

CELEBRATING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Family Caregivers Network Celebrates 25 Years of Compassion and Excellence in Home Care

In 2000, Gerry Fioriglio, RN, established a home care company in Pennsburg, Montgomery County. The company began with a simple yet profound mission: to provide compassionate, high-quality care that improves lives and supports families. As they prepare to celebrate their 25th anniversary next year, they reflect on the dedication, growth, and resilience that have shaped the organization and impacted the lives of countless individuals involved in this journey. Gerry takes pride in the legacy she created a quarter-century ago and remains deeply committed to making a positive difference in the lives of the clients they care for, their families, and the local communities.

Over the past 25 years, Family Caregivers Network has witnessed significant transformations in healthcare and the growth of at-home care. When the organization was founded, the healthcare landscape was evolving with new treatments for long-term illnesses such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease, along with changing healthcare policies and an increasing demand for in-home services. The organization embraced these changes and continually adapted to provide innovative solutions that meet the unique needs of each client.

The dedicated team of Family Caregivers Network is knowledgeable, compassionate, and committed to excellence. They assist clients with various activities of daily living, including meal preparation, medication

reminders, personal hygiene, housekeeping, and running errands. Care can be provided through short, intermittent three-hour visits, or with 24-hour care in the home. Their Live-in care service is especially popular, as it allows individuals to remain in their homes at a lower cost compared to moving to a nursing home.

The expert services provided through specialty programs, such as Memory Matters At-Home Activities for individuals with dementia and Alzheimer's disease, as well as an at-home program for those with Parkinson's, have led to positive outcomes in long-term care. Additionally, a free home safety evaluation conducted by a certified home safety specialist ensures that a person's home is as safe as possible for aging in place. The company's safety program is further enhanced by its Lifeline medical alert buttons. For the past four years, the Family Caregivers Network has been nationally recognized as the "Best of Home Care."

"Our journey over the past 25 years has been marked by the invaluable trust that families and communities have placed in us," said Gerry. "Providing care for a loved one is a deeply personal experience, and we are honored that so many families have chosen us as their care provider. Our team works tirelessly to uphold the highest standards of integrity, respect, and compassion. We are dedicated to making a positive difference—one life, one family, and one community at a time."



Gerry Fioriglio RN, CDP, BS
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Realizing The Vision of Affordable Housing with Habitat for Humanity

Affordable housing is more critical now than ever, and Habitat for Humanity is at the forefront of addressing this pressing need. As communities across Montgomery and Delaware Counties face increasing housing costs and economic challenges, Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery and Delaware Counties (HFHMDC) stands as a beacon of hope. We partner with families to build safe, affordable homes with affordable mortgages. This collaboration results in stable shelter and a sense of investment in their community, providing a place for families to thrive, and transform their lives.

One homeowner, Kesha, bought a Habitat home in Glenside, PA. She recalls what life was like before her new home. "I was living in a small two-bedroom apartment with my four children. The apartment was overcrowded, and the rent was increasing every year. It caused a strain on my finances; most of my monthly income was spent on rent. I was desperate to find a larger affordable home for my family but realized that I wouldn't be able to purchase the traditional way as mortgages were not affordable. I felt hopeless." She decided to take a leap of faith and apply for a Habitat home.

Initially, she was skeptical about Habitat for Humanity's mission and its promise of affordable homeownership. "I was not convinced that Habitat for Humanity was a legitimate organization that partnered with families to build affordable homes. I thought it was too good to be true." However, after attending an orientation and a financial literacy program, her perspective began to shift. "The process was one of the best experiences in my life. It gave me hope. My life changed when I was selected to partner with HFHMDC. I learned how to budget and save money by attending the financial literacy



course. I learned about home maintenance, and I have met wonderful people."

The journey was not without its challenges. "Habitat does not hand people homes; you must be willing to partner with them to help yourself buy a home," she explains. "I had to participate in 400 hours of sweat equity. I helped build affordable housing for other families. I was painting, hanging drywall, and even helped dig a ditch." Despite the hard work, the rewards were immense. She shared her story at an annual fundraiser, volunteered at the Habitat West Norriton Restore, and found patience and perseverance throughout the year-long process.

Now, almost eight years into homeownership, she reflects on the best part: having a stable home for her family. "We are creating our own traditions and memories here. Two of my children are now adults and are on their own. This is our gathering place. We are a close-knit family, and I love that I have a big backyard for my grandchildren to play in. I earned my master's degree in 2020, and my daughter earned hers in 2022." Her

experience with Habitat exemplifies the transformative power of secure and affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery & Delaware Counties continues to impact families and communities. As Kesha enjoys the stability and joy of her home, her story stands as a testament to what is possible when families and organizations work together to build a brighter future.

We continue to help families across both counties and garner support from the community because of our mission and advocacy for affordable housing in the areas we serve.

There are many ways to support Habitat's mission, either as an individual or corporation. We appreciate individual donations in the form of Habitat's "Hope Builder" program, which individuals can support via a small monthly donation. As an organization, corporate partners can donate to our mission and volunteer on a build site or at our donation-based retail outlet, ReStore — an independently owned thrift store that accepts donations and sells a constantly changing inventory of diverse, high-quality merchandise at a fraction of the retail price. Proceeds from ReStore sales directly support Habitat's mission to build and renovate homes in our communities. Lastly, Habitat for Humanity offers a vehicle donation program, Cars for Homes, where individuals can donate old vehicles (cars, motorcycles, RVs, motorcycles, boats) if they have inflated wheels and can be towed. All vehicles are eligible for a tax deduction.

Together, we can create a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Visit our website to learn more about how you can get involved and make a difference today.

For more information about our program, or to get involved, visit habitatmontdelco.org.

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Animal House Project is Expanding its Animal Welfare Initiatives

Animal House Project, a 501 c3 Charitable Organization is excited to announce the integration of Diane's Pet Supplies & Adoption Center located in North Coventry, Pennsylvania. This new addition will create a new vision for animal welfare, providing expanded services to support families and pets in need across the region.

Founded in 1989 by Diane Dietch, Diane's Pet Supplies & Adoption Center has long been a staple in the North Coventry community, offering pet supplies and adoption services to local families. The center has played a pivotal role in placing thousands of animals into loving homes, from dogs and cats to small animals and reptiles. In addition to pet adoption, the center has supported its community by hosting monthly low-cost vaccine clinics and offering a wide variety of pet supplies.

Animal House Project is a nonprofit that has been working to address the growing issue of surrendered pets due to financial

hardships. Established in 2007, it is best known for founding the Chester County Pet Food Pantry in 2010, Pennsylvania's first-ever pet food pantry. The pantry helps families facing financial crises by providing free pet food and services, allowing them to keep their pets rather than surrendering them to shelters.

STRENGTHENING THE MISSION

Animal House Project's board of directors expressed enthusiasm about the integration, emphasizing how the collaboration will provide greater access to resources for local pet owners and further the cause of animal rescue and adoption.

As part of this integration, Diane's Pet Supplies & Adoption Center will continue to operate and maintain its current services. The same dedicated staff, programs, and services will remain in place, ensuring a smooth transition for clients and supporters. The center's popular offerings—including pet food, toys, treats, and pet adoption services—will continue as before.

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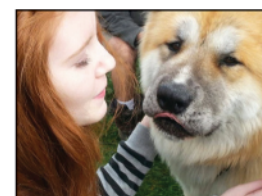
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Our mission is to keep pets at home and out of shelters or rescues by providing donated pet food and pet care services to families facing financial crisis in Berks, Chester and western Montgomery Counties.

EXCITING UPDATES AND FUTURE PLANS

In addition to the integration, Animal House Project has some exciting updates on the horizon. The center will soon open a **Cat Café** just in time for Thanksgiving, providing a cozy space for visitors to interact with adoptable cats while enjoying a coffee or treat. The center will also continue hosting its monthly **Low-Cost Vaccine Clinic**, offering affordable vaccinations for pets in the Chester County area and beyond.

This addition for Animal House Project marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to animal welfare, ensuring that it can continue to serve its community for years to come.

For more information, visit Animal House Project dba Diane's Pet Supplies & Adoption Center at 1486 South Hanover Street, Pottstown, PA 19465, or follow them on social media for updates about the Cat Café and other community events.



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Join us in making a lasting difference in the Pottstown Region. By aligning with the Pottstown Area Health & Wellness Foundation, your organization connects with a network of like-minded leaders who share a commitment to building a thriving, equitable community. Visit our website at www.pottstown-foundation.org and follow us on social media to learn more about how your contributions can drive impactful change. Be a changemaker and help us continue to transform lives — because together, we can create a healthier, more vibrant community for everyone.

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