



Premiere Charities, Inc.

From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education

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PCI Gala Event

Those who believe in making a difference will enjoy good food, great beverages and dancing at the 2016 Night Out For A Cause Gala in Claymont on November 5th. The event begins at 8:30 p.m. at The Waterfall banquet facility on Philadelphia Pike. We are sold out, but there may be a few tickets available at the door. Money raised at the gala will continue to support the Sunday Serves for more than 180 homeless or economically fragile and the Balagurukulam Orphanage in India. It also will help two families who have members fighting serious medical conditions, and support a non-profit called Charity Crossing that is providing clothing to children in Chennai, India. Those attending the gala also will have an opportunity to donate to the families of Wilmington firefighters killed recently while fighting a fire allegedly set by an arsonist.

Over the last four years Premiere Charities Inc. has provided funds to build new shelters after the earthquake in Nepal; provided school supplies and meals to the Koss family; supported victims of hurricane Sandy; and sent medical aide to Haiti. Our first family this year has a ten-year-old daughter, Victoria, who has been admitted to Al DuPont Children's Hospital for uncontrollable seizures. At this time, doctors have not been able to fully control the seizures. The girl's mother, Lori, has been out of work since Victoria was admitted. The family has medical bills that they are struggling to meet.



Sr. Firefighter Jerry Fickes

Our second family is also led by a single mother who has terminal stage four metastatic breast cancer, and is no longer able to work. Since her diagnosis one year ago, Kristi has struggled with anxiety and depression. She is undergoing chemotherapy every three weeks and has sought child care from a family friend during her treatments. PCI will support the family by providing much needed school supplies and warm winter clothing for the children.

We will assist Charity Crossing pay for transporting 80,000 dresses for children in Chennai, India. The founder of Charity Crossing is a longtime volunteer with the PCI's From Our Kitchen Team B.

Lastly, Premiere Charities will donate \$1000 to the families of the firefighters, Jerry Fickes and Christopher Leach, who lost their lives end of September. At the Gala we will challenge the party goes to match our donation. If you would like to donate, you can send a check using the donation slip on page two of this newsletter.

The gala will feature a silent auction with many items. Some items available include a bike, hand crafted ceramic vase, floral designs, gift certificates for dinner out, salons and much more. There will also be jewelry made by the children of Balagurukulam. The proceeds from the jewelry will go directly to the children. This year DJ Jomi Matthews will mix music for dancing. Each ticket purchase has two complimentary drink tickets at the bar. Additional drinks may be purchased at \$5 each.



If you cannot make it to our November 5th event and wish to make a donation to support a family, Charity Crossing or PCI missions – From Our Kitchen or HOPE, please mail your tax deductible donation to PO Box 372 Claymont, DE 19703.

Premiere Charities, Inc. is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization.

Our mission is to serve the underprivileged by mobilizing resources for food, clothing, shelter, and education.

Check our website on how to get involved.

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Update — From Our Kitchen

With the help of many dedicated volunteers, we have made it through a tough summer. Teams A and B have served seasonal meals of sandwiches and salads over the summer, and as the weather changes will provide warmer foods like soups, stews, hot sandwiches served with fruit, beverages, chips and desserts. From Our Kitchen has had a long time sponsor, Herr's, who has provided chips at a reduced price.



Volunteers preparing sandwiches for the Sunday Serve.

As we move into the colder weather, donations of new socks, gloves, scarves and personal care products are needed. If you or an organization would like to donate items, please contact Amy at apremodel@comcast.net. We will make arrangements to pick up the donated items. Or donations can be sent in and earmarked for personal items for the homeless. Premiere Charities will partner with Seeds of Greatness, whose members come to the Serve the weekend before Christmas and provide warm clothing, and come to our holiday serve on December 25 to offer a small holiday gift.

Van Update:

Our Sunday Serve van was purchased from Concordville Nissan and has been in use since September.

We are also very excited about a grant we were awarded from Capital One to complete the outfitting of the van. It allows our two teams to transport prepared meals to serve the homeless and economically in need, to combine equipment from both serving teams, and for the many volunteers a more efficient serve.

Capital One created Business Resource Groups to support diverse populations and to raise awareness across diversity-related issues, and each group has Diversity in the Community (DITC) grants to further facilitate volunteer engagement opportunities.



H.O.P.E. Update

Update from HOPE

Balagurukulam Orphanage has been part of PCI for over seven years. Ranjith started Balagurukulam with the primary aim of providing abandoned and deprived children with adequate shelter, food, medical facilities and education. At present Balagurukulam has over 40 children who are getting a mother, brothers and sisters to look after them.

Through donations to PCI's Helping Orphans Pursue Education (HOPE) we have provided tuition; improvements to the kitchen, living area and dormitory; well and water storage; generator, and various school supplies from smart board to books.

The children from the orphanage have added handmade jewelry to our auction this year. Individual pieces will be sold for \$5.00 each at the gala, with all the proceeds going back to the children.



Ranjith and some of the children dressed for Diwali.

Please Donate!

From Our Kitchen supports weekly Serves to provide seasonal meals _____ \$ _____

Helping Orphans Pursue Education supports: ___\$ _____

In Memory of Name: _____ Amount donated: _____

Other: **Wilmington Firefighters** _____

Name : _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

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