



"*Volunesia* (noun) - the moment when you forget that you are volunteering to help change lives; because it is changing yours."

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"Caring is ALWAYS in Season"

"A simple act of caring creates an endless ripple"- Author Unknown. Fall brings us crisp weather. It reminds us, excitedly, of the upcoming holiday seasons, and we begin planning weeks ahead: *Where will we go? What will we do?* In Dutchess County, and many other counties, fall will, too, remind some people, anxiously, of the upcoming holiday seasons, and they will think daily: Where will we go to eat? What will we do for food, clothing & shelter? Regardless of the season or holiday, Dutchess Outreach cares all year long! Our volunteers care all year long! Hallmark says, "When you care enough to send the very best." Dutchess Outreach says, "We care enough to do our very best." Remember, caring is ALWAYS in season.

Nyhisha T. Gibbs, Volunteer Administrator

Meet Mrs. Norma Chalmers: 91 years young

Norma Chalmers began volunteering with Dutchess Outreach in August of 2014. She enjoyed assisting us in our Lunch Box for several years. She continues to volunteer with us through her church, Freedom Plains, twice per year.



Mrs. Chalmers celebrated her 91st birthday on July 7th. She says that she doesn't buy green bananas because she doesn't know if she will be around to eat

them. We shared a great laugh together. We were honored to present the **Susan DeKeukelaere Caring Heart Award** to Mrs. Norma Chalmers at our Volunteer Recognition Reception.

St. Martin de Porres Youth Group School Supply Donation

Thank you to the St. Martin Youth Group for collecting and donating 25 backpacks filled with school supplies!

Thank you!



Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

On Friday, June 8, 2018, Dutchess Outreach awarded Mrs. Debbie St. Onge with the **President's Lifetime Achievement Award**. The PLA Award recognizes individuals who have completed 4,000 or more volunteer hours in their lifetime. How apropos was it to present this award on the grounds and in the library of our 32nd President, Mr. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR)?



Mrs. St. Onge has unselfishly dedicated her time, talent and resources to many of Dutchess Outreach's program areas. She has provided food donations, coordinated & encouraged school groups and teams to volunteer in our Lunch Box. She has coordinated the logistics for the Postal Sort at the Partnership and the list goes on. She is always available and eager to assist.

The President's Lifetime Achievement Award sets Debbie apart from her peers. It is a tremendous honor. While she does not seek recognition, her example can deliver a powerful message that encourages others to take action.



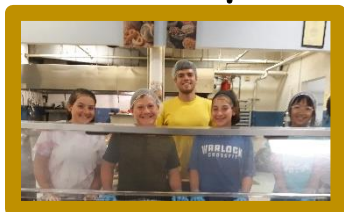
Note from the Director

We're all about caring at Dutchess Outreach. An abiding kindness and concern for others is what drives us, and has done so for more than forty years. I recently submitted this haiku, (a form of Japanese poetry restricted to three lines of five, seven, and five syllables each) to a contest asking us for a poem that encompasses our mission. I didn't win, so it was never shared with a wider audience, but I'd like to do so with you, our caring partners.

*Helping ease the pain
We are all the same people
Hearts open, hands full.*

~Brian Riddell, Executive Director

Camp Hillcroft Campers



On several dates in the months of July and August, eager campers from various camps volunteer in our Lunch Box. They set up, prep

food, serve food and clean up. This summer, Camp Hillcroft campers & staff hosted a food drive. The donations benefited the Dutchess Outreach Food Pantry! We are grateful for their efforts!



In Memory of...Lunch Donations

In August 2018, **Peter Vasillo**, long time volunteer at Dutchess Outreach, departed this life. His family donated & dedicated a lunch meal in his memory. The family provided & prepared the food and served the meal. Table tents adorned the tables in his memory.



Annually, Bharatt Bhargarva provides monetary donations & dedicates two (2) lunch meals in the memory of his mother, **Mrs. Shakuntala Bhargava**, and father, **Mr. Kameshwar Bhargava**. Table tents adorned each table in their memory.

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Ronni Jarvis Family & Friends

Each year, on any month with an "extra" Sunday, Dutchess Outreach can count on the tight Team to volunteer in our Lunch Box. The Jarvis Family & Friends team provides the volunteers, the food and serves the Evening meal.



Ladies of Distinction Chapter of the Red Hat Society



These distinguished ladies participated in our annual Spring Food Appeal. They collected & donated several bags of non-perishable food & personal hygiene items. We are humbled by their commitment to assisting us in alleviating food insecurities.



Girl Scouts®

Girl Scout Troop # 10106

The Girl Scouts and their two leaders, Mrs. Christine Vega and Mrs. Virginia Perez Rosado, are truly dedicated to assisting Dutchess Outreach, Inc. at our monthly Farm Stands. The Scouts enthusiastically & voluntarily assist us with distributing FREE, fresh produce donated by the Regional Food Bank of the Hudson Valley. Annually, the Troop donated Girl Scout cookies to our Food Pantry.

Taste Against Hunger

October 12, 2018

Annual Coat Sort

Saturday, November 10, 2018

