

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Bernadette Blackstock—CEO

I was recently asked, What makes People for People different from other agencies? It only took a split second to respond: The Team.

We are fortunate to have a team of mature, experienced individuals each with their own unique talents that blend to make a cohesive team. Their core values of client service are the same: Answer the phone; Be polite; Take the time to listen; Make sound recommendations and referrals; Thank the client for calling.

No one exemplifies the core values more than our “Star of the Month” Team Member Cheryl Lopez.

Each month we will “star” a member of our team to give you the opportunity to meet the people who make it happen”.



Cheryl Lopez—Office Manager

“People for People, how may I help you?” These are the first words you’ll hear from *Office Manager Cheryl Lopez* when you call our office.

Having worked at *People for People* for 10+ years, Cheryl has spent her time interacting and helping individuals seeking a variety of assistance such as utility, rental, housing, food, and much more.

On many occasions, Cheryl has gone above and beyond the normal assistance one does to help clients in need.

For example, although *People for People’s* workplace is a “**virtual**” office (Meaning no walk-ins allowed), there have been several occasions when Cheryl was instrumental in facilitating aid to a client, who came to the office because he/she was in dire need at that time; fearing imminent danger of utilities being disconnected. Cheryl’s help afforded the client the opportunity to receive **immediate** assistance instead of having to wait several days or weeks.

Even when a client contacts our office through the “**proper**” channels (Phone, email, fax, mail), Cheryl is ready, willing, and able to help or direct the client regardless of the circumstances.

As you can see, Cheryl’s numerous positions over the years has afforded her the knowledge, experience and the true perception of the difficulties many clients undergo, thereby providing an atmosphere of caring, honesty and openness for those in need as well as providing quality performance in all she does.

Please help us continue our mission assisting the Veterans and residents of South Jersey by making a donating to our 20th Anniversary Fund. Click the following link to give: <https://givebutter.com/PPF20th>

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



The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm—perhaps because, as one florist explained, “fathers haven't the same sentimental appeal that mothers have.”

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

However, it was not until 1972—58 years after President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day official—that the day honoring fathers became a nationwide holiday in the United States.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June. Father's Day 2024 will occur on Sunday, June 16.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The month of June is a time of awareness and celebration. It is known as the time schools let out for the summer, and June 20, 21, or 22 (depending on the year) is the longest day of the year with the most daylight hours in the Northern Hemisphere.

June also plays host to the ever-important national holidays such as Father's Day and Juneteenth. Plus, June is the middle of the year and the midpoint of the growing season between planting and harvesting.

But [Did You Know](#) that there are numerous national holidays in June? Below is a list of just a few examples of holidays in June:

- ◆ **June 5:** World Environment Day, Constitution Day, Hot Air Balloon Day, National Cancer Survivors Day
- ◆ **June 6:** World War II D-Day Anniversary, National Yo-Yo Day, Applesauce Cake Day, National Drive-In Movie Day
- ◆ **June 14:** The U.S. Army Birthday, Flag Day, Monkey Around Day, International Bath Day, National New Mexico Day, World Blood Donor Day
- ◆ **June 15:** Nature Photography Day, National Smile Power Day
- ◆ **June 16:** Fresh Veggies Day, National Fudge Day, National Career Nurse Assistants Day
- ◆ **June 19:** Juneteenth, Father's Day, National Watch Day, National Martini Day, World Sauntering Day, National Turkey Lovers' Day* (third Sunday)
- ◆ **June 20:** American Bald Eagle Day, Ice Cream Soda Day, World Refugee Day, Ugliest Dog Day, National Hike With a Geek Day
- ◆ **June 25:** National Catfish Day, Bourdain Day, Global Beatles Day, Great American Backyard Campout* (fourth Saturday)
- ◆ **June 26:** National Chocolate Pudding Day, Log Cabin Day* (last Sunday), Descendants' Day* (last Sunday)
- ◆ **June 27:** National Onion Day, National Sunglasses Day, Bingo Day, Ice Cream Cake Day, Orange Blossom Day, Helen Keller Day
- ◆ **June 29:** Hug Holiday, International Mud Day, National Camera Day, Waffle Iron Day, Cooking with Parchment Day, Almond Buttercrunch Day
- ◆ **June 30:** Meteor Day, Blink 182 Day, National Handshake Day, National Corvette Day, International Asteroid Day



VICTORY GARDEN & MORE...

Another great donation of flowers from Angela & Ivy Acres a local grower in Vineland. Beautiful baskets and containers to add color to the garden on Mother's Day. We have such generous partners. And check out this morning's maternity ward. Chickadees and Bluebirds hatched. New Moms in the garden.




VETERAN'S PICNIC



Mark your calendar and *save-the-date* for our *People for People Foundation's* Annual Veterans Picnic...

DATE: Saturday, September 7, 2024
TIME: 11:00am to 3:00pm
LOCATION: Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

The event includes food, entertainment, and much more and is a **FREE** registered event (Donations are accepted).

To register, click  or go to [Annual Vets Picnic](#)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Financial Planning Counseling Sessions

Jason Gabrieli, a Certified Financial Planner from HFM Investment Advisors is offering free financial planning counseling sessions. The sessions are confidential and cover topics like budgeting, debt pay-down strategies, saving strategies, etc.

To make an appointment with Jason you may contact him at the following:

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COMING SOON...

Upcoming Affordable Housing and Supportive Services

Cove at Palmyra—Palmyra

Family development located in Palmyra, NJ. Family development with 8 set-aside units 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 of 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms with 35 Veteran Preference Units. 5 units designated for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

Swedesboro, NJ

Family development with 5 set -aside units for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.

Valor Point—Middlesex County

Family development with Veteran Preference currently under construction in Middlesex County, NJ. 80 units of 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms with 37 units designated for Veterans. Completion scheduled by end of 2024.

Woodland View

Family development located in Camden County, NJ. 13 units will be set-aside for veterans at risk of being homeless. Completion scheduled for 2025.



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