



CELEBRATING A GO-TO PARTNER



Warren Martin as Willy Wonka with former PBN employee Sarah Carberg and her husband Kevin.



CAC member Charlie Stoss cooking at the shelter.



Melanie Lipmanis, PBN Employment & Education Team.



"Riding for Homes" Teammate and PBN CFO, Maddalena Mirand.

It's boundless! **The long list of ways Morristown law firm Porzio, Bromberg & Newman (PBN) have supported Homeless Solutions over the past decade is truly awesome.** It started when a young attorney helped launch our Young Professionals group and then the firm's commitment evolved into every aspect of our organization. PBN plays an active role in our Corporate Advisory Council and are regular cooks at the shelter. They have provided over 100 meals and their mac-n-cheese is a fan favorite!

We can count on our Porzio friends to support our events like the Dream Builders' Bash and riding on our "Riding for Homes" bike team. During our Willy Wonka themed Bash one attorney went above and beyond coming dressed as Willy himself to help sell our Golden Ticket candy bar raffle.

It's not always just the fun stuff. They have provided invaluable pro bono legal services to our program participants. Recently PBN took on representation for a single mother in our program. She was forced to leave her job because her childcare ended due to COVID and her employer denied her unemployment benefits. Thanks to PBN's guidance, this mother learned her rights and is now getting what she deserves. It's situations like this that can derail the hard work of our participants from becoming self-sufficient.

Attorney Melanie Lipomanis has shared her legal expertise on many occasions. When asked why she is passionate about HSI she said, **"The mission, the quantifiable results,**

the positive energy of the organization as a whole, and the many inspirational stories of individuals and families that have benefited from the various programs- it is a place that truly changes lives."

We can't thank PBN enough for their loyal and dedicated support to HSI and the people we serve. With each request we make – from using their conference room, to running a clothing drive, supporting our events and providing legal support - they always respond with enthusiasm and a willingness to help no matter the request.

We look forward to decades more of this great partnership.

GETTING READY FOR SCHOOL, DESPITE THE PANDEMIC



The pandemic didn't stop the **National Council of Jewish Women West Morris Section (NCJW-WM)** from making back to school shopping special for our families.

There is often a lot of worry that comes with the first day of school. Imagine the additional stress if you were homeless. The women of the NCJW-WM started the **Back-to-School Shopping Day** four years ago. They remembered how exciting it is for many children to shop for new clothes, a new backpack and especially new sneakers! They wanted the

children at HSI to experience that same joy while lessening the financial burden on their families.

The generosity of this group is extraordinary. The circumstances this year did not allow for the normal Back-to-School Store they've set up in the past; instead they were able to provide almost **\$8,000 in gift cards** so each child could get clothing and supplies to start the year off right.

Last year a teen and his mom saw one of the NCJW-WM volunteers in town. The young man came over to the volunteer with a giant smile and thanked her. He let her know what he had gotten and that he really appreciated someone helping his family. The group says its moments like this that make it so rewarding.

We also have NCJW-WM to thank for cooking at the shelter, hosting birthday parties and arts and crafts days. Volunteer Kim Kramer says being involved with HSI is fulfilling. It's not only the appreciation from the program participants, it's also the staff. "They are so passionate and committed to what they do and are so incredible to work with...they inspire us."

SAVE THE DATE WOMEN'S DAY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

- Meditation & Yoga with Julie Swenson of Soulshine Farms
- Rosé Tasting with Chris Cannon of Jockey Hollow Bar & Kitchen
- Cooking Class with Leia Gaccione of south + pine & central + main



Join us for a unique virtual experience, exciting event perks coming soon

REGISTRATION OPENS MONDAY, AUGUST 31ST

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