

PEOPLE FOR PEOPLE FOUNDATION

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 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 **Anna Mae Desper**.



Anna Mae Desper—Resource Specialist

Born in Frackville, PA, Anna Mae Desper came to **People for People Foundation** over 7 years ago. Anna Mae serves as a Resource Specialist for the residents at 6 of the Conifer Affordable Housing sites.

On any given Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, you will find Anna Mae at one of the sites ready to tackle questions regarding programs and services available to the Conifer residents.

Anna Mae has always been a go-getter. After graduating from high school, Anna Mae worked for Scott Paper Company until she married and gave birth to a son in 1969, whereupon she decided to focus her time on raising her family.

Eventually, Anna Mae re-entered the workforce doing research at Matrix Company and Lennar Housing in their Purchasing departments. Anna Mae also worked at Hake Rigging Company for the past 10 years as an Administrative Assistant.

Anna Mae maintains her effort to build upon her life experiences by striving to help people become aware of the vast amount of resources available to them within the county.

Being a friendly and helpful person, Anna Mae’s moto to the residents is, “Stop in for help or a chat.”



Halloween, a holiday observed on October 31 and noted for its pagan and religious roots and secular traditions. In much of Europe and most of North America, observance of Halloween is largely nonreligious, celebrated with parties, spooky costumes, jack-o'-lanterns, pumpkin carvings, and the giving of candy.

Halloween is a holiday that marks the day before the Western Christian feast of All Saints, or All Hallows, and initiates the season of All Hallows' Eve.

HAPPY HALLOWEN!



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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Glassboro
ROTARY
presents...

Casino Night

Poker ♦ Blackjack ♦ Roulette ♦ Craps

Friday, November 15, 2024



1849 Cooper St., Deptford, NJ 08096

6:30—9:00pm (Dinner/Gaming/Dancing)

9:00—10:00pm (Silent Auction Prizes)

People for People Foundation partner with the **Glassboro Rotary Club** to present \$1000 Paul M. Blackstock Memorial Scholarship to Senior at Glassboro High School.

The Goal for 2025 is 10 scholarships totaling \$10,000. Scholarships available for the event: \$2500, \$1000, \$500, \$250 and Baskets for Auction value at \$50+.

Admission to event:

- ♦ \$100 VIP ticket includes one hour in the Auletto Wine Cellar (wine and appetizers) plus an evening of gaming, buffet dinner, (2) wine or beer, desserts, and cash bar.
- ♦ \$60 General ticket includes an evening of gaming, buffet dinner, (2) wine or beer, desserts, and cash bar.

Gaming Chips are Redeemed for Raffle Tickets for Silent Auction Prizes—Cash Bar available

Proceeds raised will help fund the Paul Blackstock Memorial Scholarship Fund and support other philanthropic efforts, including support of Veteran, Elderly, and Education Programs in the local community.

Email info@glassbororotary.com for more information.

Cover & Inside Stories

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WREATHS OF REMEMBRANCE

DATE: Saturday, December 7, 2024
TIMES: 9:00am (Family private gathering)
9:30am (Veteran ceremony)
LOCATION: GC Veterans Memorial Cemetery—Monroe Township
240 N. Tuckahoe Road, Williamstown, NJ 08094

On **December 7, 2024**, the *People for People Foundation of Gloucester County* will host the **15th 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, will place 3900 wreaths 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**.

To sponsor a wreath please click this link: <https://givebutter.com/ix8QnM> or make checks payable to:

People for People Foundation

On memo line, write *Wreaths*

- * Mail to: *People for People Foundation*
100 Homer Street, Suite B, Clayton, NJ 08312
To donate online go to: www.ppfoundation.org

♦ **Please note change of address**

Corporate Sponsorships available:

- ♦ 1000 wreaths = \$11,000
- ♦ 500 wreaths = \$5500
- ♦ 250 wreaths = \$2750
- ♦ \$100 wreaths = \$1100
- ♦ Individual wreath sponsorship = At least \$15



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& MORE...



Today we were fortunate to have the Deptford Team Home Depot sponsor our expansion of flower beds. Asst Store Mgr Mike and store associates added to our fence line that grows Tulips in Spring, Sunflowers in Summer and Scarecrows in Fall. Their skill and generosity keep our garden growing. Raised bed soil and Mulch were donated by the Scotts MiracleGro Co. The original sponsors that supported The Victory Garden over 5 years ago continue to support us today. Great partners.



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 paydown strategies, saving strategies, etc.

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

HFM Investment Advisors, LLC
102 West High Street, Suite 200
Glassboro, NJ 08028

Phone: (856) 232-2270
Web: www.hfmadvisors.com
Email: jgabrieli@hfmadvisors.com



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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

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Be a helping hand. Click below.



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