2022 Gloucester County Public Employees Charitable Campaign

TESTIMONIALS

Neil is living with HIV in subsidized housing. When his wife had to undergo an unexpected surgery, Neil found himself responsible for many new expenses related to her hospital stay and recovery. The strain on Neil's finances was so great that he was unable to pay his rent and faced an eviction. AIDS Fund was able to assist Neil with a grant that allowed him to get back on his feet. **AIDS Fund (America's Charities)**

Our vetted charities cover a broad range of services, improving our world: youth guidance, space exploration, immigration concerns, American Indian rights, housing, feeding the hungry, medical flights, advancing education, the arts, sports and much more. **America's Best Charities**

The noise coming from the trash can was at first a mystery, but it was soon discovered that it was the desperate cries of a small kitten. Dangerously dehydrated and malnourished when he arrived at AWA, little Riser miraculously survived thanks to Dr. Emily and her staff. Now this adorable kitten that was thrown away like trash is a treasured member of a loving family. **Animal Welfare Association**

In *Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru*, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 to broaden significantly the right of religious schools to hire and fire based on the faith, principles, or ideology of the school. The ACLJ filed an amicus brief in this case. The high Court ruled in our favor. **American Center for Law and Justice (America's Charities)**

Originally a shy ten year old when she first joined the Clubs, Nzingha R. became **The Boys & Girls Clubs of Gloucester County's** Youth of the Year. She ended up winning for the entire state of New Jersey and then won the Northeast Region as well, becoming a national finalist. This provided significant opportunities for her which led to being awarded a scholarship and admission to a college prep private school. In 2021 she was accepted to New York University's, prestigious Tisch School of the Arts.

With the surge in educational technology, the need to accomplish school work through a computer creates stress on our system because a number of students could not afford their own devices. When the budget could not support them, the Foundation stepped in and purchased two hundred laptops for students to use. **Kingsway Education Foundation**

The following was written by a 5th grade student in the district: WHAT THE LTEF MEANS TO ME!

BY:NATHAN TEPPER

The LTEF is, to me, the most important foundation for LTPS for a lot of reasons. This year the LTEF granted all grades at LIS new outdoor equipment for recess. This helped all of the kids who play soccer and the kids who play kickball because the other balls were old, chipped and didn't really work anymore. This action also really helped all the wallball kids. Mainly because they kept losing tennis balls on the roof but also because most of the school's balls are old and moldy from so many years of usage. All of these kids were very thankful for this act.

Also, during this year, around 1 maybe 2 months before quarantine, the LTEF signed a grant with my class Dumont/Ducket for flexible seating. This grant gave us bean bag chairs, foldable chairs, cushions, and plush stools! I really loved this grant because I have ADHD, so I always want comfy chairs and to move around so this grant really helped me. I wish everyone could feel the cushions! The LTEF is a great organization and they do a lot of things for the LTPS. Without them Diego and Hector would probably be kicking a deflated ball 3 feet and having no fun:(. And I would probably still be breaking my neck on my hard chair in class! I think that the LTEF is the most important organization for LTPS. I am very thankful for everything the LTEF has done for our school! **Lawrence Township Education Foundation (LTEF)**

Maelin-Kate's mom, Megan, describes her as the happiest human that's ever been created. Despite her joyful disposition, Maelin-Kate battles a blood disorder that requires many intensive treatments. While in the hospital recovering from a bone marrow transplant, Maelin-Kate's nurse told her about Make-A-Wish, giving her something hopeful to hold onto. As she thought about her wish, Maelin-Kate remembered how she and her mom started finding pennies in the most unlikely places. She had told her mom it was a sign that God would gift her with a puppy named Penny. On her wish day, Maelin-Kate entered a local high school where she was greeted by the roaring cheers of students as they waved signs celebrating her wish. When she finally saw her miniature goldendoodle puppy for the first time, she leaped into the air with pure joy. **Make-A-Wish Foundation (America's Charities)**

We gave nearly 3,000 pieces of FREE safety, mobility, and symptom-management equipment to individuals with multiple sclerosis, this will greatly improve their quality of life. **Multiple Sclerosis Association of America (America's Charities)**

Bills ending discrimination against people with disabilities in organ transplantation have passed in Washington, Louisiana, Indiana, Virginia and Iowa. Another 37 Members of Congress have been added as co-sponsors on bills that address NDSS legislative priorities, including 10 new cosponsors for the Marriage Access for People with Special Abilities Act (MAPSA). **National Down Syndrome Society (America's Charities)**

Noelle was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome at age 8. She spent her time in sports and studies and did not let TS get in the way of the things she accomplished in high school, including being a varsity track & field captain, varsity softball player, DECA president, national honor society, Spanish honor society and business honor society. "Throughout my journey with TS I have come to realize that it is not a disability or something that holds me back." Noelle states in her scholarship essay. "Having Tourette Syndrome gives me new perspectives, pushes me to work harder, and opens new opportunities." Noelle is a graduate of Jackson Memorial High School and will be attending the University of Michigan in the fall. **New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders Inc.**

Luna, a five-year-old Pitbull mix from Phoenix, AZ, became PetSmart Charities' 9 millionth adopted pet when Bekah Wilson and Bri Sommers adopted her. "She instantly brought so much joy and happiness in our lives " Wilson said. " There's no reason we shouldn't give her a chance." For those looking to adopt a new pet, the couple has a few words of advice. " Never give up on your pet, " Wilson said. " They're never going to give up on you."

PetSmart Charities (America's Charities)

2.5 million families have stayed overnight at Ronald McDonald House around the world.

Ronald McDonald Charities (America's Charities)

Gifts to support all areas at Rowan University help prepare students like Miguel Vera, 23, to be the leaders of tomorrow in their careers, communities and beyond. As a first-generation student and scholarship recipient, Miguel recognizes the importance of philanthropic support as he pursues his dream of a Rowan degree. " I cannot express how much my scholarship has helped me. I aspire to be an OB-GYN after witnessing firsthand just how much the advocacy of women's health is needed in communities like my own. My hope is to break down the unwarranted stigma surrounding women's health and bring accessible healthcare to women in low-income communities." **Rowan University Foundation**

Jon's dad shared with us, thank you very much for this opportunity to get our son, Jon, a heated massage chair. Jon has had such a difficult time during Covid with medical decline. This heated massage chair brings comfort and joy to his aching body. This is truly a miracle at this stage of his life. **Sunshine Foundation**

I was fortunate enough to attend the Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute and share my journey as a student, student-leader, and care-taker of my late father. This experience gave me the opportunity to promote awareness of Alzheimer's disease from a student-caretaker's perspective, but also gave me a platform to encourage my peers to never allow adversity or unfavorable circumstances to hinder their dreams. If it wasn't for TMCF, I would not have been able to meet other like-minded young people from around the country and create professional networks that will last a lifetime. Also, having the opportunity to interview with multiple companies gave me options after graduation that I had not considered prior to attending. The TMCF Leadership Institute showed me how I could use my education and

experiences to build a rewarding future in any career I choose.- Priscilla Barbour **Thurgood Marshall College Fund (America's Charities)**

Over the past 43 years, **WOMEN'S WAY** has impacted the lives of hundreds of thousands of women and their families through our grantmaking efforts. By seeding, supporting, and leading an array of efforts here in our region, we are working toward ensuring affordable health care access and protecting reproductive rights; empowering leadership; implementing systems change in responding and preventing domestic violence; and achieving equal opportunity and economic security for women and girls everywhere. **America's Charities**

As Manny saw his dream of a lifelong military career in the United States Army come to an unexpected halt, he slowly became entangled in a nightmare of bitterness and depression. There were feelings of rage and estrangement that Manny says he simply couldn't explain to himself. Manny says he found that new team when he discovered **Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)**. The Combat Stress Recovery Program (CSRP) immediately made a positive impact in my life. It really connected the dots for me with how to cope, manage, and deal with issues like PTSD. " My wife Jeannie says she sees how my connection with WWP has made me whole again." **America's Charities**