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A charity easing burdens in times of medical crisis.

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Sholanda The Paul Jackson Fund has helped Sholanda and her family in the past when her thirteen-year-old son, Jason, was diagnosed with leukemia and then again when her husband had a stroke and was not able to work. Tragedy struck once again, with Sholanda suffering a stroke which required a hospitalization and extensive inpatient rehabilitation. With both their Mom and Dad unable to work, it was almost impossible for this family to make ends meet. The Paul Jackson Fund helped with rent, bought food and household items and collected used clothing for this family overwhelmed by illness.

"The Paul Jackson Fund just saved this family from more pain, yet again. Words cannot express how grateful we are for you. I know God has sent you into our lives as a major blessing."

~ Sholanda



"When in crisis, I think we all walk a fine line. We try to stay in balance. As we balance our finances so we also try to balance our sorrows with our joys; our desires with our obligations."

~ Paul Jackson
1961-2009

Cheryl

Cheryl is a hardworking single mother of three children, two of whom have special needs. Cheryl was diagnosed with cancer of the lining of abdomen and has endured extensive chemotherapy which leaves her feeling sick and exhausted. With limited funds, she tries to work as much as she can, often pushing herself beyond what is healthy, as she struggles to pay the rent and put food on the table. The Paul Jackson Fund provided assistance by paying the rent and some household bills, taking the pressure off Cheryl, so she could rest and gain strength.

Joe

Joe is a 58 year old man, suffering from severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy and coronary artery disease. He is oxygen dependent and must carry oxygen tanks with him any time he leaves the house. Depending on how long he'll be away, he sometimes has to bring six tanks with him and wheel them around in a grocery cart. He has been trying for over two years to get a portable oxygen concentrator but with no success. After calling five different charities, Joe reached out to The Paul Jackson Fund and was overjoyed when The Fund purchased a portable oxygen concentrator for him. About the size of a cereal box, the oxygen concentrator allows Joe to now travel about more freely and without worry.



“What can I say but thank you and God Bless You for giving me back my dignity and some sense of normality. And to not look into people’s eyes and see such pity for me. “

~Always Grateful, Joe

Krystyna

Several years ago, Krystyna, a married mother of two, was diagnosed with Neuroendocrine Carcinoid Cancer also known as the “Silent Killer”. With this news, her world crumbled. The desire to see her children grow has fueled her to fight with everything she’s got to survive. Despite the cancer metastasizing to her bones, liver, spleen and lymph nodes, regular difficulties with the insurance company, surgeries and rounds of radiation and chemotherapy – Krystyna remains steadfastly determined. ***“I’m not giving up”***, said Krystyna. Fighting her illness required her to stop working and the drop in income has been immensely difficult for the family. The Paul Jackson Fund was able to help ease the burden for this lovely family who is trying so hard under such challenging circumstances.



Bryan Bryan is a four-year-old boy who was born prematurely. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, requires a feeding tube and has recently had three brain surgeries. His single mom is working hard to care for her son and maintain a job. During this most difficult time, Bryan's mom reached out to us asking for help with an outstanding electric bill. The Paul Jackson Fund was pleased to assist this family in need.

Dan A young veteran of the United States Army Reserves needed to have surgery but the doctor would not move forward with the operation to remove a testicular tumor until his outstanding bill was paid in full. Dan didn't have the money, so The Paul Jackson Fund collaborated with two other local organizations to take care of the bill so Dan could proceed with the surgery.

*"Good Afternoon,
I want to thank you all for all the help that I am receiving on such short notice. The help you guys provided is life changing in many ways. I do not know how to thank you enough for what you've given me. You given me a chance to now breath easier knowing I'm having this tumor removed and finally be able to pick up right where I was before this happened.... From the bottom of my heart I want to say thank you again for everything you have given me, not only the money to pay the doctor but the comfort of knowing people out there really care about people's needs.... " ~Dan*



Elizabeth In 2014, Elizabeth had a routine hip replacement surgery. After an unexpected second surgery, infection set in. She was eventually diagnosed with Chronic Osteomyelitis. Elizabeth suffered significant bone loss and is now wheelchair bound. While hospitalized and later in a subacute facility for an extended period, Elizabeth fell behind in her rent. The Paul Jackson fund assisted her in getting caught up with these payments.

Joyce Fifteen years ago, Joyce contacted the Paul Jackson Fund for help when her young son was diagnosed with cancer. This time, Joyce, herself needed our assistance. She was diagnosed with Stage 3 Diffuse Signet Ring Cell Carcinoma. Her illness and treatment made it impossible for her to work. With limited household income, Joyce fell behind in her mortgage and utility bills. The Paul Jackson Fund stepped in again and helped this deserving family.



We Are Grateful For Our Volunteers

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”. ~ Unknown

Volunteers play a critical role in the success of The Paul Jackson Fund. As 2017 draws to a close, we wish to extend a special thank you to Michele Dedea, Elke Elliott, Karen Vanechanos, Pam Newell, Lisa Black, Beth Painter, Jeff Schneider, Charlie Newman, Doris Newman, Laura Ortiz, and Sue Checchio.



How YOU can help in 2017 (Adults, College and High School Students):

Gala, May 20th at the Grand Summit Hotel:

Table Captains (invite friends and coworkers to help fill a table) , Photographers, Social Media assistance- Donations of goods and services, graphic design work for the gala journal.

Golf Outing October 9th at Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club:

Golf Committee, solicitations committee (silent auction prizes)

General office assistance is needed through out the year including: Database input, mailings, social media announcements.

Special Volunteer Opportunities for Middle & High School Students:

Dress Sale: We are hosting a girls party dress sale on February 25th at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield. We are looking for students (throughout NJ) to help collect party dresses for girls ages 12-18. These dresses are meant for 8th grade dances, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, Sweet 16's, Junior and Senior Proms - we want girls from every economic status to be able to attend their event without the worry of the high cost of a dress. We will be selling the dresses for under \$30. We will also need assistance for set up the night before and on sale day. Fun event.



2016 Giving Hope Gala & Auction

The Paul Jackson Fund hosted their fourth annual "Giving Hope" Gala and Auction on Saturday, April 2nd at the Grand Summit Hotel. The Fund honored the memory of Dr. Lori Swingle Gormley.

Dr. Gormley (WHS '74) was a successful breast radiologist who worked at various hospitals and centers in the area, including St. Barnabas Hospital, Morristown Hospital, Cranford Diagnostic Imaging and the Breast Center at St. Barnabas.

Mary Jackson, PJF President, said, "We are humbled and grateful to honor the lasting memory of someone who gave so much during her life and in her passing. Lori, like Paul, understood the challenges of being disabled and was committed to helping those in need."

Dr. Gormley held the Paul Jackson Fund dear to her heart and her wish was to raise awareness of its mission. In Lori's words, "Since being diagnosed (with ALS), I have become more aware of the needs of people facing a serious illness or handicap. I am fortunate that I have the resources to make life easier as a handicapped person. Many people do not have these advantages, and I can't imagine the hardships they and their families face without these resources."

A special thank you to our sponsors Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Rahway, Two River Community Bank, Joe and Carrie Swingle, Jay Boylan, Janet Holkestad. The night would not be a success without all of our volunteers including Don Dazzo, the Swingle Family, Lori's husband, Eric Itz, Lori's children, the Jackson Family, Elke Elliott, Pam Newell, Michele Dedea, Karen Vanechanos and Kathy Wagner, Shea Elliott, Aidan Boland, Nadya Obregon, and Beth Painter.



GOLF OUTING



Our first "Hope Classic" Golf Tournament was held on October 10, 2016 at Stanton Ridge Golf & Country Club in Whitehouse Station, NJ. The weather was perfect and with 50 golfers in attendance the event was a great success.

Our deepest thanks to our sponsors, participants and many volunteers who made the day possible : Wells Fargo, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital - Rahway/ RWJ Barnabas Health, Two River Community Bank, Tiffany Natural Pharmacy, 16 Prospect Wine Bar & Bistro, Northfield Bank, Shoprite of Garwood, AJ Jersey, Inc., Snapple, The Law Offices of Lisa M. Black, Applebee's, Westfield Baseball League, Darby Road, Northeast Roof Maintenance, Rem Law Group, State Farm Insurance - Christine Cosenza - Agent, Elisa Sananman, Fineststein & Malloy, LLC., Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Jack M. Ciattarelli - Assemblyman, 16th Legislative District - NJ State Legislature, Mears & McCullough - CPAs, Peapack- Gladstone Bank, Rodney W. Rose Allied Beverage Group, St. Helen's Cornerstone Woman's Retreat Team XXVII, Wilentz - Attorneys at Law - Philip A. Tortoreti, Marilyn Scharffenberger, Joel Shenman, Jeff Schneider, Charles Newman and Doris Newman.



Save the date:

October 9, 2017

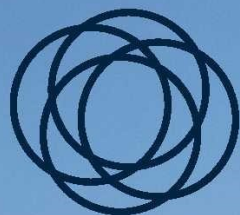
The Paul Jackson
"Hope Classic"

Stanton Ridge Golf and Country Club
Whitehouse Station, NJ

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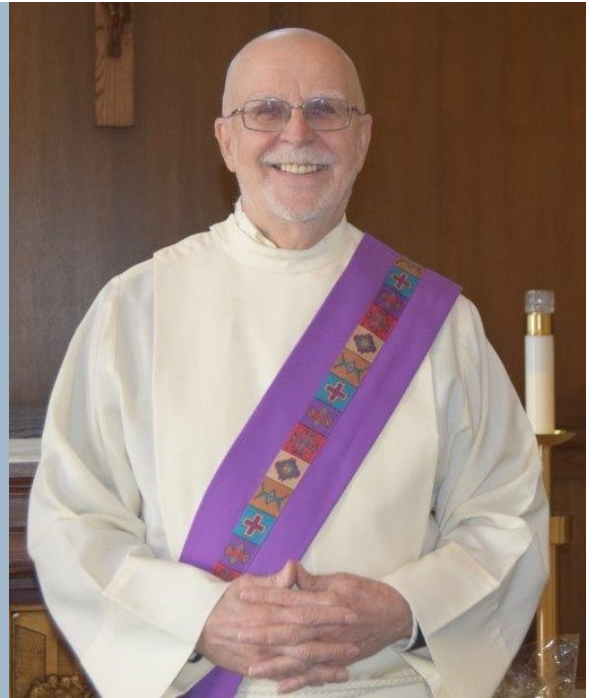


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The Paul Jackson Fund "Giving Hope" Gala & Auction

Honoring Deacon Tom Pluta
of Holy Trinity Church for his 25 Years
of dedication and service to
our community and for his support of The Fund

Saturday, May 20, 2017
The Grand Summit Hotel
Summit, New Jersey



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Happy Holidays!

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