The mission of Oasis is to change the lives of women and children by breaking the cycle of poverty through compassionate programs designed to feed, clothe, educate and empower women and children in need.

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Paterson Youth Photography Program (PYPP) at Oasis

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Oasis is in the second year of leading this very special program for Paterson youth. PYPP is staffed by volunteer photographers and focused on introducing digital photography to inner city children as a means for self-expression and an opportunity for personal growth. “We started this program because so many Paterson kids have little or no experience with photography, art exhibits, or field trips,” said founder and volunteer Gwenn Levine. “We wanted to help them see the world differently.” PYPP is supported by private donations and a grant from the Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council.

Fifteen youngsters, aged 8–13, meet at Oasis on Saturday mornings each semester to learn techniques and practice in different environments. Lessons include elements of composition; reflections, shadows and distortion; buildings and structures; motion, still life and portraits; and “making the ordinary extraordinary.” This year, the PYPP teachers will also support a seasonal seminar for the students at Paterson Public School #7 through a partnership with Passaic County Community College.

Some of the best feedback about the program comes from the students themselves. When asked what she learned about herself from taking photographs, Nicole, age 12, said “I learned that when I start taking pictures I can’t stop because I love it so much.” When asked what she liked best about the program, Atalyah, age 12, said “It’s not about what you take but how you take it.” We look forward to showcasing this semester’s talented students at a reception at Oasis on December 10 where they will exhibit their work for their parents and the community.
MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SISTER GLORIA PEREZ

Dear Friends,

This issue of our newsletter features a wonderful program here at Oasis. The Paterson Youth Photography Program allows our urban children to see everything around them with new eyes. We are blessed to have these classes at Oasis and are most grateful to the volunteer photographers who make this program possible. PYPP, along with our After-School Program and Summer Camp, allows the youth of our area to widen their horizons and see beyond their present lives.

All of the services and programs at Oasis are here to help our women and children see beyond the present moment. Our educational classes and special certificate programs give a step up out of poverty.

We are so very grateful to all of you for enabling us to do so. May God bless you. 
Sister Gloria

This September, Oasis was chosen as one of two beneficiaries of the Park Steakhouse/Park West Tavern Golf Classic. About 100 golfers enjoyed a gorgeous day at New York Country Club, as well as a raffle for two tickets to the Super Bowl and a silent auction. We are very grateful to Randy Carson, owner of both restaurants (pictured above with Oasis Staff Kathleen Long and Signe Howard, left, and wife Diane, right), for the donation of over $8,500 for the programs and services of Oasis.

It was another great year of paddle tennis in support of Oasis. The 6th Annual Lobs for Love elimination tournament took place on a Wednesday, October 8 with a full participant list and gorgeous weather! The event raised over $13,000 and included dozens of tricky tray items and clothing/accessory vendors who donated 10% of purchases to Oasis.

Thanks to these community members for other special donations this summer!

- John Spatz and RBC Capital Markets raised over $3,000 for Oasis through “Jeans Fridays.”
- Allendale teen Julia Pash collected over 200 backpacks with school supplies for the Oasis Carl’s Kids campers! Special thanks to donations from Benjamin Moore and the Children’s Place.
- Jersey Women Strong again supported the TEEN Program at its 2nd annual shopping event.
- Teen Henry Pearson of Ho-Ho-Kus collected 75 food bags in a drive for our pantry.
- John O’Hagan donated concert tickets that raised close to $2,000 in a virtual auction for Oasis.
- Parishioners of St. Elizabeth’s in Wyckoff contributed over 800 food bags and close to $3,500 for our food pantry from June through September.
- BD donated $2,000 from their Executive Women’s Day Reception at the Barclays to Oasis.
CHANGING LIVES ONE WOMAN AND CHILD AT A TIME

SEEN AROUND OASIS

Our Carl’s Kids Campers enjoyed a wonderful summer, especially their time at the Wyckoff Family YMCA three days a week. From science projects to arts and crafts, swim lessons to sports, our children enjoyed many of the same activities as their suburban counterparts. Thanks to all who support this program which truly enriches the lives of underserved youth.

School is back in session at Oasis, with over 300 students registered in our adult education and workplace readiness programs. We have dozens of little ones spending time in our two on-site child care centers, and 85 children registered in our After-School Program. Additionally, 20 young women are participating in our TEEN Program. Finally, lunch has been very busy this autumn, with us serving almost 200 women on average each day.

In a special way, we would like to thank our volunteers who have returned this year and help us do the work that we do—in the classroom, with the kids, and in the dining room!

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State: _____ Zip: _______ Telephone:_____________ Email Address: __________________________

NUMBER OF TICKETS: ____________ AT $50 PER TICKET = ________________________

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TICKETS CAN ALSO BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT WWW.OASISNJ.ORG.

NEIMAN MARCUS ARTISTS’ CHOICE AWARDS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4—11AM-1PM

Join us for a fun beauty and fashion special event at the Garden State Plaza! On November 4, Neiman Marcus Makeup Artists will share their picks of the best products of the year. The event will also include a showcase of in-season and festive special occasion fashion, as well as basket raffles with products from Artists’ Choice Award winners. Tickets are $50 each and include lite bites and bubbly. Come join us on an extended lunch hour! Visit www.oasisnj.org for more details.

Clockwise from top left: The first day brought smiles and snacks in our Children’s Center; the “Kids from Ho-Ho-Kus” raised money at a home movie night for the Lunches with Love Program; the Teen Program hosted its own “Minute to Win It” challenge; campers enjoyed science projects with water and light; a water balloon toss helped close out camp; Mr. Andrew and his full class on the first day of Computers.

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Boiling Springs Savings Bank — Community Alliance Program (CAP)

Join the CAP Program and Boiling Springs will support Oasis through a quarterly donation—at no cost to you. Just go to www.bssbank.com and click on Community Alliance Program. There you can fill out the form to designate your current or new accounts for Oasis. We need just a few more designations to begin earning quarterly payouts from BSSB. It takes only a minute! Additionally, the Wyckoff branch of BSSB is hosting a baby item drive for Oasis throughout October, and a “Coins for a Cause” day for Oasis on October 25. All support is greatly appreciated!

Rite Aid — Kid Cents Charity

We are excited to announce that we are now an official KidCents charity! KidCents is a program created by The Rite Aid Foundation that allows Rite Aid customers to round up their purchases to the nearest dollar and donate their change to help support kid-focused charities. As an inaugural Kid Cents charity, we also received a generous donation of $10,000 from The Rite Aid Foundation.

To join the program, visit www.kidcents.com and follow the steps online to become a Rite Aid wellness+ member (join for free) and enroll in the KidCents program.

After you join wellness+ (or if you are already a wellness+ member), login on www.kidcents.com and click “Select a Charity” on the website menu. Search for Oasis, and then click on the “Select this Charity” button. Now the next time you shop at Rite Aid, your change will be rounded up for Oasis!

Gift Cards for a Cause!

Do you buy a lot of gift cards during the holiday season?

This year buy them through Oasis and we will earn a percentage of the sales!

Oasis Board Member and Volunteer Debbie Duffy will lead this new initiative.

We will list available vendors and an order form on our website.

Keep an eye out for an email announcing the program in a few weeks!

Volunteer Spotlight

Oasis is blessed with so many fantastic volunteers. We asked our “Wednesday crew,” who are some of the most regular faces in the dining room, to share a bit about themselves and their volunteer time at Oasis!

Nancy Moore (left): I live in Glen Rock, and have been volunteering about 6 years, first working in the nurturing center and food pantry and now Wednesday lunch. I feel like I get so much more out of volunteering than the time that I put in!

Delia Gunning (middle): I live in Fair Lawn and have been coming for about 2.5 years. It gives me a great satisfaction to be able to give back—and pay it forward!

Barbara Winkler (right): I live in North Halden and have volunteered at Oasis for about 6 years, starting first in the ESL program. I enjoy the ladies and their children. Their gratefulness always makes me smile.

Sandy Kelman (not pictured): I live in Verona and have served here about 2 years, and love every minute. Can’t get enough of the staff and wonderful people!

Friends of Oasis Breakfast

Looking for a FREE way to learn more about Oasis from both clients and staff?

Or a chance to invite friends or co-workers to learn more and take a tour?

Join us for a free breakfast on Wednesday, November 12, 2014
The Brownstone, Paterson, NJ
9am-10am
Check-in opens at 8:30am

To RSVP and learn more, contact Lynn McCormack at lynnmccormack@oasisnj.org.