When Executive Director Jennifer Brady started at Oasis, one of the first clients she met was Claudia. An attendee of the Michael Wagner After-School Program, Claudia is a bright and friendly 10-year old whose dreams reach beyond her narrow world of Paterson's First Ward.

“One of the first things she told me was that she wanted to become a doctor when she grew up, but she wasn’t sure if that would be possible,” Jennifer said. “I mentioned that through a connection at St. Joseph’s Hospital, we could introduce her to a doctor and possibly have her go on a tour of the hospital. Her eyes brightened and she got so excited. While some might see this as a very small thing, we know how important it is to help our students’ dreams grow. It can literally change the trajectory of their lives, and that’s what we are here to do.”

The After-School Program is one of the longest running programs of Oasis. Serving 85 kids aged 6-12, the program provides a safe place for children to go after the final school bell. These students, many of whom attend Paterson School #2 just two blocks away, would otherwise go home to mean streets and empty houses as their parents are still at work.

Instead, they join us at Oasis each afternoon, where we provide homework help as well as recreational and educational activities. They are surrounded by caring adults who are invested in their present and their future, encouraging them to dream big.

Through a partnership with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and Feeding America, a national network of over 200 regional food banks, the After-School Program is also one of 27 Kids Cafe sites in the State of New Jersey. Kids Cafe is the nation’s largest after-school meal service, providing both a snack at the start of the program and a hot meal before the students leave for the night.

We invite any and all friends of Oasis to join us between 3:30pm-6pm to meet some of these dreamers. You’ll quickly realize you too can change a life through your friendship, support and encouragement!
MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER BRADY

What a blessing it is to be at Oasis! To see firsthand the many ways that Oasis is changing lives is to witness miracles here on Mill Street, every day. In the two months since I began here, we have seen women celebrate the passing of their GED test, Workplace Readiness students finding employment, and teen girls receiving scholarships to go to college. We have heard children talk about their dreams – to get an education, find a career (see Claudia’s story), help their families rise out of poverty, and feel safe. We have seen the hungry wait in line for a meal and the homeless find help and hope. We have seen your support in action. Every day.

We also see how much more there is to do. There is no doubt we could double our programs tomorrow, add more classes, and expand our work to help the poor among us. The need is great, and so is our commitment to help the women and children who turn to us for hope.

Yes, it is a blessing to be at Oasis. But we know, there would be no Oasis without YOU! If it’s been a while since you have visited, I invite you to come and see for yourself the miracles that we witness here every day. After all, by virtue of your support, you are part of the miracle that is Oasis!

With a grateful heart, Jen Brady

3RD ANNUAL “NIGHT AT THE RACES” BEEFSTEAK

On Thursday, February 26, over 175 guests joined us at the Brownstone in Paterson for a fun night of great food and virtual horse racing, with all the proceeds supporting Oasis. Attendees purchased “funny money” to bet on five races throughout the evening, and earned tickets to use in a tricky tray raffle of over 40 great baskets. Supporters were also able to “purchase” horses and then join Executive Director Jen Brady in the winner’s circle for a celebratory bottle of champagne. Special thanks to Bud Maltin and Bill Galbo for donating their services and keeping the crowd entertained throughout the evening as both DJs and live performers!

Special Thanks to Our Sponsors!

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Top row: Attendees enjoyed dinner while watching races on the big screen. Middle row: Steve Ohle, Debbie Duffy, Tom Duffy, and Bob Duffy; the Winner’s Circle. Bottom row: Executive Director Jen Brady with grand prize winner Chris DePhillips; conga lines and horse-racing...perfect together.

We are also grateful to the close to 30 individuals and organizations who donated items for the tricky tray raffle. Our event wouldn’t be such a great success without you!
8TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2015
REGISTRATION 10:00AM

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

__ EVENT SPONSOR $15,000 INCLUDES FOURSOME, TEE SIGN, AND TITLE SPONSOR LISTING ON EVENT SIGNAGE AND MATERIALS.

__ DINNER SPONSOR $12,500 INCLUDES FOURSOME, TEE SIGN, AND PROMINENT SPONSOR LISTING ON EVENT SIGNAGE AND MATERIALS.

__ GIFT SPONSOR $10,000 INCLUDES FOURSOME, TEE SIGN.

__ COCKTAIL HOUR SPONSOR $7,500 INCLUDES FOURSOME, TEE SIGN & EVENT SIGNAGE.

__ LUNCH SPONSOR $6,000 INCLUDES FOURSOME, TEE SIGN, & EVENT SIGNAGE.

__ SHOOT-OUT SPONSOR $5,000 WILL AWARD GIFTS TO WINNERS

__ UMBRELLA SPONSOR $4,000 INCLUDES LOGO ON UMBRELLA

__ BEVERAGE SPONSOR $3,500

__ PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR $3,000

__ LONGEST DRIVE CONTEST SPONSOR $2,500

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__ CLOSEST TO THE PIN SPONSOR $1,500

__ CART SPONSOR $1,000

__ TEE SPONSOR $500 MINIMUM DONATION

Sponsors as of 3/27/15
Event: Railroad Construction Co.
Dinner: Joe and Melissa Kelly
Shoot-Out: SaxBST

TICKET OPPORTUNITIES

__ GOLFER(S) $800 PER PERSON (INCLUDES GOLF, LUNCH & DINNER)

__ FOURSOME(S) $3,200

__ FOURSOME(S) WITH TEE SPONSOR $3,500

__ GUEST(S) FOR COCKTAILS AND DINNER $150 PER PERSON

TOTAL $______________

NAME: ____________________________________________

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Return by June 1 or you can purchase your tickets online at www.OASISNJ.ORG.

For more information please contact Lynn McCormack at lynnmmccormack@oasisnj.org or (973) 881-8307 ext 108.
Many thanks to all those who donated a “LUNCHES WITH LOVE” from January through mid-March!

Purchase yours for only $139 to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion. Contact (973) 881-8307 x133 to learn more.

- Eva Aberta in memory of George Roy
- Allendale Women’s Club
- Debbie Duffy (two lunches) in memory of Johny Anderson, in memory of Nicholas Gagis
- Health & Wellness Partners (five lunches)
- Jane and Sean Dalton (four lunches) in honor of Marie McKeon
- Friends of Oasis in honor of Oasis families and staff
- Sandy Kelman Celebrating the wonderful years together of Larry and Sandy
- Jacqueline Licata-Alectoridis in memory of Elizabeth “Betty” Karam

Did you know that…..

Walmart awarded Oasis a grant to provide fresh produce in our dining room throughout the year.

Thank you, Walmart!

We are grateful for the many groups who supported us in special ways this winter:

- Top left: Debbie Cannariato (left) and Theresa O’Keefe (middle) delivered a $7,500 grant from Boiling Springs Savings Bank for adult education in early January.
- Top right: Volunteers from KPMG donated 500 children’s books and spent time with the little ones in our Children’s Center in January.
- Bottom left & right: Leaders from Konica Minolta delivered a check for $21,000 from their foundation and helped serve lunch in March.

Grape Gallop
Saturday, May 9, 2015

Oasis adds a fun event to its fundraising calendar—the Grape Gallop!

Participate in either the 2-mile or 3.5-mile race and enjoy a tasting of Alba Vineyard’s Wines.

Oasis is the charity beneficiary of both races this year—May 9 and October 10.

Registration fees:

Race + Wine Tasting
Early bird (by April 9) $50
Pre-registration (by May 7) $55
Day of race $60

Designated Driver (No Tasting)
Pre-registration (by May 7) $35

Included in ticket price is a race t-shirt, Grape Gallop exclusive tote bag, and Grape Gallop stemless wine glass.

Race day schedule:

Registration/check in opens 8:30 AM
Race start 10:00 AM
Wine tasting opens 10:45 AM

Visit www.grapegallopnj.com to register or to learn more about the race and its location!