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Thank you for supporting this Re-imagined Event!

Saturday, December 5, 2020

Champagne, Canapes & Chocolate

Available for pick up at the West Chester Golf & Country Club

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Online Silent Auction Available www.friendsassoc.org/charity-ball

Enjoy your canapes while viewing a virtual presentation 7:00 p.m.

Raffle drawing and Champagne Toast 7:30 p.m.

View the presentation on Facebook or on the Friends Association Website: www.facebook.com/WCCharityBall or www.friendsassoc.org/charity-ball

Silent Auction Closes

9:00 p.m.

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### Thank you to the West Chester Charity Ball Committee:

Claudia Hutter and Pat Kimmel, Co-Chairs

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#### Dear Friends:

Thinking back to the Charity Ball event from one year ago, it is easy to focus on the grief and loss that we have felt as a community throughout this last year. As the pandemic drags on, we continue to navigate these uncertain times the best we can, relying on the support of those we care deeply about. Our communities will never be the same and we, most likely, will not either. Friends is witnessing a drastic increase in the need for our services this year. Last year at this time, we had 45 families in our programming, and today, we have 64. While you or I may have a robust support network to fall back on during these long days and nights of isolation, our families don't always have that support. They have us and they have you.

We know that a virtual event will never compare to the longstanding tradition of the West Chester Charity Ball. We hope, however, that you know how profoundly grateful we are that you have joined us this year to provide a support network to families in our community. This year, more than ever, we can all feel the necessity of home; the safety of home; and the stability of the home around us.

Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, for walking alongside of our families during this time of overwhelming need. Enjoy the night's virtual program and know that your support is making a difference right now for a family in our community.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lopez

Executive Director

Matthew Holliday

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Craig currently resides in West Chester, PA with his wife, 2 daughters and a Goldendoodle.

Shavin 'Pepper' Duffy is the bandleader of Midnight Hour, an 8-piece dance band that lights up the ballroom each year at the West Chester Charity Ball. A lifelong resident of West Chester, Pepper's involvement with Friends Association traces back to his close friendships at West Chester Golf & Country Club, where he served as Club President from 2015-2018. When asked about the Charity Ball, Pepper said "For the band, it is our favorite gig of the year ... there is nothing like being surrounded by friends united in the joy of giving."



Shavin 'Pepper' Duffy

### Julianna Kocher discovered the harp when

she was 11 years old and went on to get her Bachelor's degree in harp performance from West Chester University, followed by a Master's in piano pedagogy. Julianna has played and taught music in a wide variety of settings, from performing with orchestras and ensembles to musical theatre and private lessons. She especially enjoys collaborating with other artists and adding a touch of elegance to weddings and special events with the harp.

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**Family Center Emergency Shelter:** Friends is the only Housing First family shelter in Chester County that accepts families experiencing homelessness of every makeup and demographic. This includes singe parents, families with older male dependents, two-generation families and LGBTQ+ families.

Homelessness Prevention: Preventing homelessness-helping people stay in their homes-makes moral, practical, and financial sense. It avoids the trauma of homelessness, which can cause life-long harm, particularly to children. We provide a combination of financial support and case management to keep families in their homes.

**Housing Stability Program:** Friends' comprehensive support services help transition families from homelessness to housing and economic stability. We provide long-term case management for families recently moved to permanent housing from shelter.



### **NEW THIS YEAR**

**Eviction Prevention Court:** The first of its kind program in Chester County to combine free legal representation with financial support and linkages to social services, the EPC initiated on September 1, 2020 as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NIA House:** Chester County's first diversionary reentry home for women with children coming out of incarceration, will welcome its first resident into the program beginning in January 2021. This transitional living home will help women re-establish themselves in community and reunite with their children.

YEAR IN REVIEW

103 FAMILIES SERVED

380 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS (ADULTS + CHILDREN)

PAYMENTS PROVIDED FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE

48 % OF CLIENTS ARE CHILDREN
UNDER THE AGE OF 12

FAMILIES PREVENTED FROM EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

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In honor of our loved ones - gone, but not forgotten.

Rheanna English McGlensey, Chris McGlensey, and Renee Revello Bibbens'







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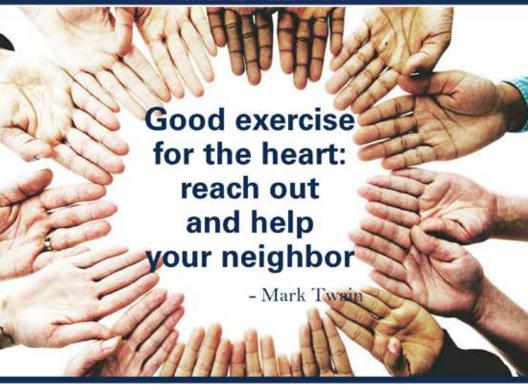




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