

Randi's Message

Providing Therapeutic Programs to Help
Children Who Experience Domestic Violence

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A \$300 donation supports the cost for a child to attend Randi's Camp for Hope and Courage.

Letter From the Chair

In your lifetime there are bench marks that make you realize how time has gone by so quickly. Now that we have reached 15 years of hosting Randi's Race, it makes me think how far we have come in raising the awareness of domestic violence and helping children.

Perhaps the best place to start is to share the beginning of how Randi's Race was started. Two long years after the murder of my daughter, I experienced this epiphany that told me that I had another journey in taking this horrific tragedy and placing it into something positive.

January 2005 was when it all began. I was serving on the Cumberland County Commission for Women and discussing issues that impact women in our county. I called my fellow commissioner, Deb Donahue, Director of the Domestic Violence Services of Cumberland and Perry Counties (DVSCP) at that time and asked her what I could do to help victims of domestic violence in my community. Within a matter of 9 weeks, we coordinated the first Randi's Race: A 5K Run/Walk for Hope and Courage held on May 7, 2005. We raised over \$14,000. This was a sign of the great gift of hope for me, one which took all my pain and placed it into something where I could keep the legacy of Randi in many hearts.

Since 2005 Randi's Race has been an annual event. The number of people attending has grown, and the amount of funds raised has supported DVSCP programs and now Randi's House of Angels programs. Participants come from the counties of Cumberland, York, Lebanon, Dauphin, and Perry and also from surrounding states like New Jersey and Maryland.

These benchmarks have helped to build the capacity of Randi's House of Angels and allowed us to reach more children. Randi's Race allows me to think back when I struggled, fearing that I would forget Randi. Now it is a reminder of how many children I have helped. Thank you for all your support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy J. Franz".



Save the Date for the 15th annual Randi's Race! This rain or shine 5K run/walk takes place Saturday, May 11, 2019, at Adams Ricci Park in Enola. **#RANDISRACE2019** is in memory of Randi Trimble, who was murdered in her East Pennsboro Township home on January 10, 2003, by a hitman hired by her husband. Since its inception fourteen years ago, Randi's Race is responsible for raising more than \$423,000! Registration opens at 8:00 am and the race will kick off at 9:00 am. Randi's Race is a FUN event for the entire family - we offer a kids' race just before 9:00, arts and crafts and plenty of fun! Just after the race, we present ribbons to the top racers in each male/female age group, distribute awards to the top three fundraising teams, and offer terrific door prizes donated by local businesses. Pre-registration deadline is May 3rd, but participants may also register at the race. Please join us to honor Randi and hear from dynamic speakers as we continue to advance efforts to combat domestic violence.

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT: Facility Concierge Services

Facility Concierge Services (FCS) is a local, Woman-owned company formed in 2015, specializing in the professional cleaning of commercial office buildings in the Greater Harrisburg area. Mary Calvery, CEO, brings 20+ years of expertise, experience, professionalism, and passion for customer service to running her company.

At the onset of her company, Mary strived to provide quality jobs to her rapidly growing number of employees. She has set herself apart by providing above-average wages by placing a significant amount of value and respect onto her 40 employees. The company runs on the core values of: Be Sincere, Never Give up, Get Better Every Day, Finish What You Start and Treat People Right.

FCS strives to make a positive impact in our community and in 2017 engaged in their very first major sponsorship of Randi's Race: A 5K Run/Walk for Hope and Courage. "Ending domestic violence is a cause that is very near and dear to my heart," says Mary. "As a survivor of domestic violence, I wanted to be able to do my part in helping Nancy with her advocacy efforts in helping children that are victims of domestic violence."

In addition to the sponsorship, Mary encouraged her employees to participate in the walk/run by personally paying for their registration at the event. FCS formed a Class A team comprised of approximately 25 employees and family members. Mary's hope was to bring awareness to the cause and learn about Randi's House of Angels' programs and resources that help children who are victims of domestic violence. In 2019, Facility Concierge Services (FCS) created #ConciergeCares, and will increase the community outreach efforts to include the continuance of their company sponsorship of Randi's Race, in addition to Ronald McDonald House of Charities and Love, Inc. of Hershey.

4th Annual A Round Fore Randi Golf Outing

Plans are underway for the 2019 "A Round Fore Randi" Golf Outing to be held on September 6th, 2019, at the Rich Valley Golf Course in Mechanicsburg, PA. Last year's outing raised more than \$6500, thanks to our very generous community sponsors and donors. A special thanks to our Gold Sponsors Mid Penn Bank, The Green Family, Faulkner Subaru, T. Curtis Handyman Services and H&N Landscaping, LLC., and all of the other Sponsors and donors that made this all possible. Proceeds support important programs and services offered on behalf of RHOA such as Randi's Kidz Club, a ten-week therapeutic group for children: and Randi's Camp, a three-day interactive summer camp. Please visit www.Randishouseofangels.org to learn more about this year's outing and sponsorship opportunities.



THE GIFT OF LOVE – A Mother's Story

My husband Chris and I knew that I could not have children, but we wanted to have a family. So we made a decision to adopt. And we wanted to make our home a place where we could help children who were left behind, ones placed in the foster care system. As importantly, we wanted to adopt a sibling group, bringing children who already had someone to relate to and to feel safe with, into our home. So, at the early age of 24, I became the mother of two young boys.

First, we brought in two brothers, Niko and Robie. Later came their sister Lisi, who had been in foster care. The three had been subjected to domestic violence and were later part of the foster care system for some time.

Being the mother of three children can be challenging at times. Over the last thirteen years, we have dealt with multiple hospitalizations for mental health issues and multiple appointments stemming from the effects of trauma at such an early age. At times it was difficult.

Then a friend at church shared a flyer about a camp for children of domestic violence, and that is how I became aware of Randi's Camp for Hope and Courage. In 2011 the boys attended their first camp. Robie came each year until he reached thirteen years

old. Later Lisi joined him and will attend this year.

Randi's Camp has helped my children in so many ways. Foremost, being with other campers allowed them to realize that they are not alone, that there were others like them who had experienced domestic violence. Additionally, the camp has given my children something to look forward to each summer, a place where they could meet with highly trained staff who could help them cope, and a place where they could make crafts, play games and eat good food. Each of my children has made friends at camp, and each has grown by learning how to express their emotions.

Randi's House of Angels pays for everything. There is no cost for parents. Additionally, Randi's House provided me a gas card, which made it so much easier to get my children to camp.

When my husband and I became parents, we were committed to providing a safe home and to helping our children to become productive members of society, breaking the cycle of domestic violence. We are so appreciative of all that Randi's House of Angels has done to make that more of a reality.



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Leadership Harrisburg Area

The Leadership Harrisburg Area (LHA) selected Randi's House of Angels (RHOA) as one of their community leadership projects for the Class of 2019. The LHA team will help RHOA create a system to collect, track, record and report outcomes and overall organizational success that will prove RHOA continues to meet and fulfill their mission in making a difference in our community.

The LHA team is made up of business, alumni and community organization leaders throughout the Capital Region who prepare individuals with the understanding and insights, connections, resources and tools to practice servant leadership and help leaders find their place to make the greatest impact in the community.

Special Thanks

FOR THE DONATIONS TO RHOA

We would like to express a special thank you to our most recent donors from colleges, businesses, community organizations and multiple individuals that have made donations to RHOA since September 30th. These donations will support our programs and we are very grateful.

- Julie Barley
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

5.11.19 15th Annual Randi's Race for Hope and Courage

5.16.19 Randi's Klubhouse

7.10 thru 7.12.19 Randi's Camp for Hope and Courage

9.6.19 A Round Fore Randi 3rd Annual Golf Outing



Board of Directors: Spotlight on Karen Rousche

Public Relations Coordinator, PSECU

I was taught from a young age that everyone has their own unique talents and abilities, and that by putting them into action, we can make a positive impact on the lives of others. I try to keep this in mind as I go through each day, because you never know when an opportunity will arise to contribute to a worthy cause.

I found one of those opportunities at Randi's House of Angels. I was at the organization's annual Randi's Race of Hope & Courage 5K and heard a participant speak about his experience. He shared how Randi's House of Angels helped him overcome challenges, heal, and live his life to the fullest. His words spoke to my heart, and I knew immediately that this was an organization whose mission I wanted to support – though at first, I wasn't quite sure how. I'm not a mother, and thankfully I've

never experienced abuse, so I questioned how I could become involved in a meaningful way.

Then I remembered that important lesson: everyone has something special they can contribute to help others. Personally, two of my greatest strengths lie in marketing and event planning. I've been blessed to have been able to use these skill sets to build a successful career and thought I could use it to benefit Randi's House of Angels, too.

Before long, I found myself as the nonprofit's newest board member, and quickly began assisting its work in the areas where I could be of the most help, like fundraising, event planning, and fostering awareness. As a board member, I know that the strategic direction of this organization will have a direct impact on children that are either experiencing and/or are victims of domestic abuse and thereby I am doing my part in making our communities stronger, safer, and more nurturing.