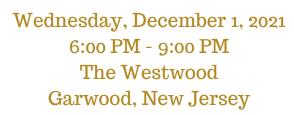


The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless 40th Anniversary Gala

FOUR DECADES OF BRINGING HOPE HOME







Our Mission





The mission of the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless is to serve the immediate needs of the homeless and the near homeless. We strive to empower people with the tools to transition to safe, affordable and permanent housing. We are charged with advocating for people to achieve housing equity and participate in the larger community.



Our Values



We empower people with tools and support to transition to safe, affordable, permanent housing so that they can live healthy, productive lives.

We believe everyone deserves safe, affordable housing and should be an active part of their community.

We treat everyone with dignity and respect.

We teach people to self-advocate and empower them to become self-sufficient.

We actively build a community of support and compassion in partnership with the community, volunteers, and other agencies committed to advancing the interests of homeless and near-homeless people.

Our History



Since 1981, the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless has been a leader serving the homeless and poor in Union County, New Jersey. We provide a safety net to over 2,500 individuals every year with emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and comprehensive services that help families work toward self-sufficiency. We have expanded our services to include treating the root causes and impacts of housing instability and have created cutting edge programs that have been adopted by several agencies throughout the State.

We work closely with our "sister agency", St. Joseph Social Service Center, to meet the needs of the poor in Union County.

The symbiotic relationship with St Joseph's is a true partnership, started well before the idea of collaboration became popular. By providing a full range of complimentary services and programs, the two agencies have woven together a safety net that helps community residents meet their most basic needs. Today, the agencies continue to operate together, sharing space and clients out of a complex in Elizabeth. However, the agencies are separate 501(c)(3) legal entities with their own staff, board of directors, and funding sources.

Together, Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and St. Joseph Social Service Center provides seamless wraparound services for the poor and the homeless in our community.



A Letter from Executive Director Linda Flores-Tober





Dear Friend.

Our Union County families are hurting. COVID has hit all of us in varying degrees, but perhaps the group most devastated has been our children. Most of the homeless and near-homeless children served by the Elizabeth Coalition live in crowded quarters with extended family or friends, making the ability to quarantine during COVID nearly impossible. While the economy may be improving, many industries remain fragile and the future path of the pandemic is uncertain.

With your donations, we will continue to support our children through the trauma of beloved grandparents dying or the fear of having one or both parents lose their jobs. Many of our adults are minimum wage-earning frontline workers who cannot save enough money for a down payment on an affordable home or a deposit to secure an apartment rental. Despite federal efforts to ameliorate the poverty deepened by the pandemic, many of the families we serve are ineligible for this assistance and face a growing shortage of affordable housing. Our community has never needed our help more, and we have never needed yours more urgently.

Your support has helped rebuild lives, prevented homelessness, and built a bridge to stronger, more stable families and communities throughout our County. Since 1981, the Coalition has provided a safety net to more than 3,300 individuals each year.



A Letter from Executive Director Linda Flores-Tober



To learn more about our work, you may go to the Coalition's website at https://www.theelizabethcoalition.org/

Your generous support provides emergency shelter, transitional supportive housing, and comprehensive services that helps families work toward self-sufficiency.

We thank you for your kindness and loyalty in supporting the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

Sincerely,

Linda Flores-Tober Executive Director



Our Programs



Bernice's Place

Empowering children with knowledge and self-esteem is the key to ending the cycle of housing instability and poverty.

Homeless Prevention and Emergency Shelter

Providing back rent assistance, first month's rent assistance, emergency shelter, and other services for those who find themselves in time of need.

Housing Programs

Working towards a long-term housing solution by offering a stepping stone through Hospitality Houses.

Operation Warm Heart

Catering to the most vulnerable and ensuring they have a safe, warm place to rest for the night during the harshest winter months.



Agenda for the Evening



6:00 PM - Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres

7:00 PM - Plated dinner and dessert

7:45 PM - Program begins

- Welcome address from Executive Director Linda Flores-Tober, Board of -Trustees Chairman Michael Fabricant
- Meet our Coalition Client
- Award presented to honorees Dr. Peggy Rothbaum and NJ Sews in Unity by Director of Development Renaee Smith
- Award presented to honoree Patricia Perkins-Auguste, Councilwoman-at-Large, Elizabeth, by Mayor Christian Bollwage
- Meet our Coalition Client
- Award presented to honorees Bill Melia and Ken Richuso by Doug Harris
- Award presented to Stateside Affairs by Linda Flores-Tober
- Presentation of Resolutions

8:40 PM - Silent auction winners announced

 $8:45 \, PM$ - Closing remarks, depart for the evening

Music by Wyncey&Co.





A Special Congratulations to This Year's Award Recipients

Your undying dedication to helping our brothers and sisters without a secure place to call home has helped to make the world a little brighter.





Dr. Peggy Rothbaum Founders Award for Community **Engagement**







Dr. Peggy Rothbaum is a psychologist, writer, researcher and consultant in Westfield, New Jersey.

She also does community service, creates art and is a passionate advocate for animals.

One of her dreams is to use her art, hand-crafted jewelry, and writing to benefit charities.



Currently, Dr. Rothbaum is running a special fundraiser. 100% of proceeds from her sales of certain items will be donated to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless.

> **Visit** theelizabethcoalition.org/jewelry-and-more for more information.

About New Jersey Sews in Unity





New Jersey Sews in Unity was an all-volunteer organization formed to help alleviate the shortage of PPE, specifically by sewing masks, during the beginning of the pandemic. It was totally self-funded and supplied, with the exception of a few cash or check donations. It was operational from March of 2020 through June of 2021.

The organization donated masks to medical practices, hospitals, medical professional associations, nonprofits, nursing departments, rehab facilities, special schools and organizations, churches housing nonprofits, food pantries, home health care agencies, homeless shelters and agencies, nursing homes, retirement communities, immigration agencies, long term care facilities, rescue squads, fire departments, police departments.

2,452 masks and an untold number of ear savers were donated to the Elizabeth Coalition.

New Jersey Sews in Unity donated a total of 24,484 masks to all recipients, and thousands of ear savers.,



Councilwoman Patricia PerkinsAuguste Founders Award for Dedicated Public Service







Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste is honored to receive The Elizabeth Coalition's Founders Award for her Dedicated Public Service. Perkins-Auguste, a mother of two young adult sons and a lifelong resident of Elizabeth, is the current President of the Elizabeth City Council and is the longest consecutive-serving councilmember. A seasoned office-holder, Perkins-Auguste is the only female council member and is a strong advocate for strengthening families and developing self-sufficient communities in Elizabeth. The Councilwoman is credited for creating a number of initiatives that support City residents, local businesses and non-profit organizations. As a compassionate and visionary leader, Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste has been honored by numerous boards and organizations in the local, state and national arenas for her lifetime of service.

The Councilwoman is humbled by this recognition by The Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and is honored to celebrate the Coalition's 40th year of providing life-saving resources to the near homeless and homeless community in Union County.

Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste Founders Award for **Dedicated Public** Service







A believer in Jesus Christ, her faith inspires her to ask questions, seek solutions, and forge collaborations that others may be unwilling to undertake. Councilwoman Perkins-Auguste is often reminded by the Christian mottos "it is far better to give than to receive" and "to whom much is given, then much more will be required."





Ken Richuso Founders Award for a Lifetime of Service



Ken Richuso, Rutgers University graduate, has served the City of Elizabeth for over 30 years, contributing a strong philanthropic hand to a wide variety of organizations. His devotion to helping fellow residents prosper is exemplified in his impactful, good work.

Most recently, Mr. Richuso served the Elizabeth Coalition as a board member and committee member for our annual Hoops for the Homeless Basketball fundraiser. He the current president of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth, where he has served for 30 years. For 20 of those 30 years, Mr. Richuso was chairman of the Club's "Taste of Elizabeth" fundraisers. Mr. Richuso also currently oversees the Club's Albert & Louise Davis Scholarship Fund. This Fund focuses on providing scholarship grants to urban students in Elizabeth enhancing their prospects of achieving the "American Dream" of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness through education. He is also a current member of the Board of Directors for Groundwork Elizabeth dedicated to building healthy, sustainable, and equitable communities. Groundwork Elizabeth's programs and projects educate, improve, and enhance local urban-challenged environments and address quality of life issues of environmental and food injustice. Mr. Richuso also sits on the advisory board of the Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy.

Previously, Mr. Richuso served as Vice President of B.B. Miller & Company from 1980 to 2008, served two terms as President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Union County, and served on the Advisory Boards of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy and the Elizabeth Salvation Army.

Bill Mealia Founders Award for a Lifetime of Service



Bill Mealia is honored to be receiving the Elizabeth Coalition's Founder's Award for a Lifetime of Service. A Scotch Plains resident, Bill is a dedicated husband, father, and grandfather, and has dedicated years of service to improving and advancing educational opportunities for children and young adults. Bill founded the Albert and Louise David Scholarship Foundation, which provides monetary scholarships for senior class members of Elizabeth High School. He is the recipient of five Paul Harris Awards from the Elizabeth Rotary Club, where he has been an active member since 1974. Bill is also an active member of the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of New Jersey and the New Jersey Polio Network.

Bill served as president of the St. Peter's University Alumni Association and helped plan his graduating class's 50th reunion celebration. In 2001, he received a distinguished award for his community service from the University and was elected to St. Peter's Hall of Fame the following year.

In his downtime, Bill enjoys watching the Mets, St. Peter's basketball, and the New Jersey Devils, as well as gardening and reading about history.



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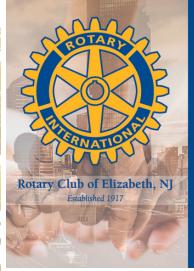
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