

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

OCTOBER 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.

To date, **People for People** has processed approximately **242** applicants needing utility assistance with funds of over **\$106,000** granted to clients, and we're still going.



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.



& MORE...

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

The garden is full of color as we transition from summer to fall. Today we received another generous donation from Angela of Ivy Acres, a local grower based in Vineland that services Home Depot stores. Beautiful mums, celosia, asters and millet are keeping the garden in bloom. Our gardens are providing most needed nectar for pollinators. Alive and thriving.



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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. Click the following link to give: <https://givebutter.com/PFP20th>

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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COLUMBUS DAY

Columbus Day, in the United States, a holiday to commemorate the landing of Christopher Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492.

Although his explorations were financed by Ferdinand and Isabella, joint rulers of Aragon and Castile (now in Spain), Columbus was a native of Genoa, Italy, and, over the years, Italian Americans took up the cause of honoring his achievement. The 300th anniversary of his landing was celebrated in New York City in 1792 by the Society of St. Tammany, or the Columbian Order, a benevolent fraternal organization that had been founded in that city in 1789 to promote patriotism and the principles of democracy.

However, the direct incentive for declaring the anniversary of Columbus's arrival was the mass lynching of 11 Italian Americans in New Orleans in 1891. One of the largest lynchings in U.S. history, it occurred during a time of widespread anti-immigrant and anti-Italian sentiment in the country and one year after the murder of New Orleans' police chief, which was blamed on the city's Italian population. In all, 19 Italians were to be tried for the murder. The weak evidence was exposed when 6 of the accused were acquitted and 3 were granted mistrials. Before the rest of the accused could be tried, a mob stormed the city's prison and shot to death 11 Italians (a few of whom were not among the accused). The event threatened diplomatic relations between Italy and the United States and, to appease the Italian government, U.S. Pres. Benjamin Harrison proclaimed the 400th anniversary of Columbus's arrival a national holiday in 1892, intending it to be a one-time celebration.

During the latter half of the 19th century, the day had begun to be celebrated in cities with large numbers of Italian Americans, and in 1937 it became an annual federal holiday by presidential proclamation.

The day came to be marked by parades, often including floats depicting the ships of Columbus's voyages, and by public ceremonies and festivities. However, by the quincentennial in 1992, the holiday had become an occasion for discussing the European conquest of Native peoples.

This year, Columbus Day will be observed on the 2nd Monday in October (October 13, 2025).



HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

Halloween safety tips are essential for ensuring a fun and secure experience. Here are some key recommendations:

For Trick-or-Treaters:



- ♦ **Visibility is Key:** Wear bright-colored costumes, add reflective tape, and carry glow sticks or flashlights to be seen by drivers at night.
- ♦ **Costume Safety:** Choose costumes that fit properly and are made of fire-resistant material to prevent trips and burns. Use face paint instead of masks to avoid vision obstruction.
- ♦ **Stay Safe While Walking:** Stay on sidewalks and cross only at intersections or crosswalks. Walk in groups and never go alone.
- ♦ **Candy Safety:** Wait until you get home to eat treats. An adult should inspect all candy and throw away any unwrapped, opened, or homemade items.

For Drivers:



- ♦ **Be Alert:** Drive slowly in residential areas and be extra alert for pedestrians.
- ♦ **Visibility:** Turn on your headlights early in the day to see children better, especially at dusk.
- ♦ **Watch for Kids:** Scan the road and be prepared for children who may dart into the street.

For Homeowners:

- ♦ **Make Your Home Visible:** Turn on your porch light and ensure the path to your door is well-lit to guide trick-or-treaters.
- ♦ **Clear the Walkway:** Remove any tripping hazards from your lawn, steps, and walkway.
- ♦ **Pet Safety:** Keep pets safely inside to avoid them startling or biting trick-or-treaters.
- ♦ **Pumpkin Safety:** Use battery-operated candles or glow sticks instead of real candles in jack-o'-lanterns to prevent burns.



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COOKING CORNER



Slow-Cooker Butternut Squash Soup

Cream cheese is the secret to a creamy ready-when-you-want-it squash soup

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp butter or margarine
- 1 medium onion, chopped (½ cup)
- 1 butternut squash (2 lbs.), peeled and cubed
- 2 cups water
- ½ tsp dried marjoram leaves
- ¼ tsp ground black pepper
- 1/8 tsp ground red pepper (cayenne)
- 4 chicken bouillon cubes
- 1 package (8 oz) cream cheese, cubed

Directions

- ◆ In 10-inch skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring occasionally, until crisp-tender.
- ◆ In 3- to 4-quart slow cooker, mix onion and remaining ingredients except cream cheese.
- ◆ Cover; cook on low heat setting 6 to 8 hours.
- ◆ In blender or food processor, place one-third to one-half of mixture at a time. Cover; blend on high speed until smooth. Return mixture to slow cooker. Stir in cream cheese. Cover; cook on low heat setting about 30 minutes longer or until cheese is melted, stirring with wire whisk until smooth.

Prep Time: 20min **Total Time:** 20 min **Servings:** 2

WELCOME
to the
neighborhood

October greets 1 new tenant to the Camp Salute neighborhood. Welcome aboard and hope you find your new home comfortable and inviting.



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Van Service - *Camp Salute Residents Only*

REMINDER...

Residents in need of transportation may contact the *People for People* office to make an appointment for transportation service.

- ◆ Request **MUST** be at least 24 hours in advance
- ◆ Van service is for **LOCAL** designations **ONLY**
- ◆ Passengers **MUST** BE AMBULATORY
- ◆ Van service to local doctor appointments are for **VETERANS ONLY**
- ◆ Doctor appointments are for **MORNING ONLY** (Van service is not available for afternoon appointments)
- ◆ Seating is limited to 5 adult passengers (No children)
- ◆ Van service is not available on Fridays (**NO EXCEPTIONS**)

Interested individuals call **856-579-7561**



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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

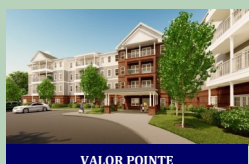
Our newest community in Monroe Township, NJ. This modern development features 80 thoughtfully designed apartment homes, offering residents spacious and comfortable living spaces.

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

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

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