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*We congratulate Super Door Opener,
Louis N. Teti and thank him for his ongoing
efforts in opening doors to legacy philanthropy.*

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From the Guest Editor



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We are thrilled with our partnership with *County Lines Magazine* for this inaugural Charity Datebook! When *County Lines'* editor and co-owner, Jo Anne Durako, met with me at the Chester County Community Foundation office about a special publication highlighting regional philanthropy, we were off and running!

We were both eager for the opportunity to showcase individuals and families with longtime community involvement, highlight local charity events, and inspire and celebrate the spirit of giving in Chester County and beyond. This special issue focusing on legacy philanthropy in our region is the result.

You might be wondering, 'What is legacy philanthropy and why does it matter?' Delve into this issue to learn how all kinds of people make a difference in the communities where we live, work and play. Librarians, educators, lawyers, doctors, insurance professionals, business people, entrepreneurs, actors and homemakers ... people from all walks of life give their time, talent and treasure every day. And they also plan long-term, deciding to arrange for charitable gifts that will last far beyond their lifetimes and impact our community for perpetuity.

For 25 years, the Chester County Community Foundation has focused on long-term legacy philanthropy, so charitable assets are available to help nonprofits thrive in challenging as well as prosperous economic times. The Community Foundation has proudly awarded nearly \$40 million through 9,500 grants and scholarships, thanks to many of the people profiled in this issue. This effort is truly connecting people who care with causes that matter, so their legacy makes a difference, now and forever.

As with any anniversary, this is a time to look back and reflect on where we came from and where we plan to head in the future. We invite you to join us on this journey to celebrate, inspire and grow legacy philanthropy.

We trust this issue will warm your heart and inspire you to change the world — starting in your own backyard!

Onward!

Karen Simmons

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PRESIDENT/CEO CHESTER COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION



Chester County Community Foundation personnel (Karen Simmons, second from right)



*Let your legacy
make a difference
in Chester County*

Give Smart and Make Your Philanthropic Impact Last

Some advice on how to make sure your donation is effective

Our world is full of good. As partial evidence of that good, there are—

800 registered nonprofit charities in Chester County,

8,000 in the Delaware Valley,

13,000 in Pennsylvania and

1.5 million in the United States.

These nonprofit charities strengthen our communities by providing much needed health and human services, educating our minds, enlightening our spirits, strengthening our bodies, advancing scientific and medical research, and protecting our environmental resources and historic treasures, among other good works.

So how can you ensure your charitable donation to these groups will be used wisely? How can you identify legitimate charities that do cost-effective, impactful, good work?

Doing due diligence before you donate is key. Here are two preliminary levels of inquiry:

- 1st there's compliance: Is the charity registered properly at the state and federal levels?
- 2nd is performance: Does the charity's work make a significant positive difference, at a cost that's reasonable?

Determining compliance is easy. In Pennsylvania, most charities that solicit donations must register with the Pennsylvania Department of State. You can contact the DOS to verify that a charity is registered by calling 800-732-0999 or checking online at DOS.PA.gov/BusinessCharities/Charities/. (Note: religious organizations are exempt from state and federal registration.)

To help assess performance, begin with the website Candid.org. Formerly known as GuideStar, this free national database works in cooperation with the IRS, the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance, and the Foundation Center. Here you can find IRS Form 990 tax returns of charities throughout the U.S., along with information on the charity's programs, financials, leadership and operations.

Online research is a start. But there's more. Making site visits to nonprofits helps you see, touch, smell and feel what's going on, who's involved with the organization, and what the core operating principles are that underlie key decisions and actions. Asking questions helps you understand how much of the group's budget provides for programs and services, compared to fundraising and administration. Looking into the nonprofit organizations' history, performance and challenges can help you analyze key areas and compare how you and the nonprofit charity measure performance and impact.

We urge everyone to give generously and wisely so your charitable legacy makes a difference, now and forever. Get involved. And Give Smart to make your philanthropic impact last. ♦



Lincoln Building, West Chester
home of the Chester County Community Foundation

PIONEERING A NEW FRONTIER IN MEDICINE

Kathy Rubino
Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania

Philanthropy plays a vital role fueling breakthroughs in medical research.

// **OUR DAUGHTER IS LUCKY TO BE ALIVE,"** SAYS Marti of her daughter, Georgia. "And we were lucky to be in the hands of a team of pioneers."

Indeed, the precocious 11-year-old is fortunate to have survived not just the initial impact of a devastating ATV accident, but also the grueling aftermath.

Vacationing in Montana, Georgia's family booked an ATV tour their first day. Almost immediately, tragedy struck. The vehicle veered off course in a tunnel passage and flipped, pinning Georgia. Local doctors treated her for five broken ribs, a broken collar bone, severe bruising and contusions, and a concussion.

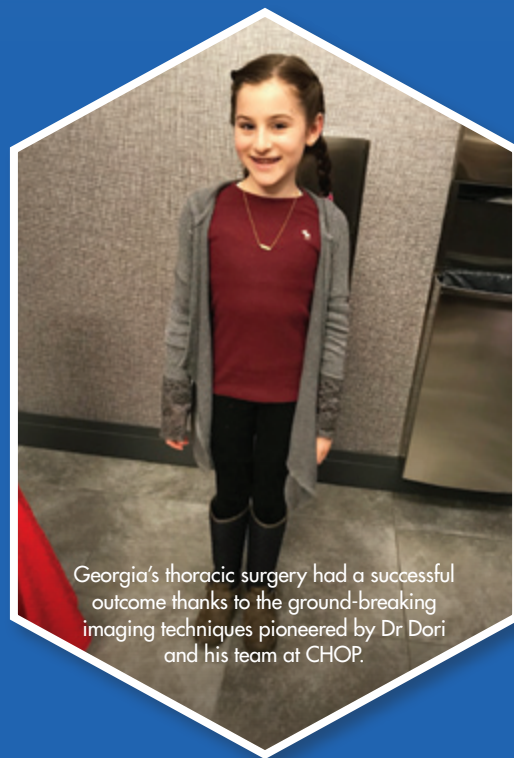
A few days later, though her bones were slowly healing, a serious problem remained. Georgia's right lung was filled with fluid. Testing showed the fluid came from a source that remains mysterious to the vast majority of doctors—the lymphatic system.

As complex and important to overall health as the cardiovascular system, the workings of the lymphatic system have eluded medical science for generations. Much of that mystery stemmed from our basic inability to see the winding pathways and circuitous vessels that direct the flow of lymphatic fluid.

Thanks to the leadership of Yoav Dori, MD, PhD, cardiologist and Director of the Center for Lymphatic Imaging and Interventions at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), as well as early collaborators at the Hospital of the University of Pennsyl-

vania, all of that is changing. Dr. Dori and his team developed clinical imaging capabilities that shed light on this little-known system, enabling the delivery of more accurate diagnoses and more effective treatments. They've revealed an entirely new branch of medicine—and have now treated more than 250 patients who had nowhere else to turn.

"The experts told us Dr. Dori was the only person in the country who could handle Georgia's condition," Marti says. A medical flight to Philadelphia was quickly arranged. At CHOP, Dr. Dori used the advanced imaging technique he'd pioneered to show that the injury to Georgia's collar bone had created a significant gash—right above her heart—that had torn her thoracic duct.



Georgia's thoracic surgery had a successful outcome thanks to the ground-breaking imaging techniques pioneered by Dr Dori and his team at CHOP.

The team used a minimally invasive surgery they'd perfected to close the gash, stop the leak and allow Georgia to fully heal.

Georgia has since made a complete recovery. In fact, she competed in a horse show last June and recently had a starring role in her school's production of *Shrek*.

"We are forever grateful for people who are able to think outside the box and come up with innovative treatments like this," her family explains.

DRIVING INNOVATIVE CARE THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

But it's not just brilliant physicians and innovative researchers who should be thanked for "miracle" treatments like the one that saved Georgia's life. What few realize is the vital role philanthropy plays in fueling breakthroughs in medical research and advancing revolutionary new care models.

In fact, many hospitals rely on donor support to provide seed funding that can lead to "proof of concept" for projects that hold immense future promise.

Entities such as pharmaceutical companies and medical manufacturers—which sometimes fund work with clear commercial applications—generally decline to support research in its early stages, deeming such investment too risky. The National Institutes of Health (NIH) also rarely provide grants to fund novel theories.

Further, due to budget constraints, NIH funding for research declined by more than 22% between 2003 and 2015, representing a loss of nearly \$10 billion in constant dollars. Today, funding remains 11% below its peak in 2003.

Compounding this decline, just 4% of NIH grants support pediatric medical research. Private charitable giving bridges that gap, providing a vital pathway from fledgling research to clinical care and

empowering researchers' efforts to develop new and innovative therapies.

Frankly, Dr. Dori's work, and little Georgia's recovery, might not have been possible without the support of visionary philanthropists such as the Chappell Culpeper Foundation.

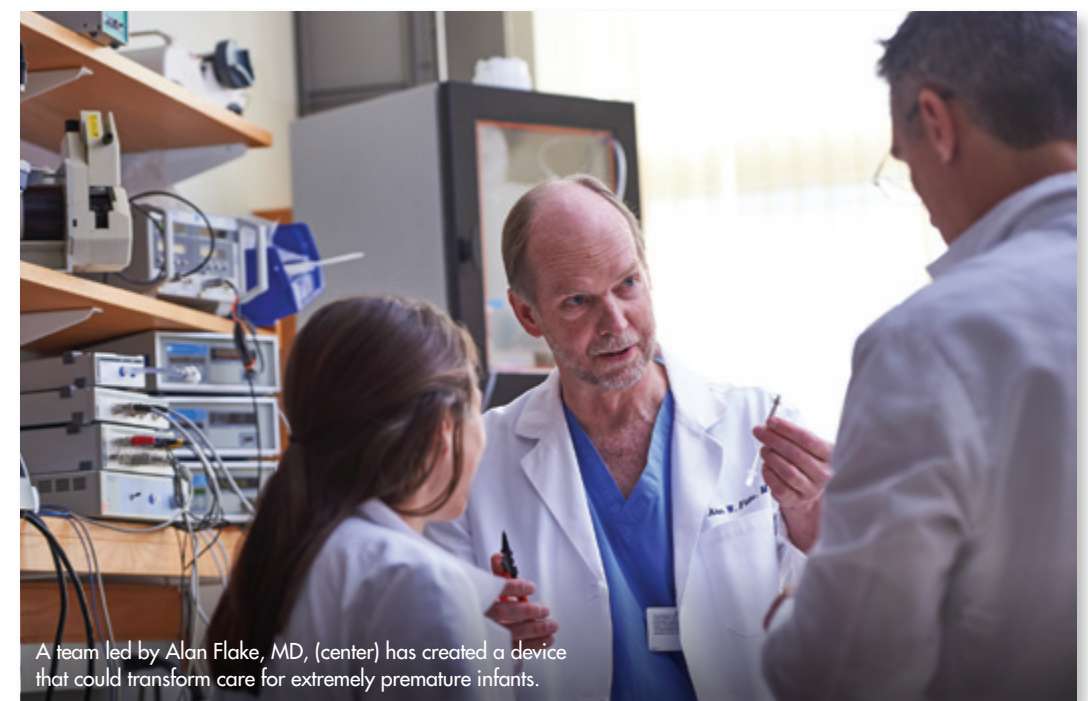
John Chappell, a longtime resident of Malvern, serves as a board member for the foundation his daughter, Jennifer Paradis Behle, manages. Together they aim to create a permanent and positive shift in the trajectory of individuals' lives through the support of education and healthcare.

Mr. Chappell and his family chose to support lymphatics research because of its novelty and what he describes as the obvious early success of Dr. Dori and his team to realize clinical benefits from their leading-edge research. The Chappell Culpeper Foundation's investment helped underpin CHOP's extraordinary efforts to unlock the mysteries of previously uncharted territory within us.

"We feel very fortunate to be involved in this invaluable work," says Mr. Chappell.

SEEKING BREAKTHROUGHS FOR THE TINIEST PATIENTS

Judy Barsema's passion, on the other hand, took a different direction. Barsema,



A team led by Alan Flake, MD, (center) has created a device that could transform care for extremely premature infants.

who lives in Kennett Square, was initially inspired to give to CHOP because she relished the opportunity to help children and families facing grave illness.

The mother of two and grandmother of five made her first gift to CHOP in 2008, and continued to support the general fund in modest increments for nearly a decade.

Then, she learned about CHOP's innovative work to revolutionize care for extremely premature infants. Knowing that every dollar matters, she felt compelled to give more in support of this groundbreaking research.

Currently, of the one in 10 U.S. births that are premature, about 30,000 per year are critically preterm—younger than 26 weeks. Infants born near the limit of viability—at 22 to 26 weeks gestation—weigh as little as a bottle of water, and are so small they fit in a mother's hand. Fewer than half survive.

Of those who do survive, 90% suffer sickness and disability, such as lung disease, cerebral palsy, blindness and brain damage. Surgeons and neonatologists at CHOP witness the effects of prematurity every day. Now, a team of them has innovated a system that could change the future for these vulnerable babies.

Alan W. Flake, MD, Director of the Center for Fetal Research in the Center

for Fetal Diagnosis and Treatment, and his colleagues have developed a revolutionary device that mimics the prenatal, fluid-filled environment of the womb, giving tiny newborns a few precious extra weeks to develop their lungs and other organs.

“Extremely premature infants have an urgent need for a bridge between the mother’s womb and the outside world,” says Dr. Flake. “If we can develop an extra-uterine system to support growth and organ maturation for only a few weeks, we can dramatically improve outcomes for extremely premature babies.”

The system they’ve pioneered mimics life in the uterus as closely as possible. There’s no external pump to drive circulation, because even gentle artificial pressure can fatally overload an underdeveloped heart. There’s no ventilator, because the immature lungs are not yet ready to do their work of breathing in atmospheric oxygen.

Instead, the baby’s heart pumps blood through the umbilical cord into the system’s low-resistance external oxygenator that exchanges oxygen and carbon dioxide, effectively substituting for the mother’s placenta.

The team has tested and monitored the new system on fetal lambs, whose prenatal lung development is very similar to humans’. If their results translate to clinical care, Dr. Flake envisions that in just a decade from now extremely premature

infants will continue their development in comforting womb-like chambers filled with amniotic fluid rather than lying in incubators, attached to ventilators.

Besides significant health benefits, there could be a tremendous economic impact, reducing the estimated \$43 billion annual medical costs of prematurity in the U.S.

“The idea of replicating the womb really caught my attention,” Ms. Barsema says of her contributions to fetal research. “Anyone who’s had a baby understands how special that system is. I am in awe of how far our doctors have come in that field and many other fields. It’s truly astounding.”

REVOLUTIONIZING CARE FOR DEADLY CANCERS

At age 13, Mitch began to get sick frequently and to complain of pain in his legs. The pain became so intense that his parents took him to the emergency room at their local hospital in Spokane, Washington. He was diagnosed with an aggressive form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

Years of treatment followed, punctuated by disappointment after disappointment. In November of 2014, after Mitch’s second relapse, tests showed his leukemia had progressed into his brain.

His mom, Kari, remembers the day like it was yesterday. “His doctor said, ‘Mitchell, we can buy you some time, but there’s nothing else I can do for you.’”



“None of us were ready to be done fighting,” says Kari. “My husband Rob and I had read the story of the very first child who’d received immunotherapy at CHOP. So I picked up the phone.”

Chimeric antigen receptor T (CAR-T) cell therapy is a breakthrough treatment that genetically modifies a patient’s own immune cells to make them seek out and kill leukemia cells. The approach was developed in a collaboration between CHOP and a team led by Carl June, MD, a professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies in Penn’s Abramson Cancer Center. CHOP was the first institution to use the therapy in children with leukemia.

In a landmark decision in 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved the revolutionary treatment—called Kymriah and now manufactured by Novartis—for children and young adults with treatment-resistant acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

For these kids, CAR-T cell therapy results in an 82% remission rate within three months after a single infusion, and 62% remain in remission for two or more years.

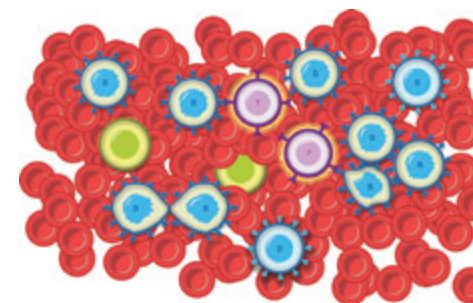
“Before this personalized, cellular gene therapy, these patients had about a 10% chance of surviving,” says Stephan Grupp, MD, PhD, Director of the Cancer Immunotherapy Program and Section Chief of Cell Therapy and Transplant at CHOP, and a Professor of Pediatrics in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. “To see this 82% remission rate is beyond what we would ever have imagined.”

When Mitch and his family arrived in Philadelphia, Dr. Grupp met with them to discuss the procedure, explaining that the treatment had never been tried on anyone with the degree of brain leukemia Mitch had. Feeling it was worth the risk, Mitch then received his first dose of reengineered T cells.

The family had been warned Mitch might have a strong reaction to the treatment. As the T cells multiplied and attacked the leukemia, the affected areas, including his brain, became inflamed. Mitch soon spiked a fever, then began to experience neurological difficulties. He lay in a coma for five days.

On the fifth day, in the middle of the night, with Kari standing by his side and Rob at the foot of his bed, Mitch fluttered his eyes open and said, “Hi, Dad.”

Today, Mitch is in college, studying for a career in medical social work. He’s been cancer free for nearly four years.



Chimeric antigen receptor T (CAR-T)

This ultimate result may not have been possible were it not for years of investments in cancer research from individuals and families. Families like the Edwards who, tragically, lost their own son to brain cancer in 2002 at the age of 14.

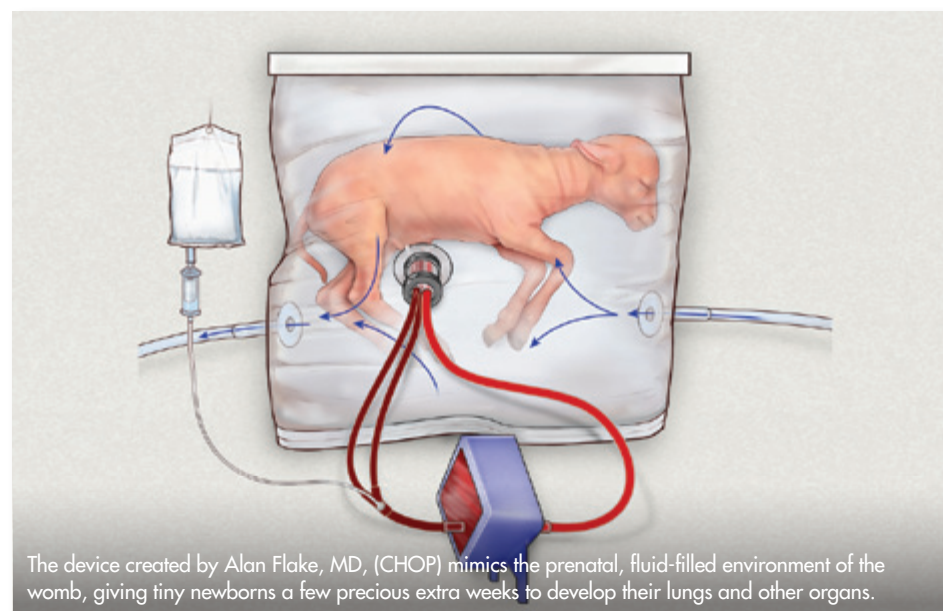
Like Mitch, Stanley Edwards loved playing sports and spending time with friends. And, he dreamed of going to college one day. Stanley didn’t live long enough to fulfill his dream.

Determined to honor his legacy, his parents, Donna and Stan Edwards of West

Chester, launched Stanley’s Dream through the Chester County Community Foundation to support cancer research, and to ensure that other children would have opportunities Stanley never did. They’ve supported neuro-oncology research at CHOP for the last 12 years.

“We are committed to helping other children and parents look forward to a brighter future,” says Donna. “We know, by giving back, we can make a difference.” ♦

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia was founded in 1855 as the nation’s first pediatric hospital. Through its commitment to providing exceptional patient care, training new generations of pediatric healthcare professionals and pioneering major research initiatives, CHOP has fostered discoveries benefiting children worldwide. Its pediatric research program is among the largest in the country and its family-centered care and public service programs have brought the hospital recognition as a leading advocate for children and adolescents. CHOP.edu



The device created by Alan Flake, MD, (CHOP) mimics the prenatal, fluid-filled environment of the womb, giving tiny newborns a few precious extra weeks to develop their lungs and other organs.

Marcus Davey, PhD— shown here with research technician Grace Hwang— helped lead the round-the-clock effort to create the artificial womb.





The Brewer Family

HELPING LOCAL FAMILIES FULFILL BASIC NEEDS THROUGH THE CLAY-MIR FOUNDATION



In 1995, after a 10-year career in the security industry, Frank Brewer decided to launch his first entrepreneurial venture.

Under Frank's leadership, the newly founded Security Services and Technologies company was quickly rec-

ognized by *Inc. Magazine* as one of America's 500 Fastest Growing Companies in 1996, 1997 and 1999.

Closer to home, in 1998 the *Philadelphia Business Journal* named Frank one of the Top 40 Business Leaders Under 40.

Frank went on to serve as CEO of FirstService Security. A serial entrepreneur, Frank next founded NexGen Security LLC in Exton in 2013.

Starting with humble beginnings, Frank and his wife, Lori, have always wanted their family to remain grounded despite their financial success. "For us," explains Lori, "giving back was the answer."

The Clay-Mir Foundation—named after their son, Clayton, and daughter, Miranda—was created at the Chester County Community Foundation with legacy philanthropy in mind.

Through their volunteer activities, board service and Clay-Mir Foundation grants, the Brewer family focuses on helping local families and children fulfill basic needs for food, clothing,

shelter and education.

Despite being barely teens when their family foundation was created, both Clayton and Miranda were involved from the start.

Now married, daughter Miranda is clear, "Helping people in need—those we have never even met—simply makes me feel good. I'm making a difference."

Clayton adds, "Through the Foundation, we realized that philanthropy is a powerful investment with a long-lasting, ripple impact." Recently, Clayton and his wife, Kate, welcomed baby Bellamy Lorelei into the family marking the start of a new generation.

The Brewer family is clear that one day, this third generation will also be involved in making an important difference in the community—for good, forever.

THE BREWER FAMILY
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The Daley Family

THE FAMILY FOUNDATION'S GRANTS REFLECT THE INTERESTS OF EACH MEMBER.

In the Daley family, giving to others is as normal as breathing.

By way of background, Carol Ann, the youngest of the three Daley siblings, explains: "My dad's parents were from Ireland. As a child, he would sometimes find a stranger or two at the breakfast table. These strangers would turn out to be friends or relatives who'd just arrived from Ireland. Our grandparents served as sponsors: they opened their home, offered a place to stay, and helped these strangers find their way when they first came to America."

Middle child Chuck continues, "Growing up, we were used to seeing our parents help others in need. I remember a Flyers game where Dad and I were in the fan shop. Dad struck up a conversation with a veteran who was looking longingly at game jerseys. Turned out, Dad purchased a jersey for the veteran and thanked him for his sacrifices for our country."

Eldest daughter Kanya adds another memory: "Dad heard about a local shelter that didn't have money for enough turkeys for Thanksgiving. So Dad went to the shelter, checkbook in hand,

to ensure holiday meals for many people in need."

When their father Charlie passed away in 2013, the three Daley siblings became more involved in managing the grantmaking decisions from their family's charitable fund.

The grants awarded by the Daley Family Foundation at the Chester County Community Foundation speak volumes about the varied interests and experiences of each family member:

- Kanya supports non-profits close to home that resonate with her professionally and that speak to her heart and mind.
- Chuck supports non-profits he's personally familiar with that rescue his favorite animals.
- Carol Ann's volunteer connections and family ties guide her decisions.
- Their mother, Janet, supports cancer patients and funds cancer research in honor of family members touched by the disease.

Decades ago, Charlie and Janet made a decision to use some of their good fortune to help others. Their spirit of generosity has grown into a family endeavor, involving the next generation in the legacy of community giving, now and forever.



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GIVING TO OTHERS IS AS
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The Frees Family

'BRING MORE TO THE TABLE THAN YOU TAKE' IS THE FAMILY MOTTO



The Frees family is well-known throughout Chester County for its deep roots, successful community-based businesses and longstanding civic engagement.

A little history: In 1933, David M. Frees opened the Frees Insurance agency in Phoenixville. He was followed, in 1959, by son, David Jr. Then in 1984, Robb Frees began working at the company with both his wife, Lisa, and his father. Recently Tyler Frees joined the company, making it a four-generation family business.

Tyler's brother Morgan pursued a different path, working at JP Morgan Chase

& Co in New York City.

David Jr.'s and wife Mary Jane's eldest son David M. Frees III, Esq. took the legal route, helping found Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees, where he heads the Trust, Estate and Wealth Preservation Section and helps families who want to leave a legacy for their heirs. He's also served as Chair of the Chester County Community Foundation and on many charitable boards and capital campaigns.

In 1995 David III's wife Robin—while raising Joshua, Jamie and Alex—founded NewBorn Concepts, which served Phoenixville and all of Chester County. Robin now

works at Chester County Hospital.

Today the fourth generation has left the nest—Josh Frees works as a freelance illustrator, Jamie Frees Miller is an anthropologist and coordinator, and Alex Frees is a marketing director for CreditSuite.

David III recalls weekly tithing: "I remember eating

spaghetti suppers and lots of tuna noodle casseroles—simple meals. And every Friday, Mom and Dad would sit at the table with us, and we'd decide how much money we would put aside for charity."

Robb continues, "Service and giving one's time and money is an obligation, regardless of age or wealth. We developed the habit of giving, even when time and money were scarce. The habit endures."

Over time, as the Frees family continued to grow and thrive, the family began more formal philanthropy. In 1994 when the Chester County Community Foundation was just beginning, David Jr. became a board member.

Continuing the family's tradition of generosity, brothers David and Robb started the Frees Family Fund in 1997.

This intergenerational family legacy fund focuses its grants on "Neighbors helping neighbors." A fitting demonstration of the Frees family motto: "Bring more to the table than you take."

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Leonard C. Haas

SUPPORTING AREA ARTS & CULTURE: FROM BUILDING SETS TO NAMING THEATERS

To say that Leonard C. Haas is a patron of the arts is an understatement.

In truth, much of Haas's life was shaped and informed by his connection to theater. As both an actor and a philanthropist, the performing arts affect Haas on a daily basis. And through his long-running charitable work with the William Penn and Wyncote Foundations, Haas, along with members of his family, continually contributes to the region's art and culture scene.

In short, Haas is a key player—both on and off the stage.

After earning a BFA from Ithaca College and living in New York City, Haas returned to Philadelphia for the early years of its theatrical revolution. Haas remembers attending a show at the People's Light and Theatre Company (the name before it became simply People's Light) in Malvern in 1986 and being impressed by the company's "unique and immersive" productions.

Two years later, Haas began working with People's Light, building sets in hopes of earning a place on stage as an actor. Now, the theater's main stage bears Haas's name.

The close, hard-working community that was the roots of People's Light stays in Haas's mind. He recalls the early history when by day, theater employees would sell tickets at the box office or

craft costumes and sets. With any luck, the actors could catch a quick dinner before taking the stage and performing all evening. "Everybody was always doing something," Haas said.

And that strong community and work ethic are reflected in Haas's philanthropic work. As one of the Wyncote Foundation's board members, Haas strives to make grants to give back to the culture that shaped him. He describes arts and culture as his passion and cites the grants his organization funds as an "exciting jolt."

Although the Wyncote Foundation has grown—there's a formal application process now as opposed to informal meetings with the ever-social Haas—a community-focused spirit still guides its hand.

"I'll always have the same mentality where I just want people to be happy," Haas said. "I realize how lucky I am to have this opportunity. To be able to make a difference in peoples' lives is profound. I'll never forget it's a gift and I cherish it."

And so, Haas continues to do what makes him happy: charity work and acting. In April, Haas returns to People's Light in "For Peter Pan on Her 70th Birthday."

"If I don't perform every once in a while," Haas said, "I feel like a piece of me would be missing."



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The Holleran Family

PHILANTHROPY MAKES THE FAMILY FEEL CONNECTED TO THE COMMUNITY



“Community involvement came naturally to our parents. There was never a lecture to get involved in our community. It simply is the way our parents socialized us from childhood,” says Kevin Holleran, Esq.

His sister, Mary Holleran, continues, “Giving is something the Holleran family has always stood for. We’re immersed in the community and well-versed in charitable issues. Sometimes we give to effective nonprofits to reward them. Sometimes we give to needy charities to help them. But we always do our research. We have a giving strategy and a plan.”

Kevin is a partner with the law firm Gawthrop Greenwood, and his wife, Priscilla (“Burse”), is a newly retired Special Education teacher from the Colonial School District. Burse explains, “Giving helps us feel con-

nected to our community.”

Kevin and Burse have been involved as volunteers, board members and major donors with an array of causes, including the Chester County Community Foundation, Downingtown Library and United Way of Chester County.

Kevin is clear: “Our alma maters are very important to us, so we contribute time and resources to The Agnes Irwin School, Dickinson College, Hollins College, Temple Uni-

versity and The Villanova University School of Law.”

Additionally, Kevin served as Chair of the Board of the Chester County Hospital Foundation for nearly a decade, and Burse served as President of the Junior League of Philadelphia.

Kevin’s sister, Mary, is also a generous and caring community member. For 29 years she owned Studio 3, a custom framing shop in the heart of Downingtown. Mary’s husband, David Proctor, is the retired Director of the Ballard Spahr Research & Information Center.

Mary is a long-term board member of the Brandywine Health Foundation, where she also served as Chair of the Foundation’s garden party for 10 years, as well as a board member of the Brandywine YMCA for more than 25 years, and a founding board member of the Downingtown Main Street program.

For the past 12 years Mary’s, and now David’s, passion has been the Downingtown Library as a donor and major fundraiser. Mary and David believe in the “power of libraries and how they can transform a community for rich and poor.”

The Holleran siblings and their spouses tirelessly support charitable causes. Betty and Rich Holleran would be proud of them carrying on the family’s tradition of philanthropic good works.

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Karen and Bob Rigg

‘GIVING MAKES US FEEL GOOD.’

Most people know Karen Rigg, CISR, and Robert Rigg, CPCU, CIC, CLU for their outgoing, friendly demeanor and successful insurance business, the Rigg Darlington Group. It only takes a little bit of conversation to discover that Karen and Bob are deeply involved in their community, as volunteers, board leaders and generous donors.

The Rigg Darlington Group of Exton was formed in 2001 with the merger of two longstanding insurance agencies, the Rigg Agency and Darlington Insurance Agency, which traces its roots back to 1917. Licensed in over 40 states, Bob serves as Chairman, Business Risk Consultant and Karen is Senior Assistant Account Manager.

Bob attributes The Rigg Darlington Group’s success to its strong core values: “We build enduring relationships through fairness and integrity, with clients and also with fellow associates. Our culture supports those relationships. Everything is done with a client focus.”

Bob enjoys serving on boards and lending his time, talent and resources to nonprofits doing good work in the community. Some of the groups he is deeply involved with include the Rotary Club of Thorndale, YMCA of



Greater Brandywine, Good Works Resource Development Committee, and the Forks of the Brandywine Presbyterian Church.

Bob also served with distinction as a Chair of the Board of the Chester County Community Foundation.

Professionally, Bob now serves as a director of First Resource Bank and previously served as a director of National Penn Banc-

shares, National Penn Bank and Elverson National Bank.

Karen and Bob make grants from the Rigg Family Foundation to charities throughout the region including Camphill Special School, Chester County Futures, Honey Brook Food Pantry, Uptown! Knauer Performing Arts Center, and YMCA of Greater Brandywine, among others.

Karen explains, “We like to help people by giving them a hand up, not a hand out. Strong family, healthy values and ongoing learning are all keys to a good life. Giving makes us feel good.”

There are many people, families and charities throughout Chester County who are better off today thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of Karen and Bob Rigg.

‘STRONG FAMILY, HEALTHY VALUES AND ONGOING LEARNING ARE ALL KEYS TO A GOOD LIFE.’



Sandy Riper

A SELF-PROCLAIMED HOMETOWN GIRL AND WEST CHESTER CHEERLEADER



Although not trained as an artist, Sandy Riper has made an impact on the artistic life of West Chester.

Known to many as the second-generation West Chester jeweler and owner of the distinctive 1880s three-story building on High Street—the one with the big red Cartier-style bow at Christmas—she's the owner of Sunset Hill Jewelers and Fine Arts Gallery.

And art has been a part of her business since she opened its doors.

"My first customer on opening day was Harry Dunn," Sandy says of the local artist known for creating the NBC Peacock and Mr. Magoo character, along with delightful quirky works. And it's because of him that Sunset Hill became a fine arts gallery. There

she recreated Dunn's studio after his death and now shows works by local artists on an upper floor of the shop.

Meanwhile, the shop's first floor is home to a different kind of art—what some call wearable art—new and antique jewelry. With a clear preference for vintage over brand-name jewelry, Sandy says, "Jewelry should be a story about the person who wears it, not the company who makes it."

Her views on art are similar, valuing art not as mere decoration but for the people who create it, their stories

and how it touches you. As Sandy describes the shop's layout: "The first floor is my profession; the second is my passion."

And so Sandy has worked to make that passion part of life in West Chester. Her ties with Harry Dunn inspired her to keep his memory alive through The Harry Dunn Memorial Art Scholarship awarded to a West Chester high school senior planning to study art. With the help of Dunn's late partner, the scholarship has been administered through the Chester County Community Foundation.

More recently, Sandy and husband, Joseph, stepped in to sustain the tradition of West Chester's Gallery Walk by becoming named sponsors for this semi-annual event. In May and October, over a dozen venues are abuzz with fans enjoying the exhibits. Suggested by Dunn some 30 years ago and spearheaded by Sandy, the event was styled after First Fridays in Philadelphia.

Also supporters of the performing arts, the Ripers chaired the New Year's gala for the Uptown! Knauer Center for the Performing Arts. Working with Uptown is the next step in her years of service promoting West Chester, from the committee to establish the Business Improvement District (BID) to President of the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce, along with support for Chester County Art Association and West Chester Friends School.

This hometown fan is devoted to supporting everything that can make living in West Chester even better.

{ WORKING TO MAKE ART A PART
OF LIFE IN WEST CHESTER }

Noel and Bob Stanek

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP NONPROFITS INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS & IMPACT



Noel and Bob Stanek are devoted to improving the health and well-being of others, focusing on matters of health, human services and alleviating poverty. This calling has been interwoven with their professional careers and community involvement.

Both Staneks began their careers at Good Samaritan Hospital in Pottsville—Noel as a registered nurse and

Bob as a pharmacist—and advanced in the healthcare field. Noel transitioned from direct patient care to public relations, marketing and development, establishing the hospital's first development program.

Meanwhile Bob took a parallel track, beginning as Director of the hospital's Pharmacy Services and ultimately becoming Executive Vice President and CEO, as

well as serving as the hospital's Development Corporation President, overseeing venture-based activities.

After time in Virginia at DePaul Medical Center, Bob became CEO of Buffalo Mercy Health System and their work together ended. Noel founded Kane Stanek Associates, a consulting firm focused on major gift programs and relationship-based development.

The couple began their life in Chester County in 1997, when Bob joined Catholic Health East, one of the country's largest Catholic healthcare systems, where he later served as President and CEO.

In 2010, Bob retired from Catholic Health East and became Chairman of the Catholic Health Association for the United States.

Noel and Bob co-chaired the national Haiti Rebirth and Renewal Campaign, raising \$10 million to rebuild a hospital in Port-

au-Prince, Haiti. Bob then moved into governance and advisory roles in publicly traded corporations, along with work in venture capital and private equity, which he continues today.

Despite moving to Long Beach Island, NJ and then to Windermere, Florida, Noel and Bob realized retirement simply wasn't for them.

Returning to Chester County in 2018, they created Stanek Associates LLC, working together to help nonprofits realign, focus and increase their mission effectiveness and community impact.

To increase their own impact on the welfare of our communities, the couple also created the Noel and Robert Stanek Foundation at the Chester County Community Foundation.

With their combined experience, keen understanding and deep compassion, Noel and Bob Stanek are an unstoppable duo.

{ DEVOTED TO IMPROVING
THE HEALTH AND
WELL-BEING OF OTHERS }



In honor of Brian Zwaan

PROPELLING YOUNG MINDS



Chester County resident Brian C. Zwaan was dedicated to his family, his career and his community.

After the loss of his father when Brian was a child, his family fell on hard times. Brian later realized community educational programs helped him succeed despite the odds against him. Inspired by the power of education, Brian wanted others to have that same opportunity.

Brian was passionate about helping local educa-

tion programs—as a board member and champion donor. Villa Maria Academy, Malvern Preparatory School, St. Norbert School, Archbishop John Carroll High School and Cardinal John Foley School all benefited from his energy.

In 2014, Brian was among four people honored by the Philadelphia Archdiocese for “achievements and commitment to living a Catholic life best embody[ing] the spirit of Catholic education.”

A prominent banker, Brian served at Commonwealth, Firsttrust and Citizens Banks before co-founding Penn Liberty Bank in 2004 and serving as President until 2016. When WSFS Bank acquired Penn Liberty, Brian served as VP and Director of Commercial Banking.

In addition to being a well-respected banker and philanthropic trailblazer in the educational community, Brian was a loving husband to his wife Diane and devoted father to their four children, Elizabeth, Matthew, Sarah and Margaret. One of Brian and Diane’s goals as parents was to show their children the importance of community commitment.

Brian’s daughter, Elizabeth Zwaan Milne, Esq., notes that her father didn’t miss a week of Mass, even bicycling every Sunday to St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church when the family vacationed in Sea Isle City. Recalling her father’s oversized personality and signature belly laugh, she says, “He was constantly smiling, lighting up the room. He was a major practical joker.

Yet, when he talked to you, he listened fully,” she said. “He made you feel very important.”

Brian suddenly and tragically passed away in 2017, in a swimming accident in the waters off Sea Isle City.

Amidst their grieving, the family focused on sustaining Brian’s legacy and created the Brian C. Zwaan Legacy Fund at the Chester County Community Foundation to continue his life-long commitment to education.

Given Brian’s love of golf, the Brian C. Zwaan Legacy Fund Golf Classic was a fitting fundraising event. In its first year, the Fund raised \$125,000 for the endowment and granted \$30,000 to five regional nonprofits that support education: Chester County Futures, Frankie’s World Foundation, Hope Partnership for Education, Independence Mission Schools, and Let’s Get Ready.

Diane’s message and mission are clear, “Propelling young minds forward was Brian’s passion. We are committed to honoring his legacy of educational opportunity for all.”

ONE OF BRIAN AND DIANE’S GOALS
AS PARENTS WAS TO SHOW THEIR
CHILDREN THE IMPORTANCE OF
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

What to Wear to the Gala

Make a memorable entrance in an elegant tuxedo or a stunning gown, enhanced by glittering diamonds and sparkling accessories.



Jimmy Choo Mimi Ankle Strap Sandal, \$850. Nordstrom, King of Prussia



Silver crystal evening clutch \$150, Private Label. Occasions Boutique, Malvern



Frascona gown with one shoulder ruffle, \$2195. VanCleve Pavilion, Paoli



Black Tie Earrings in Diamond and White Gold, by Gumuchian



Emerald and Diamonds in Platinum by Suna



The Snow Queen - Platinum and Diamond Frosted Bracelet, by Suna



Michael Kors Legacy Tuxedo. Englund’s Apparel for Men, Malvern

Fundraising Fun

A FEW OF OUR FAVORITE PEOPLE, EVENTS AND CAUSES THAT DEFINE CHARITY IN OUR REGION. FROM BLACK TIE GALAS TO DESSERT-FILLED PARTIES, PLUS ROAD RALLIES, CANOEING AND MORE. MAKE SURE TO GO THIS YEAR!



33rd Annual Victory Gallop for Thorncroft Equestrian Center
Left to right: Sandra Brune, David Brune, Kelly Kenney, Rob Kenney, Karine Sommer and Sandy Sommer



Gala for Home of the Sparrow
From left to right: Robin Parish, Michelle E. Venema and Bridget Lininger



Sweet Charity, Chester County Community Foundation
The Reitmeyer Family...with cupcake volunteers



West Chester Charity Ball for Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children
Left to right: Lisa Seifert, Tim Seifert and Lauren Aurillo



Forget-Me-Not-Gala for Brandywine SPCA
Ashley Panico and Alexa Brennan



Rally for Fresh Water for Stroud Water Research Center
Dave and Brenna Marx



Tip-A-Canoe & Barbecue, Too!
for Brandywine Conservancy



All That's Purple for Domestic Violence Center of Chester County
From left to right: Jean Francois, Elizabeth Purcell, Susan Hipp-Ludwick, Richard Purcell, Arnold Borish and Linda Borish



Up on the Roof
Left to right: Mary Kevitch Moses, Kerry Grecco, Jessica Nash and Erin O'Hara



Gala for Chester County Hospital
From left: Dr. Raymond DiPietro Jr. and his wife Mrs. Jeanine DiPietro, Mr. Michael Barber, Mrs. Jackie Felicetti and her husband Mr. John Felicetti and Mr. Valter Vieira

Datebook Calendar

Although you missed the first two months of 2019 fundraisers, galas and events (they'll be back in 2020!), there are plenty more to fill your datebook as you support great local causes.

JANUARY

A Taste of Phoenixville

JANUARY 17

Serving up hope and creative cuisine for almost 20 years, with a silent auction, music, local wine, beer and spirits. Benefits Good Samaritan Shelter, dedicated to helping with homelessness. *Franklin Commons, 400 Franklin Ave., Phoenixville. 610-933-9305; TasteOfPhoenixville.com.*

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation's 11th Annual Lemon Ball

JANUARY 19

Yellow dresses and ties are de rigueur at this evening of dining, dancing and auctions. Hear amazing stories of heroes big and small while supporting childhood cancer research. *Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market St., Phila. 610-649-3034; AlexsLemonade.org.*

Kennett Chocolate Lovers Festival

JANUARY 24

Hundreds of chocolate treats vie for awards made to all levels of bakers. New feature: a Kiddie Korner with fun activities. Benefits United Way of Southern Chester Co. *Kennett High School, 100 E. South St., Kennett Square. 610-444-4357; KennettChocolate.org.*

Academy of Music 162nd Anniversary Concert & Ball

JANUARY 26

Music director Yannick Nézet-Séguin and a special guest artist dazzled the audience in a concert at the Academy of Music, followed by a white-tie dinner and ball at the *Bellevue Hotel, 200 S. Broad St. Phila. PhilOrch.org.*

FEBRUARY

Philadelphia Auto Show

FEBRUARY 1-10

Kick the tires and take a selfie at this top auto show, with over 700 vehicles from 40 manufacturers. Feb. 1, Black Tie Tailgate, benefits the Dept. of Nursing at Children's Hospital of Phila. *PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Philadelphia. 215-418-2000; PhillyAuto Show.com.*

Philadelphia Heart Ball

FEBRUARY 9

Wear your red to the gourmet

dinner, live and silent auctions and entertainment to celebrate those who give their time to the American Heart and American Stroke Associations. *Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, 1201 Market St., Phila. 215-575-5204; PhiladelphiaHeartBall.Heart.org.*

Polar Plunge

FEBRUARY 9

Make a splash! Dip a toe or take the plunge in the Brandywine Creek for this annual fundraiser. Benefits the conservation efforts of the Brandywine and Red Clay Valleys. *Brandywine Picnic Park, 690 S. Creek Rd., West Chester. 610-793-1090; BrandywineRedClay.org.*

Trail Creek Outfitters 12th Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival

FEBRUARY 21-22

Calling all nature lovers. Two nights of inspiring environmental films highlighting outdoor adventure, environmental concerns and beautiful cinematography. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center and The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County. *Chester County Historical Society, 225 N. High St., West Chester. TrailCreekOutfitters.com.*

2019 Lights of Life Gala

FEBRUARY 23

The Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition hosted this year's gala "Havana Nights" to honor the lives of breast cancer survivors. Purchase a tribute of celebration or a memorial to their legacy. *Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, 1131 N. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE. DBCC.EJoinMe.org/Lights19.*



The Philadelphia Antiques & Art Show, April

Jump! For Willowdale Steeplechase

FEBRUARY 23

Jump back to the '80s and party the night away with DJ Frosty, a photo booth and silent auction at this pre-race event. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Penn. Vet's New Bolton Center and Quest Therapeutic Services. *Yellow House, 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. 610-444-1582; WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.*

MARCH

Philadelphia Flower Show Preview Party Gala

MARCH 1

Beat the crowds to a breath of spring and support the greening initiatives of the PA Horticultural Society. Get an advance look at one of the country's best flower shows before it opens to the public. *PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. 215-988-8800; TheFlowerShow.com.*

6th Cheers for CHOP

MARCH 2

Enjoy an evening of music, cocktails, dancing and an incredible silent auction. Benefits the Division of Orthopaedics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. *The Fillmore*

Philadelphia, 29 E. Allen St., Philadelphia. CheersFor.Chop.edu.

Chester County Futures "Strikes for Futures"

MARCH 3

Get the ball rolling for a day with friends, food, raffles, prizes and bowling! Benefits Chester County Futures, providing academic, mentoring and scholarship support for disadvantaged area youth. *Palace Bowling and Entertainment, 977 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown. 610-458-9926; CCFutures.org.*

1st Annual Charter Day Cocktail Party Fundraiser for the William Brinton 1704 House

MARCH 3

Learn a little local history from living historian Doug Thomas (portraying William Penn) as you enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Support one of the oldest historic houses in America. *Dilworthtown Inn, 1390 Old Wilmington Pk., West Chester. 610-399-0913; BrintonFamily.org.*

The Exchange Club Family Center's 24th Comedy & Magic Spectacular

MARCH 9

It's a night of mystery, illusion

and family comedy and fun at this annual fundraiser for the Exchange Club Family Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse. *Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall, Philips Memorial Bldg., West Chester Univ., 700 S. High St., West Chester. 610-429-0634; FamilyService.us/magic.*

CCCBI Foundation Masquerade Gala

MARCH 9

Let the ball begin! Help support the development of future leaders in Chester County at this fundraiser for the Chamber Foundation. Extraordinary auction items and raffle baskets, contests and games, delicious food and drinks and a masquerade theme. *The Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 610-725-9100; CCCBI.org.*

King of Prussia Restaurant Week & KOP Shops for CHOP

MARCH 11-17

A great reason to head to KOP for a week of dining and shopping to support Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's KOP Specialty Care Center. Exclusive prix fixe menus from restaurants and special deals from retailers. *VisitKOP.com/KOPRestaurantWeek.*

37th Annual Chester County Antiques and Arts Show

MARCH 15-17

Browse and buy fine collections from 42 top antiques dealers. Benefits the collections, conservation and educational activities of Chester County Historical Society. *Church Farm School, 1001 E. Lincoln Hwy., Exton. Preview Mar. 15. 610-692-4800; ChesterCoHistorical.org.*

Women's Auxiliary to Chester County Hospital Presents the St. Patty's Day Beef - Beer - Boogie

MARCH 16

Put on your green and enjoy tasty apps, a delicious dinner buffet, beer and live entertainment, including traditional Irish dancers. Benefits The Women's Auxiliary Heart to Heart Pledge. *West Chester Golf & Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. 610-610-431-5054; ChesterCountyHospital.org.*

"All That's Purple Affair" Unmasking Domestic Violence

MARCH 23

Guest host Victoria Wyeth welcomes supporters to a cocktail reception, gourmet dinner, entertainment, plus silent and live auctions. Benefits the Domestic Violence Center of Chester County. *The Farmhouse at People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-431-3546; DVCCC.com.*

Chester County Community Foundation Silver Sweet Charity Event

MARCH 25

Fun, food and philanthropy—Chester County's finest dessert chefs showcase their delectable creations at this annual fundraiser. A sweet time. *Whitford Country Club, 600 Whitford Hills Rd., Exton. 610-696-8211; ChesCoCF.org.*



Chester County Hospital Polo Cup, June

► Radnor Hunt Races Pre-Race Event

MARCH 28
Chapeaux, Cigars and Cocktails—what a great combo! Create your own one-of-a-kind chapeau, roll a Race Day cigar and help choose this year's signature Radnor Race Day Cocktail. *Radnor Hunt, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorHuntRaces.org.*

Media Theatre's 25th Anniversary Benefit Gala

MARCH 30
Help mark a quarter century of bringing professional musical theater to State Street at a special reception and live performances highlighting the Theatre's productions. *104 E. State St., Media. 610-891-0100; MediaTheatre.org.*

► The Red Ball

MARCH 30
Another chance to wear your red at this premier event featuring 30 restaurants serving appetizers and desserts, live music and dancing, games, a sports-themed silent auction and more. Benefits the Red Cross House, a center for families who suffer a disaster. *Lincoln Financial Field, One Lincoln Financial Field Way, Phila. TheRedBall.org.*

Brandywine in Black

MARCH 30
Guests dress in black (not white this time!), bring a picnic dinner, wine, centerpiece, candles and ambiance. Awards for the best table. Benefits Neighbors For Crebilly Farm, protecting the quality of life in southern Chester County. Location announced March 28 on Facebook. *Facebook.com/BrandywineinBlack.*

The Hickman's Art of Caring: Passport to Art

MARCH 30
See artists in action as six artists create pieces live, at a gala-like event, at Oakbourne Mansion. These, along with other works, will be auctioned. Benefits The



Brandywine Hills Point to Point, April

Hickman's Resident Assistance Fund for residents facing financial hardships. *1014 S. Concord Rd., West Chester. 484-760-6306; TheHickman.org.*

APRIL

Safe Harbor's Spring Celebration

APRIL 6
Enjoy cocktails, hors-d'oeuvres, dinner and auctions. Benefits Safe Harbor of Chester County, providing shelter and support to men and women experiencing homelessness in the county. *Chester Valley Golf Club, 430 Swedesford Rd., Malvern. SafeHarborOfGWC.org.*

► Thorncroft's 34th Annual Victory Gallop

APRIL 6
Gallop to Thorncroft's 50th anniversary celebration, a black-tie dinner, dance and silent auction. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center, providing life-changing services to those with and without disabilities, through therapeutic horseback riding. *The Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Phila. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.*

Baker Industries' 38th Annual Spring Gala

APRIL 6
A dinner and auction celebrate the accomplishments of Baker Industries, a nonprofit work program for adults who are on parole, in recovery, homeless or have a disability. This year, Baker Industries recognizes Bryn Mawr Trust Company and its President & CEO, Frank Leto. *Merion Cricket Club, Haverford. 610-296-9795; BakerIndustries.org.*

► 77th Brandywine Hills Point-to-Point

APRIL 7
A family tradition celebrating the first race of the season! See pony races, lots of activities for kids and great raffle prizes. Dogs on leashes welcome at this family-friendly event. *Myrick Conservation Center, 1760 Unionville-Wawaset Rd., West Chester. 610-793-1090; BrandywineRedClay.org.*

Wine Women & Shoes: Sip, Savor and Shop

APRIL 7
Grab your girlfriends, slip on your newest shoes and enjoy

this benefit for the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter. Check out the Marketplace, live and silent auctions, "Best in Shoe" and "Best Dressed" contests and luxury raffles. *The Baldwin School, 701 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr. 551-208-0348; WineWomenAndShoes.com/Event/Philadelphia.*

► Coaches vs. Cancer Basketball

APRIL 13
Yo, sports fans! Hosted by Philadelphia's NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Coaches and their wives, this black-tie evening features dinner, auctions and dancing. *Park Hyatt at the Bellevue, 200 S. Broad St., Phila. PhiladelphiaBasketBallGala.org.*

Celebrity Chef's Brunch 2019

APRIL 14
Find out what 25 award-winning chefs are cooking up. Plus brunch cocktails, live entertainment and an auction. Join this year's Honorary Chair, James Beard-award winning Chef Alex Seidel. Benefits Meals on Wheels in Delaware.

Canine Partners for Life
"Unleashed and Uncorked," May



DuPont Country Club, 1001 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. 302-656-3257; MealsOnWheelsDE.org.

► 57th Philadelphia Antiques & Art Show

APRIL 25–28
Marking over half a century of showcasing the country's preeminent dealers of museum-quality antiques and fine art from the 17th century to the present, this is a can't miss event. Benefits Penn Medicine and Philadelphia Museum of Art. *The Navy Yard, 11th St. & Kittyhawk Ave., Phila. Gala Preview, Thurs. 610-902-2109; PhiladelphiaAntiquesAndArtShow.com.*

46th Annual Yellow Springs Art Show

APRIL 26–MAY 12
This well-respected, juried exhibit features works by artists from the Delaware Valley and beyond and benefits the arts, education, historic preservation and environmental protection of the historic village of Yellow Springs. *1685 Ari School Rd., Chester Springs Opening Gala, Apr. 26. 610-827-7414; YellowSprings.org.*

American Helicopter Museum's 13th Annual Fundraising Gala

APRIL 27
Dress as your favorite Renaissance hero for "A Night in Tuscany Celebrating Leonardo da Vinci." Enjoy cocktails, dinner, entertainment and dancing. Renaissance costumes encouraged. *1220 American Blvd., West Chester. 610-436-9600; AmericanHelicopter.Museum.*

Unite For HER—Bloom Spring Fashion Show

APRIL 28
A spring celebration of life, fashion and community, featuring Unite for HER Wellness Day patients and their daughters as models. Benefits those diagnosed with breast cancer. *Merion Golf Club, 450 Ardmore Ave., Ardmore. UniteForHer.org/Bloom.*

MAY

"Taste of Spring" Fashion Show

MAY 2
Conestoga Branch of the Paoli Auxiliary members take to the

runway for this annual fashion show. Enjoy lunch, raffles and a silent auction. Benefits Paoli Hospital. *The Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org.*

Light a Spark: People's Light Annual Bash & Bid

MAY 3
Support the arts at this annual fundraiser benefiting Arts Discovery, People's Light's award-winning programs for young people. The *Farmhouse at People's Light, 39 Conestoga Rd., Malvern. 610-647-1900; PeoplesLight.org.*

Chester County Hospital Gala—Jazz Night

MAY 4
Let the music transport you to The Big Easy. Enjoy A Tasting of Chester County Treasures at the pre-party. Benefits Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital, Emergency Department. *Longwood Gardens, 1001 Longwood Rd., Kennett Square. Pre-party at Galer Estate Vineyard. ChesterCountyHospital.org.*

Canine Partners for Life: Unleashed & Uncorked

MAY 4
Raise a glass to CPL's largest FUNdraising event of the year, celebrating their 30th anniversary with a theme of "Puppies & Pearls!" Feel free to wear your own pearls. Benefits their companion and service dog program. *DuPont Country Club, 1001 Rockland Rd., Wilmington. K94Life.org.*

► 41st Annual Winterthur Point-to-Point

MAY 5
A signature Brandywine Valley event complete with an antique carriage parade and antique car exhibit! Enjoy a spectacular day of elite horse racing on the lush grounds of the Winterthur Estate. Enjoy festive tailgating, hospitality tents and shopping galore. Benefits Winterthur's programs. *5105 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 800-448-3883. Winterthur.org.*

► Blue Cross Broad St. Run

MAY 5
Join the country's largest 10-mile road race for a good cause. Run the point-to-point course, from Central High School Athletic Field, Broad St. and Somerville Ave., Phila. and finishing inside the Navy Yard. Benefits the American Cancer Society. *215-683-3594; BroadStreetRun.com.*

► Willowdale in White

MAY 10
Kick off the Willowdale race weekend in style! Wear white, bring dinner and drinks, table settings and decorations, then dance under the stars. The secret location is emailed that morning. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Penn. School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center, Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc. *Willowdale.org.*

Willistown Conservation Trust Barns & BBQ

MAY 11



Devon Horse Show & Country Fair, May
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Join an exclusive tour of several of the Willistown area's unique and beautiful barns and farms, followed by a bountiful barbecue supper. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, barbecue and auction follow. Benefits the Trust's conservation works. 610-353-2562; WCTrust.org.

The 2019 Surrey Gala

MAY 11
Check in for details about this year's gala fundraiser for Surrey Services for Seniors to continue their mission to assist seniors with home care and care management. *Philadelphia Country Club, 1601 Spring Mill Rd., Gladwyne.* 610-647-9774; SurreyServices.org.

27th Willowdale Steeplechase

MAY 12
Celebrate Mother's Day at the races! Tailgate or purchase lunch on site and bring the family to join in this community tradition. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center, Quest Therapeutic Services, Inc. and Penn. School of Veterinary Medicine's New Bolton Center. 101 E. Street Rd., Kennett Square. 610-444-1582; WillowdaleSteeplechase.org.

Stroud Water Research Center's Fore Fresh Water Golf Outing

MAY 13
Hit the links and spend a fabulous day dedicated to understanding, protecting and restoring our waterways. *Bidemann Golf Course, 601 Adams Dam Rd., Wilmington.* 610-268-2153, ext. 288; StroudCenter.org.

The Salvation Army Greater Phila. "Celebrate Hope" Luncheon

MAY 15
Honor local heroes who dedicate themselves to providing hope and life-transforming opportunities to many in need. *Crystal Tea Room, Wanamaker Bldg., 100 E. Penn Sq., Philadelphia.* SAPhilly.org.

89th Radnor Hunt Races

MAY 18
Race day is about steeplechase racing, fashion and tradition. Celebrate 89 years of horseracing with everything from stylish tailgates, fancy hats and bow ties to the parade of antique carriages and thoroughbred racing. This race for open space benefits the

Brandywine Conservancy. *Radnor Hunt Grounds, 826 Providence Rd., Malvern.* 610-388-8383; Brandywine.org.

Chester County Community Foundation Spring Silver Celebration

MAY 19
Join this milestone reception celebrating the Foundation's 25th anniversary of supporting local philanthropy through legacy giving. *Abbott Barn, 315 N. Creek Rd., West Chester.* 610-696-8211; ChesCoCF.org.

Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Golf Tournament

MAY 20
Play a round of golf before heading for the cocktail reception with an open bar, silent auction, raffle and dinner. Benefits Paoli Hospital. *Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli.* 484-565-1380; PaoliAuxiliary.org/Golf.

Brandywine Health Foundation's Annual Garden Party

MAY 22
See the "Battle of the Berries

at Brandywine" as local chefs compete to create luscious desserts. Enjoy music, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a light supper and decadent dessert. Benefits Brandywine Health Foundation's support of a Culture of Health in Coatesville. *Springbank Farm, 301 Five Points Rd., Coatesville.* 610-380-9080; BrandywineFoundation.org.

The Devon Horse Show & Country Fair

MAY 23—JUNE 2
See Olympic-calibre riders, the best local riders, junior classes and munchkins on the Lead Line or come for the fun—like the Ladies Hat contest. There's plenty more fun at the country's oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse show, inside and outside the ring. Visit the Country Fair's midway attractions and boutiques. Benefits Bryn Mawr Hospital. 23 Dorset Rd., Devon. DevonHorseShow.net.

Brandywine River Museum of Art Antiques Show

MAY 24—27
For almost 50 years, Memorial Day weekend has marked this premier antiques show, featuring distinguished dealers from the Mid-Atlantic and beyond. Benefits the Museum Volunteers' Purchase Fund and Art Education and Programming. *Preview Party, Fri. 1 Hoffman's Mill Rd., Chadds Ford.* 610-388-2700; Brandywine-Museum.org/events.

Pop-Up Biergarten at Historic Sugartown

MAY 30, JUNE 27, AUGUST 22
Explore the historic buildings and period demonstrations at this preserved 19th-century crossroads town while enjoying an adult beverage from Locust Lane Craft Brewery or Chaddsford Winery and food from Nick's Roast Beef. Benefits Historic Sugartown. 260 Spring Rd., Malvern. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

Brandywine Health Foundation Strawberry Festival

MAY 30—JUNE 2
What began in 1973 as a one-day event on the grounds of the Coatesville City Hall has grown into a four-day extravaganza with amusements, fireworks and more. Benefits Coatesville's Public Library, Rotary Club and Youth Initiative plus the Thorndale Volunteer Fire Co. *Brandywine Hospital, 201 Reeceville Rd., Coatesville.* 610-380-9080; Brandywine-StrawberryFestival.com.

JUNE

Alex's Lemonade Stand Great Chef's Event

JUNE (DATE TBA)
Watch culinary superstars along with representatives from the best bars, wineries and craft breweries share their creations at this tasty annual fundraiser at the Navy Yard. *Urban Outfitters Headquarters, Bldg. 543, 5000 S. Broad St., Phila.* 866-333-1213; AlexsLemonade.org.

Home of the Sparrow's 25th Annual Gala

JUNE 1
Spend an evening with music, dancing, dinner, open bar and silent and live auctions. Benefits women and children in the County to prevent and end homelessness. *The Phelps School, 583 Sugartown Rd., Malvern.* 610-647-4940; HomeOfTheSparrow.org.

17th Annual Up On The Roof

JUNE 1
Sip a specialty martini as you watch the sunset from a unique vantage point. The West Chester Downtown Foundation and West Chester BID join forces for an evening under the stars with buffet dinner, music, dancing and open bar on the rooftop of the Chestnut Street Garage. Benefits the beau-

tification of West Chester. 14 E. Chestnut St. (Garage), West Chester. 610-738-3350; DowntownWestChester.com.

Greater Philadelphia Congenital Heart Walk

JUNE 2
Take a walk on the wild side! All ages are invited to walk through the Philadelphia Zoo at this fun event. Benefits the Adult Congenital Heart Association and Children's Heart Foundation. 3400 W. Girard Ave., Philadelphia. 855-CHD-WALK; Events.CongenitalHeartWalk.org.

Chester County Hospital Polo Cup

JUNE 9
For a posh outing, watch thundering horses and their riders play the Sport of Kings as you enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, beer garden, delicious food and kids' activities. Join the traditional divot stomping at half time and the annual Hats Off to Health contest. Benefits Ob/Gyn Clinic and The Women's Auxiliary's NICU Pledge for the Chester County Hospital. *Brandywine Polo Club, 260 Polo Rd., Toughkenamon.* 610-268-8692; ChesterCounty-Hospital.org/Giving.

French Creek Iron Tour—Cycling for Open Space

JUNE 9
Have a blast as you cycle through historic Iron Furnace country and Chester County's rolling hills! Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. Start and finish at Kimberton Fire Company Fairgrounds, 762 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. 610-933-7734; IronTour.org.

Stroud Water Research Center's Road Rally for Fresh Water

JUNE 23
Dust off your classic convertible and cruise through the watersheds in Chester County while collecting clues about your route and the importance of fresh water. Drivers and navigators end up at a beautiful preserve for a fun Finish Line Party. Benefits Stroud Water Research Center's work on fresh water stewardship and research. 610-268-2153; StroudCenter.org.

JULY

Friday Night Lights at ChesLen Preserve

JULY 12
Star gaze and listen to live music as you sip wine and beer, toast marshmallows and socialize at one of the most beautiful settings in Chester County. This popular event sells out. Benefits Natural Lands. *ChesLen Preserve, 1199 Cannery Rd., Coatesville.* 610-353-5587; NatLands.org.

Tip-A-Canoe and Barbecue, Too!

JULY 13
Canoe down the Brandywine to a true backyard BBQ, then relax for an evening under the stars with live music and ice cream. Benefits the Brandywine Conservancy. *Brandywine River Museum, Rt. 1, Chadds Ford.* 610-388-8315; Brandywine.org.

AUGUST

Brandywine in White

AUGUST 24
The Brandywine Valley's Pop-Up BYO Summer Gala, held at a secret location, revealed before the event. Guests wear white and provide their picnic dinner, wine, centerpiece, candles, etc. Benefits Neighbors for Crebilly's work to save open space. Facebook.com/BrandywineInWhite.



Tailgating at Willowdale Steeplechase, May



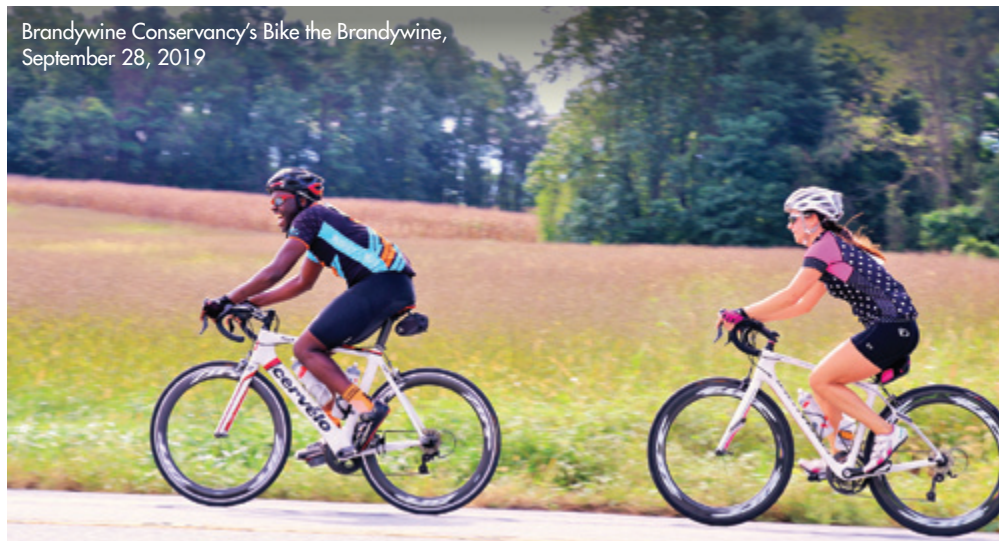
Brandywine Health Foundation's Garden Party, May



Brandywine Valley SPCA Forget-Me-Not Gala, September



Delaware Museum of Natural History Wine & Dinosaurs, September



Brandywine Conservancy's Bike the Brandywine, September 28, 2019

5K Trail Run for Thorncroft

AUGUST 29

Run, walk or wheel along the riding paths and through the fields, then visit the Thorncroft Farm and enjoy food, beverages and music. Benefits the care of horses, the true healers in all Thorncroft does. 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

SEPTEMBER

Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance

SEPTEMBER 6-8

Calling all car fans! A nationally recognized motor car event, the Concours this year features the Buick, the designs of Bill Mitchell, special interest Porsches and road cars with racing names. Benefits Thorncroft Equestrian Center, specializing in therapeutic horseback riding. Held at the Radnor Hunt grounds. 826 Providence Rd., Malvern. RadnorConcours.org.

40th Annual Chester County Restaurant Festival

SEPTEMBER 15

Sample food from over 65 restaurants, visit vendors and crafters, and enjoy live music and a beer and wine garden in this street fair in downtown West Chester. Benefits the West Chester Department of Parks & Recreation. Gay and Market Sts., West Chester. Rain date, Sept. 22. West-Chester.com.

5th Annual Shugart's Sunday BBQ & Blues

SEPTEMBER 15

Enjoy tasty barbeque, sweet corn, homemade desserts, local brews, spirits and other cold beverages at the Historic Sugartown grounds. Listen to the blues as you enjoy family fun. Benefits Historic Sugartown, 690 Sugartown Rd., Malvern. 610-640-2667; HistoricSugartown.org.

Brandywine Valley SPCA's Forget-Me-Not Gala

SEPTEMBER 28

Perfect for pet lovers. Enjoy entertainment, delectable dishes, live music, silent and live auctions and, of course, adorable adoptable pets! Mendenhall Inn, 323 Kennett Pk., Mendenhall. BVSPCA.org/Gala.

Wine & Dinosaurs Around the World

SEPTEMBER 29

Sip premium wines and specialty beers throughout the Museum's exhibits as you enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, live music and a fantastic silent auction at this fundraiser for Delaware Museum of Natural History, 4840 Kennett Pk., Wilmington. 302-658-9111; DelMNH.org.

OCTOBER

Delaware Auto Show

OCTOBER (DATE TBA)

See the latest 2019 models, a Kids Corner and more. Benefits DE Breast Cancer Coalition. Chase Center on the Riverfront, 815 Justison St., Wilmington. DelawareAutoShow.com.

Rotary Club of West Chester—16th Annual Chili Cookoff

OCTOBER (DATE TBA)

Downtown West Chester gets spicy! Over 70 chili-cooking teams compete for prizes in several categories. Sample as many as you can and vote for your favorite. Benefits local nonprofits. Gay St., West Chester. 610-636-6740; WestChesterChiliCookoff.com.

Main Line Animal Rescue Gran Fondo Cycling Event

OCTOBER 5

Join 500+ riders to bike the beautiful country roads, enjoy an awards ceremony, great food



Unite For Her 5K in West Chester, September 21, 2019

and beer, a live band, raffles, games and a meet-and-greet with adoptable dogs. Start and finish at Pickering Meade Farm, the 60-acre home of Main Line Animal Rescue, 1149 Pike Springs Rd., Phoenixville. 610-933-0606; MLARGranFondo.org.

79th Annual Chester County Day House Tour

OCTOBER 5

Always the first Saturday in October, it's known to fans as "The Day." Celebrate the architecture of Chester County on this long-running house tour, taking you inside stunning homes. Benefits Chester County Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Expansion Project. ChesterCountyDay.com.

People's Light Golf Classic

OCTOBER 7

"Swing for a Cause" and enjoy friendly competition with those who share a passion for the arts ... and golf. Benefits theater education programs at People's Light. White Manor Country Club, 831 Providence Rd., Malvern. 610-647-1900; PeoplesLight.org.

Thorncroft Equestrian Center's 9th Annual "Lobstah Bake"

OCTOBER 13

A bit of New England in Chester County. Plenty of lobster, chicken, cases of wine and kegs of beer as well as lots of dancing to live music and kids entertainment—a great family fundraiser. Rain or shine in the Jimmy Moran North Arena, 190 Line Rd., Malvern. 610-644-1963; Thorncroft.org.

28th Annual Dilworthtown Inn Crush Cancer Wine Festival

OCTOBER 13

Calling all wine lovers! Sample more than 100 wines and craft beers as you enjoy sumptuous fare, auctions, shopping, music and a car show. Benefits The Abramson Cancer Center at Chester County Hospital and Neighborhood Health Hospice. 1390 Old Wilmington Pk., West Chester. 610-431-5329; ChesterCountyHospital.org.

15th Annual Laurel Hill Cemetery Gravediggers' Ball

OCTOBER 18

Is there a better venue for a

Gravediggers' Ball than the Mütter Museum? Costumes and masks are encouraged. Benefits Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery, working to preserve, interpret and promote the site. *The Mütter Museum (of the College of Physicians Philadelphia)*, 19 S. 22nd St., Philadelphia. 215-228-8200; GravediggersBall.org.

Harvest-Unite for Her Chef and Wine Tasting Event

OCTOBER 24

The region's best chefs serve up a farm-to-table tasting event featuring wines, brews and spirits, plus auctions and live music. Benefits Unite for HER, serving local women affected by breast cancer. *Phoenixville Foundry*, 2 N. Main St., Phoenixville. 610-322-9552; UniteForHer.org/Harvest.

42nd Annual Radnor Run

OCTOBER 27

Stretch your legs at this 5-mile timed running race, 1-mile walk/fun run and health fair. Benefits the American Lung Association. Radnor Twp. Bldg., 301 Iven Ave., Wayne. 800-LUNG-USA; Lung.org/RadnorRun.



Chester County Day House Tour, October



Brandywine River Museum of Art Antiques Show, May

NOVEMBER

56th Annual Delaware Antiques Show

NOVEMBER DATE TBA

See the finest offerings from more than 60 distinguished dealers in art, antiques and design. Benefits educational programming at Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library. *Chase Center on the Riverfront, 800 S. Madison St., Wilmington. 800-448-3883; Winterthur.org.*

Devereux 20th Advanced Hope Gala—"Secret Garden"

NOVEMBER DATE TBA

This black-tie event, raising money to support programs and services provided by Devereux, is a special evening with once-in-a-lifetime experiences and other unique items offered at live and silent auctions. *Moulin at Sherman Mills, 3502 Scotts La., Philadelphia. 800-345-1292Devereux.org.*

Home of the Sparrow's 21st Annual Fashion Show

NOVEMBER DATE TBA

This fundraiser demonstrates the power of women supporting women in the community under the theme "The Power of the Purse." The runway fashion show and dinner take place at *The Desmond Hotel, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 610-647-4940; Home of the Sparrow.org.*

Main Line Notable-Kitchen Tour & Chef Tastings

NOVEMBER DATE TBA

Peek inside some of the Main Line's unique kitchens on this self-guided tour of several private homes. Each stop offers chef tastings, florists displays and unique table settings so you can nosh as you find new kitchen design inspiration. Benefits The Philadelphia Orchestra. *NotableKitchens.com.*

French & Pickering Creek Trust's 36th Annual Auction Party

NOVEMBER 2

Help preserve the special character of northern Chester County with an evening of dinner, cocktails and friends plus a silent auction with hard-to-resist items and unique experiences. Benefits French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. *Stonewall Golf Club, Bulltown Rd., Elverson. 610-933-7577; FrenchAndPickering.org.*

85th Running of the Pennsylvania Hunt Cup

NOVEMBER 3

Timber racing, food and shopping highlight a day on the rolling hills of southern Chester County at this long-standing equestrian event. Amateurs compete alongside the pros at this "open race." Benefits the Chester County Food Bank, Work to Ride, and Upland Country Day School. *North of Rt. 926 and Newark Rd., Unionville. 484-888-6619; PaHuntCup.org.*

Philadelphia Marathon & Half Marathon

NOVEMBER 22-24

Watch elite runners from around the world and maybe even your neighbors ... or join in yourself! The city turns out for this big event, now in its 26th year. One of the top 10 marathons in the country. Choose the full marathon, a half, 8k or kids run. Benefits the American Association of Cancer Research. *22nd St. & Ben Franklin Pkwy., Phila. Philadelphia-Marathon.com.*

Paoli Hospital Auxiliary Mistletoe & Magic

NOVEMBER 23

This annual event promises top notch dining and entertainment with a new, exciting theme each year. Check the website to find out more closer to the date of the event. Benefits Paoli Hospital. *The Desmond, 1 Liberty Blvd., Malvern. 484-565-1380; Paoli-Auxiliary.org.*

Phoenixville Chamber of Commerce Charity Gala

NOVEMBER 23

Dinner, dancing and silent auction with great items for this season of giving. Benefits the Phoenixville Senior Center. *Rivercrest Golf Club & Preserve, 100 Rivercrest Dr., Phoenixville. 610-933-3070; PhoenixvilleChamber.org.*

Philadelphia Museum of Art Contemporary Craft Show

NOVEMBER 7-10

The country's top contemporary crafts are for sale at this world-class juried show each year—perfect timing for holiday shopping. Benefits the Museum's permanent collections, conservation and publication projects, plus exhibitions and education programs. Preview party, Nov. 7. *PA Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., Phila. 215-684-7930; PMACraftShow.org.*

DECEMBER

West Chester Charity Ball

DECEMBER 11

A highlight of the West Chester charity season! Enjoy dinner, dancing and auction. Benefits The Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children, Outreach, Emergency Family Shelter and the Homeless Prevention Program. *West Chester Golf and Country Club, 111 W. Ashbridge St., West Chester. 610-431-3598; Friends-Assoc.org.*

Uptown! Entertainment Alliance Gala

DECEMBER 31

Ring in the New Year at this fun-filled gala to support the Uptown! Knaus Performing Arts Center at West Chester's "Party of the Year." In 2018 the theme was "Puttin' on the Glitz." Fabulous food and, of course, lots of entertainment. *226 N. High St., West Chester. 610-356-2787; UptownWestChester.org.* ♦



Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, September



Exchange Club Family Center's Comedy & Magic Spectacular, March



Brandywine In White, August



Kennett Chocolate Lovers Festival, January



Radnor Hunt Pre-Race Event
"Chapeaux, Cigars and Cocktails," March



The Hickman's Art of Caring, March



A Taste of Phoenixville, January



American Helicopter Museum Gala, April



Winterthur Point-to-Point, May
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