It’s a special time at Oasis as we celebrate our platinum anniversary. Due to the support of thousands of kind volunteers, generous donors, and dedicated staff, we have come a long way from our founding at 320 Main Street in Paterson 20 years ago. In that building, our founders Ann Wagner and Christine DeVita Breit rallied their friends and set about filling some very real needs—feeding hungry women and children, then teaching them English or helping them earn their high school diploma. Other friends were brought in to care for the children of these moms, with all this activity taking place in one large room. With this abundance of love and care, Oasis was born.

When the need for more space to serve clients became too great, and leaking pipes and cracking walls too numerous, Oasis friends and supporters stepped up even further, led by the Board of Directors. These leaders knew transformational, not incremental, change was needed in this community. In 2008, they invested in the future of hundreds of women and children in need, purchasing land on Mill Street and building a three-story headquarters. We live out their vision each day as we continue to help women break the cycle of poverty. We walk with these women as they make better decisions or build their self-esteem; prepare for employment or take steps toward financial independence. We work with children as they struggle to catch-up academically or manage the stress of living in poverty or challenging circumstances. And every day, this work continues.

We hope you enjoy this “look back” over the first two decades, as well as some thoughts on what comes next. And we couldn’t do it without you—thank you!
This year marks the 20th Anniversary of Oasis’ work to improve lives in Paterson. As we look back over the past two decades and the thousands of women and children whose lives have been changed by Oasis’ transformational programs, we know that the miracles that happen at 59 Mill Street each and every day would not happen without your support.

Our founders, Ann Wagner and Chris Breit, could have only imagined when they opened the doors to Oasis twenty years ago that today, in 2016, we’d be serving over 600 women and children each day!

Over the years, Oasis has grown into a holistic program, helping women and children rise out of poverty and learn how to create brighter futures. Our philosophy of providing educational opportunities to women and children while addressing underlying issues and basic needs is a replicable model – and one that works.

And there is so much more to be done here in Paterson. We know that, with you as a partner in our mission, Oasis will continue to respond to the needs of some of the most vulnerable women and children in our midst. As we look to the future and all the lives we have yet to touch, we thank you for your past support and all that we will accomplish together in the years to come!

**Volunteer Spotlight - Ann Kautzmann**

Early in 2016, Oasis Executive Director Jennifer Brady visited the children and families of the Willard School in Ridgewood and spoke about the myriad of ways that the school community can help women and children in need at Oasis. Out of that gathering, Oasis received numerous donations of Easter goodies as well as diapers and other baby supplies. But Oasis also gained some amazing volunteers, including Ann Kautzmann, who gives of her time and energy to our adult education students.

Ann began volunteering at Oasis in March of 2016 and gravitated toward our adult learners, committing herself to weekly volunteering in the English-as-a-second-language program. Ann has helped with lesson plans, creating conversations of different topics and making learning fun for every student. In addition, she volunteers in the Workplace Readiness Program, helping women prepare for job interviews, and the Computer Lab, teaching basic computer literacy. She has also helped to further connect the Willard School with Oasis, organizing a school supply drive in early summer of items that were left over from the school year. We are so fortunate that Ann found Oasis as she is such a compassionate, committed, and dedicated volunteer!

**Thank you, Abma’s Farm!**

Throughout 2016, the women and children of Oasis have benefited from fresh fruit, vegetables, meats, and other food from Abma’s Farm in Wyckoff. Chef Jayne was able to supplement the food grown in our garden with these nutritious fresh items due to the donation of “turkey bucks” from Abma customers and an Abma Farm match. We are so grateful for this partnership!
20TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT SCHEDULE

A NIGHT AT THE RACES - FEBRUARY 9, 2017

What could be more fun than a virtual horse racing experience in a friendly, family-style dinner setting? Guests bet on horse races using "funny money" and then get to cheer on their horses when watching a taped thoroughbred race. Winnings are converted into tricky tray raffle tickets for a chance to win over 50 prizes.

This is a popular event for friends, families, co-workers and anyone who likes some competitive fun. It's easy to get a table together to enjoy a delicious meal plus beer and wine. Tickets are $75 per person. Sponsorships are available and range from $1,000-$5,000.

GALA OF HOPE - MARCH 31, 2017

In 1997 the founders of Oasis dreamt of a place where women and children could be fed and educated safe from the dangers of Paterson. In order to make this dream a reality, they invited their friends and family to the very first Oasis Dinner Dance. The funds raised that night allowed us to open our doors. This year we will celebrate our 21st gathering at the Oasis Gala of Hope.

During this milestone year, the Gala is more important to us than ever. The money raised allows us to continue educating, empowering, and exceeding the expectations our founders envisioned for us all those years ago. Tickets are $350. Sponsorships range from $250-$50,000.

GOLF OUTING - JUNE 12, 2017

Join us for this must-attend golf outing of the spring season at the majestic and exclusive Ridgewood Country Club. Spend a fantastic day on these hard-to-get-on greens with friends or coworkers all for a good cause.

The day includes lunch, various contests like “beat the pro” and a hole in one contest, cocktail hour, and dinner. Tickets are $800 per person. Sponsorships range from $500-$15,000.

For more information please visit www.OasisNJ.org/events or contact the Development Department email@oasisnj.org | (973) 881-8307 x105
**Oasis Through the Years**

- **1997**: First Dinner Dance to fund the opening of Oasis
- **2002**: Oasis begins feeding women and children
- **2004**: Oasis launches GED and ESL adult education programs
- **2005**: Construction on 59 Mill St begins
- **2007**: New building completed; Oasis currently serves over 600 women and children daily at 59 Mill St.
- **2010**: First women graduate from Workplace Readiness Program; Oasis trains 100 women annually in this program plus certificate programs

### Education

- **1997**: Michael Wagner After-School Program and Carl's Kids Summer Camp begin; After-School currently serves 100 children daily; Camp serves 170 during the summer
- **2005**: First annual Golf Outing
- **2007**: First annual Oktoberfest
- **2010**: Purchased property for a new building

### Love
First paid client internships begin as part of the Workplace Readiness Program; Oasis offers up to 24 internships annually for hands-on work experience.

Photography program begins.

Started serving breakfast daily.

Garden is built.

2012

TEEN Girls program begins; currently serves over 40 girls on a regular basis.

2013

“Rise and Shine” Saturday programming begins; now serving 140 kids on Saturdays.

2014

2015

Citizenship class begins.

2016

TEEN Boys program begins; currently serves over 20 boys on a regular basis.
We are excited to announce another opportunity for individuals and groups to support Oasis with a special donation that also allows for volunteering alongside the women and children of Oasis.

**Homework Heroes** is a sponsorship for individuals or groups looking to make a difference in our Michael Wagner After-School program. For just $250, your group can sponsor the academic enhancements of our after-school program for a whole afternoon, as well as participate in tutoring and other activities with our kids from 4pm - 5:30pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Celebrate your birthday as a Homework Hero, or maybe use it as a team-building opportunity with your work colleagues!

We are also continuing our **Lunches with Love** program that supports the cost of a meal in our soup kitchen. For just $144, you can provide an entire day of meals at Oasis, feeding 250 people on average. As you can see to the right, many people use this opportunity to honor or remember someone special in their life.

Oasis will commemorate your donation with a formal acknowledgment, signage throughout Oasis on your special day, and the posting of your picture to social media. Whether you can join us at lunch time or can come by near the end of your day, we need your help to keep these programs strong. Join us today!

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**Many thanks to all those who donated a “LUNCHES WITH LOVE” from June through September!**

- KPMG
- Priti Shetty
  - In honor of Pooja’s 16th birthday
- Rosa Mercado—former client
- Sandy Kelman
  - In memory of Larry Kelman
- Gay and Bill Grier
  - in honor of Audrey Grier’s birthday
- Nurses of St. Joseph’s Medical Center - Seton 3 (two lunches)
- Shrabani Mondal
  - In honor of her 40th birthday
- John Lehmann
- Jane and Pat Donohue
  - In memory of Jack Buckler
- Health and Wellness Partners

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**Payment Method**

*Checks made payable to OASIS. Sponsorship opportunities also available online at oasisnj.org*

Name: _____________________________ Company Name: _____________________________

Address: ___________________________ City: ___________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Telephone: __________________________ Email Address: __________________________

Is this gift in honor (or in memory) of someone? _____Yes _____No

Please print the name of the person/group being honored: ____________________________________________

To what name and address should we send the acknowledgement card?: ____________________________________________

Card Type (please circle): MasterCard AMEX Visa Discover

Card Number: ___________________________ Exp: __________ Sec. Code: __________

Signature: ___________________________________________ Today’s Date: ________________
It was a busy summer at Oasis! **Row one,** l-r: the Elayan family collected toys for our Carl’s Kids Summer Camp “Christmas in July” party; the Ho-Ho-Kus Girl Scouts collected arts and crafts supplies for our campers; Our Pool Company of Midland Park made a donation to Oasis for every pool opening this year. **Row two:** Goffin’s 64 Park collected lightly used Brighton Handbags for Oasis; Carmela and Claire, children of John Lasalandra and Joe Russell, collected money for Oasis at a lemonade stand this summer; **Row three:** Volunteers from Nestle treated our summer campers to an ice cream party; The Children’s Place donated backpacks for back-to-school; our campers enjoyed a field trip to the Crayola factory; **Row four:** Campers learned how to swim at the Wyckoff Y; after-school students received backpacks from St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center; and our teen boys enjoyed a summer program that included learning how to change a tire!
LOBS FOR LOVE

It was another fabulous year of paddle tennis in support of the programs of Oasis at Lobs for Love on Wednesday, October 5. Special thanks to organizers Celine Salvi (second from right) and Leslie Rubacky (far right, pictured with Oasis Executive Director Jen Brady, Founder Ann Wagner, and Special Events Coordinator Lynn McCormack). Their efforts resulted in $11,000 raised to transform lives in Paterson! We are also grateful for the many tricky tray items gathered by the committee and for vendors like Flirty Finds, Preppy Player (left, bottom right picture), and Red Tee Boutique (center, bottom right picture). Finally, thanks to all the players who gathered partners and squared off for a day of fun, sun, and charity!

OASIS ASSOCIATES

Are you a 20- or 30-something who loves the programs of Oasis and wants to get more engaged?

Oasis Associates is for you!

Did your kids grow up volunteering at or organizing collection drives for Oasis? Are they looking for ways to give back now that they are entering the work world?

Oasis Associates is for them too!

Join the Oasis Associates Group on LinkedIn to learn more and connect with others just like you.

And save the date for a special Oasis Associates happy hour—Tuesday, November 29, 2016 #GivingTuesday Details to follow

TWO DECADES OF SERVICE, WITH MORE ON THE WAY

So what is ahead for Oasis? The staff and Board of Directors are focused on ways we can better help women and children transform their lives and rise out of poverty. This includes investments of energy and resources in the following ways:

We are increasing our academic and social services support to better help our youth succeed in school, manage stress and challenges, and prepare for future success.

We are enhancing our Workplace Readiness Program, providing clients with more holistic support and connections to job prospects.

We are adding new adult education opportunities on the weekend—from sewing to ESL to high school equivalency. We are also improving our assessments and outcome measurements to better serve our students.

We are completing a five-year strategic plan that will help support our programs and services and provide direction to our growth. We remain committed to serving women and children in need, and we are grateful for the countless friends and partners who make this service possible. Look out, next 20 years—we’ve got our eyes on you!