

# PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

## JUNE 2025

### UPDATES

**2025** continues to be a year of progress.

Since 2003 when **People for People Foundation (a 501c3 grassroots organization)** started, our organization (along with partner agencies) has assisted numerous individuals and families with utility assistance along with providing valuable resource and referral services.

**People for People** still partners with **SHARES**. As you may know, Shares provides energy assistance to moderate and lower-income households experiencing a financial crisis. Eligibility is based on household size and income.

**People for People** supports the **SHARES** programs with processing and submitting applications from **eligible** clients in need.

As we enter mid-year, **People for People** has processed approximately 98 applicants needing utility assistance with funds of over \$46,700 granted to clients; and there's more to come.

### Memorial Day Ceremony Recap

It was a very special Memorial Day Ceremony in the garden on Saturday, May 24, 2025. Each service member that is honored in the garden was represented on a Wall of Heroes, their names were read and a bell tolled in remembrance of their sacrifice.

It was a beautiful ceremony on a beautiful morning in a beautiful garden. Residents of Camp Salute, family and friends of The Victory Garden showed their respect for those who served our country and protected our freedoms. The event was organized by veteran residents Shana, Damon and Pete. We thank them for a very touching ceremony.



One bit of sad news:

We lost a friend of the Victory Garden in May. Keith Evans was a resident of Camp Salute and an Air Force Veteran. We first met Keith when he came into the garden and offered to volunteer. He was a member of our watering team. He found peace, comfort and community in the garden. Keith would stop and say hello with his dog King by his side. We will miss his cheerful smile and his contribution towards keeping the garden growing. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Robin.



### Venture Partnership

**People for People's** joint venture with **Conifer Realty, Inc.** provides permanent housing for low to moderate income families with a **veteran preference**; the **first** partnership in the United States built to provide permanent housing to veterans, their families and the surviving spouses of veterans.

**People for People and Conifer Realty, Inc.** ventures continues to expand. Current ventures are listed on the last page of the newsletter.

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Please help us continue our mission assisting the veterans and residents of South Jersey by making a donation to our 20th Anniversary Fund.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide resource and referral assistance to residents of Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties that have experienced financial hardship due to unforeseen circumstances.*



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## FATHER'S DAY

**Father's Day** is a holiday honoring one's father, as well as fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. The holiday complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day and, in some countries, Siblings Day, and Grandparents Day. The day is held on various dates across the world, and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.

In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on 19 March as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded in the state of Washington by Sonora Smart Dodd in 1910. Father's Day is a recognized public holiday in Lithuania and some parts of Spain and was regarded as such in Italy until 1977. It is a national holiday in Estonia, Samoa, and equivalently in South Korea, where it is celebrated as Parents' Day. Sikhs celebrate Father's Day on 29 December, birthday of Guru Gobind Singh.

In the United States, Father's Day is not a federal holiday. Organizations, businesses and stores are open or closed, just as they are on any other Sunday in the year. Public transit systems run to their normal Sunday schedules. Restaurants may be busier than usual, as some people take their fathers out for a treat.

Legally, Father's Day is a state holiday in Arizona. However, because it always falls on a Sunday, most state government offices and employees observe their Sunday schedule on the day.

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Many people send or give cards or gifts to their fathers. Common Father's Day gifts include sports items or clothing, electronic gadgets, outdoor cooking supplies and tools for household maintenance.

Father's Day is a relatively modern holiday, so different families have a range of traditions. These can range from a simple phone call or greeting card to large parties honoring all of the 'father' figures in a particular extended family. Father figures can include fathers, step-fathers, fathers-in-law, grandfathers and great-grandfathers and even other male relatives. In the days and weeks before Father's Day, many schools and Sunday schools help their pupils to prepare a handmade card or small gift for their fathers.

This year Father's Day in the United States will be held on **Sunday, June 15, 2025.**



## JUNE EVENTS & OBSERVANCES

June kicks off the summer fun. School's out, days are long, and everyone's dreaming of a break.

But it's not just about vacations — this month is packed with meaningful moments, too. In June, people relax and reflect.

June in the U.S. is a time to celebrate freedom, culture, and history. There aren't many nationwide holidays, but the ones we do have really matter.

**Juneteenth National Independence Day (June 19)** - the only federal holiday in June. It commemorates the day the last enslaved African Americans in Texas were finally told they were free. This is a day to reflect on freedom, equality, and history.

Of course, not every important date is a federal holiday. Some are observed only in specific states. These may be days off for schools or government offices, but only in certain regions:

- ◆ **Jefferson Davis' Birthday (June 2-3 - AL, FL).** A controversial observance marking the birthday of the Confederacy's president.
- ◆ **D-Day (June 6th).** This day marks the Allied landings in Normandy during World War II. Veterans are honored, ceremonies are held, and the fallen are remembered.
- ◆ **Native American Day (June 8 - AZ).** A tribute to Indigenous peoples, their traditions, languages, and spiritual heritage.
- ◆ **Kamehameha Day (June 11 - HI).** Honors King Kamehameha I, founder of the Hawaiian Kingdom.
- ◆ **West Virginia Day (June 20 - WV).** Celebrates the state's official entry into the Union during the Civil War.
- ◆ **First day of Summer or Summer Solstice (June 20).** The day with the longest period of sunlight. Notice how the Sun appears highest in the sky at the solstice; its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer.

June isn't just about warm days and summer fun. It's a month full of meaning, symbols, and powerful stories. There's room for joy, reflection, and coming together. People celebrate, remember, and stand side by side. June brings more than sunshine. It brings connection and care. Every holiday this month offers something to feel, share, or learn.



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## COOKING CORNER



### Diploma Cookies

Enjoy these drop cookies made using Gold Medal® all-purpose flour.  
Perfect for a graduation day dessert.

#### Ingredients

- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/3 cup shortening
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 1/2 cups Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup Gold Medal™ whole wheat flour
- 3/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips, melted

#### Directions

- ◆ Beat butter, shortening and brown sugar until creamy. Beat in baking powder, salt, vanilla and egg. Stir in flours. Divide dough in half. Cover and refrigerate about 2 hours.
- ◆ Heat oven to 375°F. Roll each half of dough into 15x6-inch rectangle on floured surface. Cut lengthwise into three 15x2-inch strips. Then cut crosswise into two 7 1/2x2-inch strips. Working quickly, spread about 1 tsp melted chocolate over one strip to within 1/4 inch of one long side. Gently roll up, starting at long side with chocolate. Repeat with remaining cookie strips and chocolate. Cut each roll into 2 pieces; roll each cookie slightly to shape. On ungreased cookie sheet, place cookies about 1 inch apart.
- ◆ Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until edges are firm. Cool 1 minute; remove to cooling rack. Cool completely. Place remaining chocolate in plastic bag. Cut hole in corner and squeeze out chocolate to look like bows.

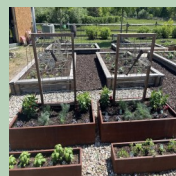
**Prep Time:** 1 hr. 30 min **Total Time:** 3 hr. 30 min **Servings:** 24



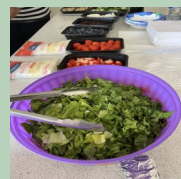
### & MORE...

*The Victory Garden - a community garden serving the residents of Camp Salute in Clayton NJ*

One of our biggest work days of the season. Over 150 plants went into their new homes. Veggies. Herbs. Annuals. Milkweed. Native grasses. A new addition to the children's garden. Weeds evicted. Thanks go out to our dedicated volunteers. It's incredible what gets done in 2 hrs. when you have 14 pairs of hands getting the job done. Once again our local Home Depot partners donated plants to keep our garden growing. Bonnie Plants for edibles. Ivy Acres for beautiful annuals. Stinchcomb Nursery for Rio containers.



Check out the salad bar that the staff of **People for People Foundation** put together using lettuce from the garden.



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### Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC - COMING SOON...

#### The Cove at Palmyra—Palmyra

Family development located in Palmyra, NJ. Family development with 8 units set aside for veterans at risk of homelessness. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### Liberty Landing—East Greenwich

Liberty Landing located in East Greenwich, NJ. Family development with 70 total units with 35 veteran preference units. 5 units designated for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### Third and Water—Swedesboro

Located in Swedesboro, Gloucester County, NJ. This vibrant new community will be a valuable addition to South Jersey. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### Three Bridges at Readington—Hunterdon County

Located in Readington, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. This new community has 80 high-quality apartment homes with 5 units set aside for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

#### Valor Pointe—Middlesex County

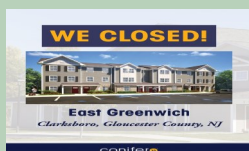
**Applications are now open for Valor Pointe Apartments**, our newest community in Monroe Township, NJ. This modern development features 80 thoughtfully designed apartment homes, offering residents spacious and comfortable living spaces.

#### Verona Flats—Essex County

The new affordable housing community, in Verona, NJ. This community has 95 available apartments, underscoring the immense demand for affordable housing in the area.

#### Woodland View—Camden County

Applications are now open for Woodland View Apartments, our newest community in Waterford Township, NJ. This community will house 95 families in a townhouse/flat, and provide 13 apartments that are solely dedicated to homeless veterans. Completion scheduled for 2025.



## PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION - UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Veterans Picnic

Saturday, September 6, 2025  
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm  
Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds  
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

#### Perfectly Wicked Toy Run

Sunday, September 28, 2025  
9:30am - 4:00pm

**Start Point:** AC Harley Davidson  
219 E. White Horse Pike,  
Galloway, NJ 08205

#### End Point: Watering Hole

6494 Weymouth Road,  
Mays Landing, NJ 08330  
[All proceeds & toys go to  
**People for People Foundation**  
**501c(3)**]

#### Casino Night

Friday, November 14, 2025  
Time: 5:30pm - 10:30pm  
Sapphire Grand Deptford  
1849 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096  
[To support the **Paul M. Blackstock**  
**Scholarship Program**]

#### Wreaths of Remembrance

Saturday, December 6, 2025  
Times: family private gathering - 9am  
memorial ceremony - 10am  
GC Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
240 N Tuckahoe Road  
Williamstown, NJ 08094

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