

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

JULY 2024

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.

Our next “Star of the Month” is team member Melody Betz.



Melody Betz—Resource Specialist

Melody came on board in August of 2014 and served as the Supportive Services Representative for residents at several of the Conifer Affordable Housing sites.

Eventually, Melody was reassigned in-house at our People for People headquarters as our Resource Specialist, focusing mainly on helping clients with utility assistance.

On any given Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, you will find Melody fielding questions and providing assistance regarding programs and services available to those in need.

Melody has worn many “hats” in her working experience. In doing so, she has built upon her life experiences by striving to help people obtain the necessary help that so many of us need nowadays.

Melody is a great addition to the organization and we are very happy to have her as part of our family.

SUCCESS STORY—MERCADO FAMILY

People for People is a grassroots organization dedicated to helping the normally self sufficient who experience a temporary crisis in their lives resulting in a financial emergency or need that “falls through the cracks” and cannot be funded or serviced by traditional government programs or private charity sources.

Below is one example of how *People for People Foundation* impacted one family's life...

The Mercado family came to Camp Salute in 2017. Through the *People for People* programs, this family was able to start a new life in the US and, eventually, move on to bigger and better opportunities.

Below is a quick note from the Mercado family regarding how well they are doing today.



“Hi. Thanks for the email. It's great that I can be able to say thanks for all that you guys do to help us. This is the picture of Father's Day in our church. Thanks again for all the help from your team.” Israel.

Just one of many success stories!

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/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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INDEPENDENCE DAY



The Fourth of July, also known as Independence Day or July 4th, has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution.

On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson.

The tradition of setting off fireworks on the 4th of July began in Philadelphia on July 4, 1777, during the first organized celebration of Independence Day. Ship's cannons fired a 13-gun salute in honor of the 13 colonies. The *Pennsylvania Evening Post* reported: "At night there was a grand exhibition of fireworks (which began and concluded with thirteen rockets) on the Commons, and the city was beautifully illuminated." That same night, the Sons of Liberty set off fireworks over Boston Common.

From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

Over the years, the political importance of the holiday would decline, but Independence Day remained an important national holiday and a symbol of patriotism.

The most common symbol of the holiday is the American flag, and a common musical accompaniment is "The Star-Spangled Banner," the national anthem of the United States. The Fourth of July 2024 is on Thursday, July 4.

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DOUBLY DELICIOUS



Red, White & Blueberry Pasta Salad

Ingredients

- 1 box Betty Crocker™ Suddenly Salad® classic pasta salad mix
Water and vegetable oil called for on the salad mix box
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 2 cups blueberries
- 1/3 cup crumbled feta cheese

Directions

- ◆ Make pasta salad as directed on box
- ◆ Stir in bell pepper and blueberries. Sprinkle with feta cheese. Refrigerate 30 minutes before serving. Cover and refrigerate any remaining salad.

Prep Time: 20 min Total Time: 50 min Servings: 6



Strawberry Lime Slush

Ingredients

- 4 pints (8 cups) fresh strawberries
- 3 cups crushed ice
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup lime juice

Directions

- ◆ Set aside 4 strawberries for garnish if desired. Removed and discard caps from remaining strawberries. Place ice and 2 pints strawberries in blender or food processor. Cover and blend on high speed about 30 seconds, stopping blender occasionally to scrape sides, until almost smooth. Pour into 2-quart pitcher.
- ◆ Place remaining 2 pints strawberries, the powdered sugar and lime juice in blender or food processor. Cover and blend on high speed about 30 seconds or until almost smooth. Pour mixture into pitcher; stir. Pour into glasses. Garnish with whole strawberries. Serve immediately.

Prep Time: 10 min Total Time: 10 min Servings: 4



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VICTORY GARDEN & MORE...

Our native gardens are thriving. This year's reconstruction of the garden is a focus on normal gardening practice to bring balance by weeding out aggressive plants which are causing overcrowded conditions to the plant life.

First zucchini of the season and squash on the way.

First caterpillars of the season were spotted and our 2nd brood of bluebirds at our sister garden, the historic train depot in Glassboro, have hatched.




VETERANS 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 address:

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Partnering with CONIFER REALTY, LLC
COMING SOON...

Upcoming Affordable Housing and Supportive Services

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 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—Gloucester County

Family development with 5 units set -aside 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—Camden County

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



PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION—UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Picnic

Saturday, September 7, 2024
Time: 11:00am—3:00pm
Gloucester County 4H Fairgrounds
Rt. 77, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Casino Night

Friday, November 15, 2024
Time: 5:30pm—10pm
Auletto Caterers
1849 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096

Wreaths of Remembrance

Saturday, December 7, 2024
Times: family private gathering—9am
veteran ceremony—10am
Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery
240 N Tuckahoe Rd., Williamstown, NJ 08094

Christmas Brunch

Sunday, December 8, 2024
Time: TBD
Auletto Caterers
1849 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096

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