

Randi's Message

Providing Therapeutic Programs to Help
Children Who Experience Domestic Violence

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2-9, 2020 16th Annual Randi's
Virtual Race for
Hope and Courage

July 2020 Randi's Camp for
Hope and Courage

Sept. 11, 2020 5th Annual A Round
Fore Randi

Fall 2020 Randi's Klubhouse at
the Center for Hope
and Healing

Letter From The Chair

Men have a critical role to play in our society, as fathers, brothers, and husbands. Each has a responsibility to speak out openly against domestic violence and to encourage healthy relationships for women, young girls, and boys. Our culture is changing as more men understand that women cannot solve this issue alone.

Greg Green was a very special person in my life for the past twenty-two years, and he fit the mold of being a great role model and advocate against domestic violence. He took on the responsibility of speaking out about domestic violence the minute that my daughter Randi was murdered. He began to have conversations with others and helped to share the role men should take in addressing domestic violence. He was committed to serving in a leadership role on Randi's House of Angel's board, volunteered at Randi's Camp to serve as a role model for young boys and girls, and attended events supporting domestic violence.

More importantly, Greg was one of many men that shared his thoughts on the importance of how we need to change male attitudes towards physical, mental, and psychological abuse toward women and girls. Perhaps if we had more Greg Greens in our community who look at the "male macho" mentality as being detrimental to our communities, perhaps we would not be talking about this. More men talking about domestic violence will help young boys old enough to enter into serious relationships of their own.

Sadly, we lost Greg in December, but he will be forever in our hearts, as we continue to thank him for his leadership in moving this cause forward.



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2019 GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

The 2019 Goodwill Ambassador Award was presented to Randi's House of Angel's President, Nancy Chavez, during the 2019 Conference for Women sponsored by Eye Candy. This annual award is given to a woman who is focused on community outreach, business and personal philanthropy efforts and who demonstrates leadership characteristics in our community with proven results.

When asked for a recommendation for this award, one fellow community leader wrote: "It has never been about her or her organization but what could she do to counter the damage done by domestic abuse. With her determination, credibility, intelligence, and ability to network, Nancy built an army of advocates who share the vision that children should be nurtured, protected, and healed from the trauma they experienced through no fault of their own." Nancy was selected from over 20 nominees and 10 finalists from the Central Pennsylvania region.

2020 RANDI'S VIRTUAL RACE: ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK FOR HOPE AND COURAGE

As you may know, there is a lot of uncertainty about the spread of COVID-19 virus and the future of our communities. We have made a difficult and yet the right decision to transition Randi's Race: A 5k Run/Walk for Hope and Courage to a Virtual Race. We remain hopeful that the threat of COVID-19 will soon diminish and that we can responsibly return to our normal activities. However, public health and safety remain a top priority, and we plan to continue to follow the directives of national and local health authorities.

WHAT'S A 'VIRTUAL RACE'? A virtual race is a race you can run or walk from the location of your choice. You can run, jog, or walk on the road, on a trail, on a treadmill, or on the track. You get to run your own race, at your own pace, and time it yourself! After the virtual race, participants can post their times and be recognized on our race results page.

You may register at randishouseofangels.org and find FAQs about Randi's Virtual Race. In addition to submitting your race time, we invite you to share photos on our Facebook Event Feed, or by tagging @Randis_Race on Twitter or @randishouseofangels on Instagram. We will provide you with the tools in order to post your results, share photos, etc. Please help us spread the word with others!

GIANT BAGS 4 MY CAUSE

Many thanks to the family and friends that purchased a reusable bag at the Giant Food Store in Camp Hill. Randi's House of Angels was selected as the March 2020 beneficiary of the GIANT Bags 4 My Cause Program by store leadership at the Camp Hill GIANT. The Bags 4 My Cause campaign was successful in donating \$325 to Randi's House of Angels programs.

You can still purchase the \$2.50 reusable Bags and designate Randi's House of Angels through the Giving Tag attached to the bag.

NEVER GIVE UP! A Mother's Story

No one wants to be a statistic. Even so, as a young family, I, my husband and our two children, Cora, age 8, and Malcolm, age 4, became 2 of the 15 million children in the U.S. who witness partner violence in the home at least once over a three-year period. As an educator I knew the negative effects of witnessing domestic violence in the household increased my children's chances of using abusive behaviors, and as a mother I knew I needed support to help end the vicious circle of domestic violence in my family.

Randi's House of Angels and Randi's Camp was the answer to my prayers and the support and continuing education my children required. Through participating in Randi's Camp for five consecutive summers, my daughter Cora, now age 18, went from a shy, traumatized child to an outgoing empowered young lady. In fact, she spoke to a crowd of over 100 people during Randi's Race about her experiences at Randi's Camp; she said the camp made her feel safe and at home because she was able to share her concerns with other kids who had experienced domestic violence. My son Malcolm, now 13, has been a camper at Randi's Camp since age 6. He looks forward to the fun group activities, the yummy food, and catching up with the other campers.

The bond formed between my children and the highly qualified counselors who volunteer their time is incredible. I am grateful to know such intelligent kind-hearted people. They have empowered my family to beat the odds and not become another statistic. While overcoming domestic violence is a long journey that many choose not to make due to ignorance and lack of support, Randi's House of Angel's is a top-notch non-profit organization that will be there for you and your family in the long run. Never give up!

VENDOR SPOTLIGHT: The GIANT Company

For more than 95 years, The GIANT Company has been bringing families, friends and communities together around the table with fresh, quality products. Whether you're dropping by one of its many neighborhood stores or ordering online to have your groceries delivered right to your doorstep, the goal is the same - to make your life easier by providing a great shopping experience.

Founded in 1923 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, David Javitch opened his two-man butcher shop focused on offering the best products at the fairest prices. Nearly 100 years later, The GIANT Company, with more than 180 stores and more than 33,000 team members, remains committed to providing the community with quality, healthy options at low prices.

At the core of The GIANT Company is a longstanding history of giving back to the community. Long before it was considered trendy, the company felt it was imperative to enrich the community by giving back through service, product and financial donations. Through strategic partnerships with local food banks, children's hospitals and schools, The GIANT Company has donated back to the community more than \$100 million over the last five years.

One of the many organizations supported by The GIANT Company is Randi's House of Angels. The company and its team members have proudly partnered with the organization in its mission of providing a healing place to children exposed to domestic violence.

Since 2006, The GIANT Company has provided financial as well as in-kind support for its signature fundraising event, Randi's Race: A 5k Run/Walk for Hope and Courage. To date, support totals more than \$16,000.

In addition, Sheila Kostiuk, Director of Category Management for The GIANT Company, serves as a member of the organization's board of directors, providing guidance and expertise as the nonprofit continues its important work.

SPECIAL THANKS for the Donations to RHOA

We would like to express a special thank you to the multiple individuals, colleges, businesses and community organizations that made donations to RHOA over the last few months. The donations have supported our programs, and we are very grateful.

- Donations in Memory of Gregory A. Green
- Bernice Palmer
- Best Buy Giving Program
- Facility Concierge Services, LLC
- Mindy Akers
- Michael Serluco
- Stephanie Bradshaw
- Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church - Gleaners

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Board of Directors: Spotlight on

Julie Barley

Retired, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Partner, FHW Textiles

My ties to Randi's House of Angels began on a personal level many years ago. Randi, who my husband, Terry, and I knew briefly was a beautiful person. She was caring of others, and it was clear she had a bright future as a speech therapist. To this day I cannot imagine the emotional impact her tragic death had on Nancy, her mother. The ability to not only deal with such a loss but to go forward and build an organization dedicated to helping children demonstrates Nancy's strength and resolve. We kept in contact with Nancy through Randi's Race and other events where Nancy spoke and shared her and Randi's story. Often Randi's House of Angels was mentioned and later became a reality.

Fourteen years ago Nancy, as chair of the Cumberland County Commission for Women, recruited me to serve. As a member of the Commission's Committee Against Violence to Women I learned about domestic violence in our community through mock trials and other events. My compassion for persons living in situations of domestic violence grew. Because of a professional

background in mental health and children's services, I understood the devastating impact of trauma on the individual. However, I saw a more personal role that I could have in helping others locally.

In 2015 I was honored to be asked to serve on Randi's House of Angels board. What really brought me to the board was a desire to help develop treatment and intervention programs for children exposed to domestic violence. For that reason I have served on the Program Committee. In the last year, Randi's Kidz Club has expanded its locations, and a Randi's Klubhouse, which includes parents and younger children, was implemented. The summer therapeutic/recreational camp continues annually. Currently the Program Committee is planning an educational forum on the impact of trauma. A truly dedicated group keeps our services to children moving forward.

Across the board Randi's House of Angels has an amazing array of talented persons. Much work has gone into the expansion of fundraising, marketing and public relations. And the glue that keeps that and all of us together is Nancy.