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From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education

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H.O.P.E. 6th Annual 5K Run

This year's 6th Annual H.O.P.E. 5K Run / Walk will be **Saturday, October 25, 2013** thru the Ardens. Registration will be at The Candlelight Theater, 2208 Millers Road, Ardentown, DE 19810. Registration will begin at 7AM with the run starting at 9AM. The deadline for early registration applies to entries received on or before Oct. 18th. Registration after the deadline and at the event is \$25. Consider joining us this year for our 6th Annual 5K Run Saturday, October 25, 2014. Check

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From Our Kitchen notes

When we get the opportunity to introduce new people to Premiere Charities and the From Our Kitchen teams, we often get asked how people can help with our serves.

There are many ways in which people can volunteer for From Our Kitchen. We have volunteers who attend our Sunday Serves and set up and serve the food and drinks to our homeless and food-insecure friends downtown. We have volunteers who raise money for our organization to help pay for the food and supplies that we use to Serve the homeless. Girl Scout Troop 243, for instance, held a car wash which funded the purchase of 3 pavilions that we use in the summer to provide shade for our volunteers; they have also supplied socks, gloves, and hats to help those we Serve to stay warm during the cold winter months. ACE Insurance Company sponsored a 5K run which raised money for our serves as well, and we are working with Capital One's Asian Network to apply for a \$1500 grant that would provide funding for both From Our Kitchen as well as H.O.P.E.

We have several groups who provide volunteers as well as fruit, dessert, snacks, and supplies for specific serves. The 21st Century Women's Network has sponsored several of our Serves this year, and our friends from the JNN Foundation will be joining us once again this summer and fall to provide assistance with our Serves. In addition to inviting us to apply for a grant, the Capital One team sponsored Serves and are making plans to assist us on our 5K run/walk fund raiser in October. Forwood Manor sponsored our Christmas serve last year, and members of our two teams (the teams alternate Sunday Serves) provide special meals during the year, at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas (sometimes we manage a BBQ at Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and/or Labor Day as well).

At the Wilmington office of ACE Insurance Company, the Baking Committee bakes (or provides store-bought desserts) for our Serves. One of our volunteers has an 84 year old neighbor who bakes for the Team B Serves...she refers to her baking as her 'Mitzvah' and she provides delicious desserts! We have volunteers from the Students for Haiti at the University of Delaware, who find time on Sunday's to volunteer as well as to bring fruit and dessert to many of our Serves. Many folks who want to volunteer for From Our Kitchen but who may not be able to attend our Serves find other ways to volunteer, especially through donations of food and/or the supplies we use every Sunday.

We also have good neighbors in our business community who help with our Serves. We get discounted meats for our summer sandwich serves from Lancaster County Meats & Deli in Booths Corner Farmers Market in Garnet Valley, PA. The Marsh Road Diner provided food for our Easter Serve, and we have received donated food from Haldas Market. We get discounted rolls from Buono Brothers Bakery in Chester, PA as well. Isaacs & Associates provide us with tax services. We have also received food donations from our good friends in the Arden Club Dinner Guild, as well as Rebuilders Ministries.



"The Wilmington Traditional African Drummers" provided music at a Sunday Serve. Contact for your event Kamau Ngom at 302-652-6336

We would love to partner with your company, women's or men's groups, church groups, or other organizations to help us in our work. We welcome volunteers and donations of many sorts...we are a small charity, and all of our time and effort goes toward supporting the homeless and food-insecure of downtown Wilmington...we'd love to work with you!

WEBSITE UPDATE

Meet one of the many friends of PCI

Omkar Sreekanth is one of our PCI friends and has developed a video for Premiere Charities.

It all started in 2011 when Narayan Krishnan, a CNN Top 10 Hero Nominee, came to Wilmington, DE. Omkar was impressed by the work he had been doing for the abandoned and mentally challenged people on the streets of Madurai, India. Influenced heavily by him, a week later, Omkar started to volunteer for Premiere Charities. As he spent more time with Premiere Charities, he began to recognize the challenges in increasing the awareness of the great work Premiere Charities is doing. In December 2012, he had another chance to observe this when he visited Balagurukulam, an orphanage in Chennai, India that is supported by Premiere Charities. Omkar had always liked making videos since elementary school. Also, he has a deep interest in music, so he decided to combine both his interests to tell the stories of social impact organizations in the form of short videos. 'Sunday Afternoons' for Premiere Charities is his first project.

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<http://premierecharities.org>

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PCI spotlight on giving back

From Our Kitchen Team A leader, Amy Pollock has participated in many volunteer activities over the years and this spring she was awarded the 2014 Spirit of Women Award by Christiana Care Health System in recognition of the selflessness of her volunteer efforts. ***Congratulations, Amy!***

Amy is currently the Vice President of Premiere Charities, Inc.; she helped organize PCI with local physicians, Dr. Vinod Kripalu and Dr. Reynold Agard. She is the lead coordinator for From Our Kitchen Team A with the assistance of her husband, Bob, and along with many volunteers she has shopped, helped prepare, and served meals every other Sunday to the homeless and food-insecure people of downtown Wilmington.

Amy finds time to help with many other charities, fundraisers, and organizations as well as working for Pollock Construction, Inc. and Lombardy Medical Center, Inc. She helped organize the Delaware Medical Relief Team trip to Haiti in 2010 after the damaging earthquake. Amy co-chair the Arden Club Dinner Guild and worked to list the three Villages of The Ardens on the National Register of Historic Places as "Traditional Cultural Property." She is currently a member of the Buzz Ware Village Center where she helps with projects, monthly meetings, and vendor relations for their Annual Fundraiser. Amy also helps with PCI annual H.O.P.E. 5K run in the fall through The Ardens. Amy also finds time to assist with many other charities as well.

Premiere Charities is honored that Amy has been recognized with this local award. Amy is the second recipient member of Premiere Charities to be recognized with this honor: Dr. Chetana Kripalu was the 2013 local award winner as well as the National Spirit of Women Community Hero for 2013.

Volunteer Focus

Students for Haiti is a student organization founded at the University of Delaware by Matthew Waters; the group is a nonprofit organization striving to provide the people of Haiti with sustainable health care and education. Through partnership with Haitian based organizations such as the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation, Students for Haiti has worked on improving Haitian healthcare both before and after the devastating 2010 earthquake. After assisting the St. Boniface Haiti Foundation in funding the reconstruction of Villa Hospital, which was destroyed in the 2010 earthquake, Students for Haiti has continued to raise funds to aid Haitians in areas of education. In addition to their fine work in support of the people of Haiti, several of the group's members also volunteer at From Our Kitchen serves. Their dedication to helping others shows in their commitment to volunteerism...Premiere Charities and From Our Kitchen are proud to have them participate with us in serving the homeless and food-insecure of downtown Wilmington!



Volunteers at Team B Sunday Serve.

H.O.P.E. Update



Dr. Chetana Kripalu visited Balagurukulam Orphanage in April. Premiere Charities, Inc. has been supporting the orphanage by supplying funding to supplement their resources for meals, educational supplies, and the expansion of orphanage facilities.

There have been many improvements since the last visit during 2013. Ranjith, the gentleman in charge, has helped with a new addition of 10 rooms. This new addition has added more sleeping rooms for staff and students, a music and living area, and much needed storage. They are in the process of adding another 10 room addition for the current 50 orphans. Using funds raised from the 5K

H.O.P.E. fall run, Premiere Charities was able to donate to the construction of the new addition to help house more orphans.

In other recent news, Balagurukulam was inspected by the Indian government and is now on their list of approved non-profits. This means that they are able to generate more local donation support directly in India. If interested in supporting the students at Balagurukulam, you can make donations through the Premiere Charities website or by sending donations to our PO Box.