

# PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

## DECEMBER 2025

### UPDATES

As we reach the end of **2025**, our partnership with **SHARES** has turned out to be a notable venture.

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** continues to partner with the **SHARES** programs in processing and submitting applications from **eligible** clients in need.

As of December **2025**, **People for People** has processed approximately **311** applicants needing utility assistance with funds of over **\$126,000** granted to clients. Quite an achievement!

### 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***

We are grateful for those who have served. Happy Veterans Day to all but especially to those we have had the honor to meet at Camp Salute. You are very special to us.



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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/>

### **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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## WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE

Join this grassroots effort  
To lay 4000 wreaths at the  
Gloucester County  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Wreaths with ribbons \$12.00 each  
Volunteers are needed

**WREATHS OF  
REMEMBRANCE**  
DECEMBER 6, 2025

To sponsor wreaths:  
Checks: Make payable to: *People for People Foundation*  
write *Wreaths* in memo section  
Mail to: PO Box 256, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062  
On line: [www.ppfoundation.org](http://www.ppfoundation.org) or  
<https://givebutter.com/WOR25>  
Also, you can use your phone's camera to scan the QR Code.

To volunteer or for more information:  
Call Janis at 856-579-7561 ext. 203 or  
email Janis at [jadams1pppf@gmail.com](mailto:jadams1pppf@gmail.com)

On December 6, 2025, the People for People Foundation of Gloucester County will host the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Wreaths of Remembrance Ceremony** at the Gloucester County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Monroe Township, NJ. Collectively with the Gloucester County Department of Veterans Administration, Lora and Rich Gess and the Rotary Club of Glassboro and hundreds of volunteers, 4000 wreaths will be placed on the graves while saying words of gratitude to honor the deceased veterans.

Family members of the interred are asked to arrive by 9:00 am for a short reception and then a private laying of wreaths on their family member's graves. Starting at 9:30 am, a formal memorial ceremony is held by local dignitaries and the laying of wreaths at the memorial sites of the different branches of the military. Volunteers will then lay wreaths on the balance of the graves. The event is opened to the public.

Due to the large numbers of participants **all parking will be at the Williamstown Middle School parking lot** which is one mile from the cemetery. Shuttle buses will transport the volunteers to the cemetery starting at 8:15 am. Handicap designated cars **ONLY** will be allowed to park at the cemetery. There will be handicap accessible buses running from the high school as well. Please comply with all parking instructions.

If you or your group would like to volunteer to lay wreaths please contact Janis at 856-579-7561 ext. 203 or email her at [jadams1pppf@gmail.com](mailto:jadams1pppf@gmail.com). To sponsor a wreath please click this link: <https://givebutter.com/WOR25>

## DECEMBER 2025 HOLIDAYS & OBSERVANCES

There are 12 months in a year and each one of them has a variety of noteworthy holidays and observances. December, however, is truly next level.

Starting with the first day of the month, right on through to the last, there are a variety of happenings going on, including the winter solstice, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, & New Year's Eve, just to name a few.

December includes a variety of fun observances like National Cookie Day, Festivus and Ugly Sweater Day, along with important dates like Giving Tuesday and Wreaths Across America.

You'll also find holidays for just about everything else seasonal you can think of, including gingerbread, candy canes, fruitcake and even one for re-gifting your Christmas presents.

Along with daily observations, there are week- and month-long commemorations, including National Cat Lover's Month, National Giving Month and Write to a Friend Month.

December is packed with festive vibes and cozy winter magic, making it perfect for everything from sharing heartwarming winter quotes to planning that winter getaway with family or friends. Of course, Christmas takes center stage, celebrating the birth of Jesus with joyful gatherings, delicious feasts, gift-giving and a spirit of love and gratitude. Who knew December had so much to offer?

So grab that ugly sweater, gather with family and friends, and enjoy. May your days be merry and bright this holiday season!

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Happy Hanukkah



Merry Christmas



Happy Kwanzaa



Happy New Year



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## COOKING CORNER



### Pumpkin Cheesecake

Pumpkin cheesecake is the perfect autumn dessert. Much sweeter and creamier than pumpkin pie, it's an indulgent finisher to your fall meals.

#### Ingredients

##### Crust

- 1¾ cups graham cracker crumbs (about 24 squares)
- 2 tbsp granulated sugar
- ½ cup butter or margarine, melted

##### Filling

- ¼ cup Gold Medal™ all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 2 tbsp brandy, if desired
- 1 can (15 oz) pumpkin (not pumpkin pie mix)
- 4 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 5 eggs

#### Directions

- ◆ Heat oven to 325°F. Grease 9-inch springform pan with shortening. Wrap foil around pan to catch drips. In small bowl, mix cracker crumbs, 2 tablespoons granulated sugar and the melted butter. Press crumb mixture in bottom of pan. Wrap foil around outside of pan to prevent drips. Bake crust 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Cool 5 minutes at room temperature. Refrigerate about 5 minutes or until completely cooled.
- ◆ Meanwhile, in another small bowl, whisk flour, pumpkin pie spice, brandy and pumpkin together until well blended; set aside. In large bowl, beat cream cheese with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Gradually beat in brown sugar and 2/3 cup granulated sugar until smooth. On low speed, beat in 1 egg at a time just until blended. Gradually beat in pumpkin mixture until smooth.
- ◆ Pour filling over crust. Bake 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 25 minutes or until set but center of cheesecake still jiggles slightly when moved. Turn oven off; open oven door at least 4 inches. Let cheesecake remain in oven 30 minutes.

## COOKING CORNER (cont.)

- ◆ Run knife around edge of pan to loosen cheesecake. Cool in pan on wire rack 30 minutes. Refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight before serving.
- ◆ To serve, run knife around edge of pan to loosen cheesecake. Carefully remove side of pan before cutting cheesecake. Store covered in refrigerator.

**Prep Time:** 20 min **Total Time:** 8 hrs. 45 min **Servings:** 16

## December Birthday Wishes!

*Happy birthday to Rich Gess. Enjoy your day!*

## People for People

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**)



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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

### **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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*Be a helping hand. Click below.*



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