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*Our mission is to promote the independence, dignity, and wellness of homebound elderly and people with disabilities by matching them with supportive and caring volunteers who assist with the tasks of everyday life.*

**ICGMC Hosts Mayor and County Recognition Day  
A Celebration To Remember**

April 5<sup>th</sup> provided a fabulous opportunity for Interfaith to spread our enthusiasm for our Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) to our mayors and county officials throughout Mercer County and encourage them to recognize the dedicated volunteers who are serving in their communities.

On that date, we proudly sponsored a continental breakfast reception at the Grafton House in Hamilton. The purpose of the event was to celebrate the Corporation for National and Community Service's (CNCS) annual Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service. Through this observance, county officials and mayors nationwide recognize the impact of national service in their towns and counties, thank those who serve, and encourage citizens to give back to their communities.

The historic Grafton house provided the perfect back drop for the festivities. We were blessed to have a full house with 35 attendees gathered in this beautiful old residence. The celebration began with ICGMC's dedicated volunteer, Leo Livicchi, playing our national anthem on the harmonica, followed by an invocation by the Very Reverend Dean Rory John, Pastor of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton. As the program continued, the officials in attendance had an opportunity to come to the podium to say a few words acknowledging the dedication of our RSVP volunteers and recognizing their efforts in meeting the critical needs of their communities.



Back Row: Jeff Plunkett, Mayor Eric Jackson, Mayor Shing-Fu Hsueh, Kathy LoBue, Front Row: Eileen Thornton, Freeholders Pat Colavita and Ann Cannon, Jane Latini, Andrea New

Those addressing the gathering included Mayor Eric Jackson of Trenton; Mayor Shing Fu Hsueh of West Windsor; Jeff Plunkett, Hamilton's Director of Health, Recreation, Senior and Veterans Service, representing Mayor Kelly Yaede; and Mercer County Freeholders Ann Cannon and Pasquale Colivita. Mayor Jackson and Jeff Plunkett presented proclamations to ICGMC.

Although they were unable to personally attend, we were also very appreciative of the support extended by Brian M. Hughes, County Executive, and Janice Mironov, Mayor of East Windsor, by way of proclamations in recognition of this day of national service. Other local officials pledging their support on the CNCS website were Senator Linda Greenstein, Mayor David Maffei of Lawrenceville, Mayor Elizabeth Lempert of Princeton, and Freeholder Sam Frisby.

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**INTERFAITH**  
*Caregivers*  
GREATER MERCER COUNTY

PRESENTS

**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SHINING LIGHTS GALA**

**Save the Date**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**

Hyatt Regency  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Friends of Interfaith,  
Peace and love to you!

Every day the glory of God shines through our ability to live the sacred mission of Interfaith Caregivers. It has become our life's work to "honor" our beloved seniors by remaining steadfast and not leave them in want or in a state of deprivation. It is a daunting task, and yet, our volunteers meet the challenge every day head on and with a noble resolve to make each life a life worth living. The gift of the requested service provided pales in comparison to the deep respect, esteem and reverence conferred upon each care receiver by their volunteer. Loving our elderly comes so naturally to our volunteer family.

The priceless gifts given to us by our care receivers are intrinsic and a source of spiritual strength. I am in awe at the resiliency of our care receivers, their courage, patient acceptance, and faith, not to mention their wisdom and sense of humor! It truly is a privilege to reach later life and a pleasure to support someone in their journey.

Our programs are flourishing and meeting the increasing needs. Last year the value of our volunteer service provided to our 415 care receivers came just shy of \$500,000, an awesome gift from our 368 loving volunteers. I am so humbled and grateful to work with our dedicated Board of Trustees, amazing staff, compassionate volunteers, appreciative care receivers and many faithful donors and friends who make living the mission possible.

Now I invite you to turn off your cell phone, find a comfortable chair, pour yourself a refreshing beverage and enjoy reading the good news from your Interfaith family.

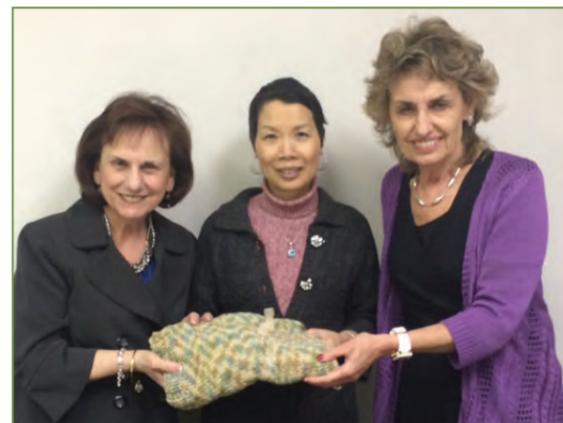
With loving gratitude,  
Jane Latini  
Executive Director



ICGMC's Lisa Patten accepts handmade weight holders for Project Healthy Bones participants from Miranda, Carina and Tina Gallagher of Girl Scout Troop 80417 from Metuchen, Edison, and Highland Park.



Joann Tarateta, Charity Coordinator of Turtle Creek Quilters delivered over 50 colorful handmade scarves for our care receivers. Made with love and gifted with hope to share—priceless!



Mona Yam from St. David the King presented shawls made with loving prayers by the St. David the King Prayer Shawl Ministry for ICGMC care receivers.

### A Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers At Interfaith Caregivers



The New Jersey Division of Aging Services and Rowan University's Institute for Successful Aging have partnered with Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County (ICGMC) to bring a new evidence-based health promotion program to caregivers of individuals with dementia.

Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers, developed at the University of Texas Health Science Center, is a multi-component program where two certified facilitators meet with a small group (up to eight people) of caregivers. The program is focused on education, support, problem-solving, and stress management. It takes a holistic approach addressing the emotional, physical, spiritual, and cognitive needs of the caregivers. Participants meet for nine weeks, for 90 minutes per week. The program has proven effective in improving the quality of life of family caregivers by helping them manage their stress and cope better with their lives.

In June, Madeline Bobb and Kathleen McGlinchy, ICGMC volunteers, were certified as master trainers able to train group facilitators to lead classes.



Madeline Bobb & Kathleen McGlinchy

They were among the first class of master trainers for this program east of the Mississippi River. The class also included representatives of the Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter, Somerset County Office on Aging, Sussex County Division of Senior Services and the NJ Division of Aging Services.

ICGMC will offer the Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers beginning Thursday, September 22nd through November 17th from 6:30-8:00pm. Special gratitude is extended to Madeline and Kathleen for implementing this new program. For registration and more information, please call Madeline Bobb at 609-631-8182.

### Welcome New Board Members



ICGMC celebrates its amazing Board of Trustees, the governing body who is responsible for overseeing the organization's activities. Board members are dedicated volunteers who serve a three year term and meet at least bimonthly to discuss and vote on the affairs of the agency.

Interfaith has recently welcomed five new Board members: Kathryn Kuhnert Aumack, Category Manager, Rutgers University Procurement Services, Nicol Nicola, New Jersey Business Industry Association, Director of Economic Research, Michelle Robb, CPA, Manager at Klatzkin & Company, LLP, Mary L. Singletary of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church and Christine M. Fares Walley, Director, Marketing, Enrollment and Business Development LIFE St. Francis.

Ongoing Board Members include: Kathy Anne Lo Bue, Chair, Robert F. Morris, Esq., Vice Chair, Elizabeth Solan, Secretary, Maureen Cozzi, Treasurer, Rosemary C. Frascella, MD, Loretta R. Kuhnert, JoAnne San Paolo, and Eileen Thornton.

**The Privilege of Old Age: A Reason To Celebrate**

This year's theme for our Older Americans Month celebration, "Blazing A Trail," guided over 100 attendees to a spectacular celebration at Mercer Oaks Catering. There, Interfaith Caregivers' Project Healthy Bones (PHB) participants and guests, enjoyed a luncheon that began with an Invocation by Reverend Jay Bowden, and the "National Anthem" played on the harmonica by Leo Livecchi. The beautifully handmade centerpieces created by Mary Lou Cimini and Marilyn Le Cerff decorated the tables. There was a tasty 'trail mix health bar' with health tips attached at each place setting.



Blazing A Trail attendees

A motivational and spirited welcome by Executive Director Jane Latini accentuated the dual celebration of Osteoporosis Awareness Month and Older Americans Month and encouraged the guests to embrace the life they live, keep active and participate in the PHB wellness and volunteer programs of Interfaith Caregivers. The Lead Coordinators and Peer Leaders of this volunteer-powered PHB program were applauded, thanked and presented with a carnation. Lead Coordinators included: Mary Lou Cimini, Gina Hopkins, Jane Latini, and Lisa Patten. Peer Leaders included: Joyce Bush, Ann Cichocki, Lucia Perez Delgado, Phyllis DiPer-



PHB Lead Coordinators and Peer Leaders

PHB Program at the three locations, The Hamilton Township Library, Trent Center West, and St. Mary's Cathedral are supported by grants from the Mercer County Office on Aging and the city of Trenton. A special proclamation presented to Dr. Steven Caruso by Freeholder Ann Cannon completed the afternoon festivities. This month Jane Latini accepted a proclamation from State of New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno on behalf of all those dedicated to the Project Healthy Bones Program.

sio, Manuela Farrell, Paula Fischer, George Jones, Lauri Harbison, Susan Jellinek, Robert Kirby, Marilyn LeCerff, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Grady, Vivian Pepe, Doris Petruska, Maria Reyes, Carolyn Selman, Mary Seroka and Ronni Shearn.



Rev. Jay Bowden leads the prayer

Interfaith's afternoon social 'blazed the trail' with three stops:

- Fuel Up - a Healthy Salad with Strawberries, Feta Cheese, and Glazed Walnuts, Penne Primavera, Chicken Piccata, and Mini Pastries
- Gear Up - an exceptionally informative and engaging presentation on "Bone Health: Osteoporosis and Fragility Fractures and what to do to avoid them" by guest speaker Dr. Steven Caruso from Trenton Orthopedic Group.
- Sing Around the Campfire - music entertainment provided by Jack Pyrah.



Singer Jack Pyrah singing a duet with Mary Lou Cimini

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Jane Latini, Freeholder Ann Cannon and Dr. Steven Caruso

**Mayor & County Recognition Day (cont.)**

ICGMC is extremely grateful for the overwhelmingly favorable response and support from our dedicated community's officials. We also give special thanks to Eileen Thornton whose inspiration and efforts made the event such a success; CNCS New Jersey State Office, Program Officer, Colleen Homer for her guidance and assistance; and to our RSVP Advisory Board members: Rosemary Durkin, Esq., Richard Eckstein, Amy Klein, Robert L. McGowan, Jean Malloy, Richard O'Grady and Elizabeth Solan.



The Very Reverend Dean Rory John, Trinity Episcopal Church, Trenton

One measure of the success of ICGMC's Mayor and County Recognition Day for National Service lies in the extent of our response to CNCS state office's request to engage three new county officials this year. Our outreach led to the signing up of 11 county officials, six of whom were new this year.

**RSVP MOVING FORWARD:**



Interfaith Caregiver's RSVP program is in full swing. Since January, we have recruited and signed up 65 volunteers to receive RSVP status. At our recent Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 26 volunteers were presented with certificates.

Being an RSVP volunteer means using the skills garnered over a life time to serve your country and your community in a unique way. We encourage anyone who is 55 and above, who would like to gain RSVP status to contact, Andrea New, RSVP Program Director. She can be reached at our office at 609.393.992 or [andrea@icgmc.org](mailto:andrea@icgmc.org).

INTERFAITH  
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GREATER MERCER COUNTY

**2016  
THE BEST OF BROADWAY**

Thursday  
August 11, 2016  
6:00 p.m.

Cedar Gardens Banquet  
661 US Highway 33  
Hamilton, NJ  
Ticket Price \$40

Call 609-393-9922 for reservations.

**Dates to Remember**

- July 27, 2016:** Outreach at Hopewell Township Senior Center
- Aug 11, 2016:** Best of Broadway, 6pm, Cedar Gardens
- Sept 2016:** Group Leader Dinner Meeting, Location TBD
- Oct 13, 2016:** 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Shining Lights Gala
- Nov. 2, 2016:** VolunteerConnect Impact Awards, Mercer Lake Boathouse
- Dec 2016:** ICGMC Holiday Open House

**Volunteer Training**

**10 am/7 pm, ICGMC Office**

- July 12
- August 9
- September 13
- October 18
- November 8
- December 13

**Loving The Elderly Until  
Death Do They Part**

Jane Latini recently gave a talk on the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death. She discussed the psychological needs of the elderly and their significant contribution and role in society as well as the role of caregivers and the unique set of challenges they may face. While acknowledging both the stresses and blessings of elder care, Jane provided insights on coping effectively and ways to experience peace in daily caregiving tasks.

To view online, visit [StGregorytheGreatchurch.org/](http://StGregorytheGreatchurch.org/) videos.

**A Noted Impact**

On Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, VolunteerConnect will honor Interfaith Caregivers at its Fourth Annual Impact Awards at Boathouse at Mercer Lake, West Windsor, at 6:00-800pm.



Save the date and join us to celebrate Interfaith's invaluable contribution through volunteerism to serve and to strengthen the Greater Mercer County community.

**The Angel Fund**

Everyone needs an angel now and then. ICGMC's Angel Fund provides financial assistance to an elderly, homebound care receiver who is experiencing great financial hardship and has no other support available to them. Currently, the Angel Fund is 100% funded through generous individual donations, and ICGMC spends approximately \$4,000 per year to assist Angel Fund recipients. During the last five months, 40 food gift baskets, 45 food gift cards, medical equipment including a portable wheelchair for travel, rental assistance and assistance for professional cleaning have eased burdens. Recently, a donation was made by Donna with this note. *"I am enclosing a check for ICGMC's Angel Fund in memory of my grandmother. She was a faithful woman and believed in helping others in need. It's been fifteen years since she left us and I miss her every day. She is my inspiration."* Please consider being the wind beneath our angel fund wings by donating, in honor of, or in memory of your loved one, to help support someone in dire need. Your gift is a gift of life.



**Gratitude for Recent Grants and Gifts:  
December 2015-May 2016**

Anonymous	Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Parish
Community Christian Choir	Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville
Curtis W. McGraw Foundation	Princeton Area Community Foundation
Fred C. Rummel Foundation	Rose and Louis Linowitz Foundation
Grace Cathedral Fellowship Ministry	Shiloh Baptist Church
Har Sinai Temple	St. Gregory the Great Church
Henry E. Niles Foundation	St. Mary's Church, Bordentown
Hill Wallack LLP	St. Mary's Cathedral
JustGive.org	St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish
Knights of Columbus #6213	St. Vincent de Paul Church
Lawrence Township Community Foundation	The Church of St. Ann
Lillian Pitkin Schenck Foundation	The Lebensfeld Foundation
Mary G. Roebing Foundation, Inc.	Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
New Jersey Manufacturer's Insurance	Union Baptist Church
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	

**Winter Group Leader Luncheon, Updates and  
Community Presentation**

ICGMC hosted a Group Leader luncheon and Community Workshop on February 25, 2016 at St. James Church, Trenton, NJ. The agenda included: Care Receiver and Group Leader survey results, agency stats for 2015, information on present grants, and updates with packets containing new forms and service codes.

A special note of gratitude is extended to Father Santhosh and Group Leaders, Michelle Perone and Joyce Raymond, for their warm hospitality and generosity in providing the meeting space and refreshments.

**"Protecting Our Most Vulnerable:  
When and Whom to Call"**

Christopher Santoro, MA, CSW, Social Work Supervisor, Mercer County Adult Protective Services presented a comprehensive review of the agency's role in protecting vulnerable adults. Below are some highlights and information on Adult Protective Services.

**What Is Abuse?**

Abuse may be physical, psychological, sexual, or financial. It may also take on the form of caregiver neglect or self-neglect, when the vulnerable adult's basic needs are not being provided for adequately.

**Who Is Vulnerable?**

A Vulnerable Adult is a person 18 years of age or older who resides in the community. They may be frail, mentally or physically disabled, or alone and isolated, with no family or other social support. These individuals are subject to harm because they cannot adequately protect themselves.

**Who Can Help?**

Anyone can contact Adult Protective Services (APS) and the person making the report is assured anonymity if requested. When a report is received, the APS agency sends a trained worker

to the alleged abused person's home to assess the validity of the report and provide services if warranted.

**What Can You Do?**

If you are aware of or suspect abuse, neglect or financial exploitation of a vulnerable adult living in the community, please call your local Adult Protective Service Agency.

**To Contact Adult Protective Services of New Jersey:** 1-800-792-8820

**To Contact Mercer County Board of Social Services, Trenton, NJ:** 609-989-4346 or 609-989-4347

**Website:**

[www.state.nj.us/health/senior/aps.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/health/senior/aps.shtml)

**Humble Deeds Acknowledged**

Recently four faithful Interfaith women were acknowledged for their impactful contributions to the greater community.

Congratulations to:

- Mary Lou Cimini, Mercer County Woman of Achievement Award,
- Jane Latini, Citizen of the Year Award, Hamilton Elks Lodge #2262,
- Kathy Anne Lo Bue, Circle of Excellence Award, The Greater Monmouth Chamber of Commerce and
- Judith A. Miles, Special Honoree, Caretaker of the Year, Trenton Ecumenical Area Ministry.



It is a blessing to have these four remarkable women play an integral role in advancing our Interfaith mission.

**Health Tips from Project Healthy Bones!**

During the 24-week session of our Project Healthy Bones classes, we enjoyed presentations from numerous guest speakers. Podiatrist Dr. Stephen Skokan presented to our participants on the importance of proper foot care and hygiene in both diabetic and non-diabetic patients.

Highlights from his presentation include:

**Foot Hygiene**

- Wash feet daily with warm water & mild soap
- Pat dry feet with a soft towel
- Moisturize feet & lower legs daily with a lotion containing Aloe Vera. Never put lotion between the toes.
- Change socks/stockings daily. Do not wear socks that have been mended or have seams. This can injure or irritate the skin.

**Foot Care**

- Wear proper fitting shoes
- Trim toenails carefully
- If nails are thickened & difficult to cut, professional services should be sought
- Do not use “medicated” corn or callous removers
- If soaking feet is preferred, use lukewarm water. Do not use Epsom’s salt as it dries out the skin and has no therapeutic value.
- Inspect feet on a daily basis for cuts, scrapes, puncture wounds or any other form of irritation or injury
- People with diabetes should see a podiatric physician at least once a year for evaluation



Trent Center West PHB participants completing the 24-week program



Nancy Distelcamp, RN, CEN presenting to Trent Center participants

Participants also learned from guest speaker, Nancy Distelcamp, RN, CEN, Injury Prevention Coordinator for the Trauma Center at Capital Health Medical Center.

Highlights from her presentation include:

**Home safety**

- Emergency numbers posted on or near the phone
- Ensure that you always have a means to contact someone if you fall and can’t get up
- Emergency exit plans exist and have been practiced
- Smoke/Carbon Dioxide detectors are properly located and are in working order- batteries are changed at least once/year & tested monthly
- Space heaters are placed where they cannot be knocked over and are not near furniture, curtains, or rugs
- Lamp, extension, and phone cords are:
  1. Out of the traffic flow
  2. Not under rugs/carpeting
  3. Not secured with nails or staples
  4. Not frayed/cracked
- Rugs, runners, and mats are slip resistant (rubber backed)
- Working flashlights are kept in the bedroom, kitchen, and living areas
- Passageways, hallways, and exits are well lit and are kept clear of clutter

**Welcome New Volunteers: November 2015-May 2016**

**Blessed Sacrament-Our Lady of the Divine Shepherd**

Annie Cyrus

**GraceWay Bible Church**

Marie Rogerson

**Incarnation-St. James Parish**

Peter Brennan  
Vincent Daidone  
Trish Fell  
Rose Johnstone  
Renee Lemieux  
Joyce Raymond  
Ronald Raymond  
Robert Ulmer

**Independent Volunteer**

Andrea Lomi  
Lynn Ralph  
Rishita Patlolla  
Dawn Szeker  
George Volk  
Patricia Volk

**Our Lady of Sorrows-St. Anthony Parish**

Linda Decke-Debois  
Celeste Diehl  
Joseph DiLiberto  
Don Herbst  
Karen McNeal, Group Leader  
Donna Sullivan  
Carmella Whetstone

**Shiloh Baptist Church**

Pearl Lawrence, Group Leader

**Our Lady of the Angels Parish**

Jairo Badilla  
Junior Santos  
Joseph Sobalbarro  
Enid Lorena Matarrita Toruno

**St. David the King Church**

Sue Krawczyk

**St. Gregory the Great Church**

Dan Aranha  
Gina Bedard  
John Berei

Joanne Brink  
Kenneth Brink  
Nina Donnelly  
Renee Fisher  
Martha Fox  
Denise Goldenbaum  
Jon Christopher Kapferer  
Rita Marcocci  
Nancy Massari  
Eileen Monacchio  
Dan Parrotta  
Christina Pontani  
Theresa Stearle  
Mark Walsh  
Kim Yurcisin

**St. James Church**

Helene Erich

**St. John the Baptist Church**

Richard Cardillo  
Robert Kline

**St. Mary’s Church Bordentown**

William Lueckel  
Carol Miller  
Sidney Morginstin  
Anica Torres  
Beth Zervos

**St. Raphael-Holy Angels Parish**

Patricia Bisogno  
Diane Goettler  
Deborah Motherwell

**St. Vincent de Paul Church**

Emilia Mattson

**The Church of St. Ann**

Joann Friesen

**Union Baptist Church**

Wayne Collins  
Janice Howard-Jackson

**A Community Champion**

ICGMC Board of Trustee Betsy Solan was recently honored at the Molina Healthcare Community Champions Awards dinner. Her countless contributions through active participation on multiple boards, grant writer, volunteer, mentor, consultant and friend have earned her the nomination of “Community Champion.” Congratulations Betsy and thank you for your selfless contributions that positively affect the health and well-being of others in our community.



Del Bell, Vice President of Regional Operations, Betsy Solan, Vanessa Phillips, Volunteer Manager

**Thanks to ICGMC Staff for their hard work and dedication!**



Standing: Lauri Harbison, Dottie Richardson, Lisa Patten, Nancy Remer  
Sitting: Jane Hargraves, Jane Latini, Andrea New

**An Evening of Inspiration and Unity**

On a magnificent April evening, over two hundred joy-filled people gathered to celebrate each other and their call to compassionate, loving service. The welcoming and heartfelt words of Executive Director Jane Latini set the tone of unity and love. “You are a holy people, the salt of the earth, the life-changers and a profound source of inspiration and healing.” Reverend George Kozhippadan Santhosh, pastor of Incarnation-St. James Parish, united all in prayer and bestowed a blessing upon the guests.



Guests in prayer



Marge Smith

The theme of unity resounded in the sincere words of vivacious guest speaker, Marge Smith, a pillar in the nonprofit world, “To me, Interfaith Caregivers means that we are all united here tonight across all faiths; caring about what happens to others and helping individuals age in place.” A master presenter and leader in the field of volunteer and nonprofit management, Marge declared everyone “amazing” and had guests greet each other and share why they were amazing. Excitement, chatter and engagement ensued. Her inspiring message continued as she emphasized being valuable and open. Here Marge had everyone make a fist, a symbol of being closed. Opening our hands symbolized what volunteers do: engage with others and be transformed by the experience, through the power of giving and receiving. Marge cited the five languages of love by Gary Chapman: words of affirmation, touch, acts of service, quality time and gifts. Indeed, Interfaith volunteers speak all the love languages and are gifts. To

highlight the qualities of being responsible and reliable, Marge connected everyone with a moving You Tube video, Count on me, 1 2 3, I’ll be there! Who would have thought the volunteers had such wonderful voices? Marge, of course! Marge, you’re amazing!

During the evening, special acknowledgments were given in a number of areas:

- Andrea New, our RSVP Program Director, welcomed and presented certificates to volunteers with RSVP status, a first for Interfaith Caregivers!
- The Two Incredibles recognized this evening were IT “Incredibly Thoughtful” volunteer Angelo Milioto and graphic designer guru, Marcia Matrisciano.
- Over 50 beautiful prayer shawls for our care receivers were provided by Joanne Terateta and the Turtle Creek Quilters.
- Jay Greenberg was gratefully recognized on completing his board term.
- Freeholders Ann Cannon, Pasquale Colavita, Andrew Koontz, and Lucy Walter joined our celebration in honor of our county-wide volunteers.



Angelo and Claire Milioto



Kathy Lo Bue

Great fun and laughter continued as the 50-50 raffle was drawn awarded and quickly returned to Interfaith by the gracious and generous Kathy and Tony Lo Bue. Only our beloved Board Chair Kathy could bring down the house with love, laughter and a twinkle in her eye!

This memorable evening was made possible by our generous sponsors and supporters, musicians Leo Livecchi and Michael Bernabe, program de-

signer Susan Scibilia, florist Pamela Baumley, Mercer Oaks event coordinator Samantha Boudinot and her staff, photographer Deacon Joe Moore, 50/50 sellers Deacon Joe Latini, Jay Greenberg and Tom Hargraves, the staff, Board of Trustees and many faithful supporters.

Reverend Darrell Armstrong, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, closed the evening with a profound reflection and prayer professing the all-inclusive family of Interfaith Caregivers that reaches across cultures, faiths, ethnicities, and race. Truly all were inspired and united in love.

**A Reflection by Volunteer Mary Lou Cimini On Receiving the Mercer County Woman of Achievement Award**

And so with the grace of God, through the silent achievers, the quietness of altruism is born.

THE VOLUNTEER...

**V**...gives a voice to someone whose words are becoming silent.

**O**...opportunity to enrich the quality of someone’s life. And maybe, MY OWN LIFE.

**L**...LOVE, GOD’S GREATEST COMMANDMENT.

And the greatest gift we could bestow on another. **U**...Unites the knots of another’s burdens and struggles. Suffering, when shared, becomes a lighter cross.

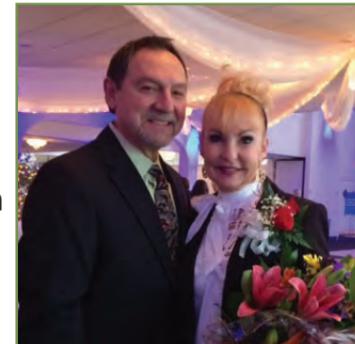
**N**...Become a Never-ending source of light to others.

**T**...Time...the most precious gift to give another is YOUR time.

**E**...Because everyone needs help sometime.

**E**...Exchange of hearts and souls.

**R**... Recognize, Relate, Refresh, and Restore someone’s spirit. It is the magic of volunteering that makes us achievers, and God’s grace that makes us a beacon in His world.



Frank and Mary Lou Cimini

**Hope and Reconciliation:  
A Path to Understanding**

Interfaith Caregivers hosted its first book signing, *Smoke Over Mississippi: A Journey of Hope and Reconciliation*, on April 6th at the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church.



Rev. Armstrong, Rev. Vamos, and Rev. Renick

Author Dr. Rev. Oren Renick shared his motivation to write this inspirational story of his mentor Dr. Rev. William Penn Davis, a Baptist preacher who worked energetically to build bridges of understanding and friendship between black and white Mississippi Baptists. “People thirst for a hero and one who can be emulated,” Renick says. “Dr. William Penn Davis is a man whose mission to be his ‘brother’s brother’ should appeal to anyone who believes in mercy and justice.”



Attendee with Rev. Renick

Rev. Darryl Armstrong, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and Rev. Jeff Vamos, pastor of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church gave personal commentary and facilitated a lively and thought

provoking discussion. The 90 minute event concluded with personal book signing by Dr. Renick who is a Professor in the School of Health Administration at Texas State University, San Marcos. Dr. Rev. Renick is the immediate past Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Volunteer Caregiving Network (NVCN).

Special thanks to our host, Rev. Vamos and Board Members Christine Fares Walley and Kathryn Kuhnert Aumack for organizing this successful event.