



MT. CARMEL
GUILD
SERVING MERCER COUNTY
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Monthly Newsletter

September 2021

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CARE RECEIVERS

Over 160 backpacks stocked with age appropriate school supplies have been given to all registered care receivers. Thanks to the many donors that dropped off supplies!!

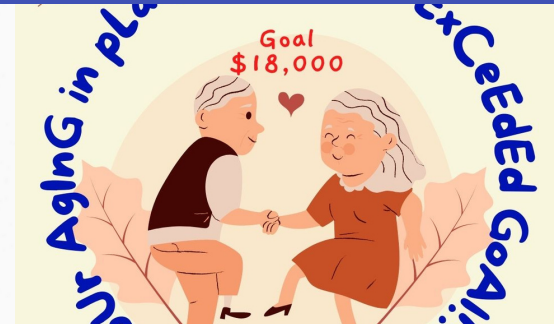


GALA UPDATE

JOIN US



Invitations are in the mail for our 2021 Annual Gala. We hope you'll join us. There are 2 ways to attend -- in person for dinner and an evening of celebration or virtually via live stream of the main event.



AGING IN PLACE APPEAL

We raised \$3,000 over our goal for our Home Health Nursing Program thanks to our wonderful donors and the Rotary Club of Trenton. We could not do the work without the support!

Labor Day

Labor Day is a day to celebrate the American worker and the balance of work, rest, and play in our lives. Labor Day is a federal holiday in the United States and is celebrated on the first Monday in September.

*"Choose a job you love, and you will
never have to work a day in your life."*
Confucius

DONATE



Be sure to follow us:





PANTRY NEWS



We are grateful to receive deliveries and donations from a variety of sources in an effort to restock our shelves. The list goes on but we'd like to name a few: The Catholic Community of Hopewell Valley, Rotary Club of Robbinsville Hamilton, Rotary Club of Branchburg, St. Gregory the Great Academy's 4th Grade, St. Vincent de Paul Society - St. Vincent de Paul Parish, and so many more!!!

In the months of August and as of September 10th the pantry served nearly 1,500 households with a 3 day supply of groceries. We continue to see a weekly need for support from members of our Trenton and Mercer County community.

HOME HEALTH CARE NEWS

Our Aging in Place Appeal raised over \$21,000 for our accredited senior Home Health Nursing Program with a Challenge Grant from the Rotary Club of Trenton for \$6,000 and an additional Challenge Grant for \$1,000 from a Guild friend. In less than 6 weeks our generous donors exceeded our goal by almost \$3,000. Thank you for your tremendous support!

We are looking to hire an additional Home Health Care Registered Nurse. If you know of someone that is interested in this part-time, no weekends or evenings position please have them go to our website at: www.mtcarmelguild.org/registered-nurse or contact Nursing Director Corinne Janoska at (609) 392-5159 ext. 113



UPCOMING:

Mount Carmel Guild of Trenton

Providing Hope and Preserving Dignity

26th Annual Gala

Beyond the First 100 Years

October 15, 2021



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Drexel University Nursing School



For 8 weeks Drexel University Nursing students enrolled in the accelerated career entry program have been giving their time and talents in service to the pantry and the Guild. The time spent with us was part of an in-person clinical for their population health course. While with us, they helped to pack daily food bags, sorted and packed age appropriate school backpacks, distributed grocery bags to care receivers, conducted surveys and pitched in with a mail campaign. We are so grateful for all their help with a variety of tasks and asks! Thanks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton for making this collaboration possible. Wishing you all success in your chosen career.



Mission Jersey

The Diocese of Trenton's Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries holds a summer service opportunity for teens from all four counties in the diocese. Pre-pandemic the teens would gather for a weeklong immersion. For Mercer County this year they gathered for a day of service in partnership with Be Kind at St. Gregory the Great to assemble nutritious rice and bean meals for the joint food pantry. The teens packed 684 bags = 4,104 healthy meals for our care receivers. The Guild's Executive Director, Mary Inkrot spoke to the teens about the need for service projects like this to help our neighbors in need. She showed what a typical grocery bag might include and answered questions. The teens also gathered and prayed for those receiving the meal bags. Over 30 teens gathered and worked in the gathering space at St. Gregory the Great Academy in Hamilton Square carefully adding all the ingredients, so each package fulfilled a set nutritional standard. The meals were offered as a "choice" item and were much appreciated!

