Craig Salerno (left, above) is a true gift to the young men of Paterson this year. After first being introduced to Oasis through the Montclair Student Council on Family Relations, and then joining us as a volunteer, Craig took the bold step to help Oasis found a Boys Teen Empowerment and Enrichment Network (TEEN) Program as his senior internship project at Montclair State University. It mirrors the Girls TEEN Program established at Oasis in 2012 and provides a safe and supportive environment to young men from throughout Paterson.

The teen boys meet three times a week for homework help, food, activities, and workshops. Craig regularly quizzes them with “history facts of the day” and plans fun activities like making candy sushi from fruit roll ups, marshmallows, pop tarts, and rice crispies. College planning is part of the curriculum, and as most of the current class of teen boys are in 8th grade, Craig helps them envision and outline their high school years to prepare for applying to college. “I did an activity where they thought about their future goals and then outlined what they should do every year to get there. Now when the time comes to apply for college, all their activities and class choices are nicely organized and centered on their future goals.”

The boys play basketball and soccer outside as often as possible, but also expand their horizons with art activities like their mural project (pictured above). The mural is a maze that represents Paterson. As Craig says, “There is a person entering the maze who can go one of two ways—the left way that represents the things that are wrong with Paterson or the ‘right’ way toward what is positive about Paterson.” This project, painted in collaboration with the Paterson Coalition Against Substance Abuse, is teaching the boys to work together as a team while discussing important values and choices that are part of their everyday lives.

All of us at Oasis are grateful for the bond Craig has created with the boys. “As I started to get to know them I realized these boys are just kids trying to beat the odds and get off the streets. They are strong, powerful, smart, funny, kind, thoughtful, and brave, just like all teenagers. Their parents just want them to be safe from all the negative stigmas that Paterson has to offer and Oasis and this program give them the opportunity to beat those odds.” We look forward to continuing the Boys TEEN Program for many years to come!
SPRING 2016

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER BRADY

Spring is in the air and at Oasis that means we are bustling with activity! Two of our most critical fundraising events are on the horizon: the 20th Annual Gala on April 15 and our Golf Outing at Ridgewood Country Club on June 13. These two events provide a significant portion of our operating income for the entire year. We hope you will join us!

The success of these events means, quite simply, that we can continue to offer educational opportunities to help families rise out of poverty, while at the same time providing holistic support to address the underlying issues that brought them to us at the start. Thank you for supporting these women and children through your generosity!

Spring also brings the end of the academic year and finds our women working hard to complete classes and pass exams—achievements that will be celebrated at Oasis’ End of Year Empowerment Celebration on June 16. It is truly something to see hundreds of women from 25 countries cheer for each other’s accomplishments!

We know that what happens in Paterson affects all of our communities and your support of Oasis to help our women and children seek more promising futures benefits us all. Thank you for being a partner in our mission, and happy Spring!

With gratitude, Jen Brady

4TH ANNUAL “NIGHT AT THE RACES” BEEFSTEAK

And they’re off! Thanks to all who supported another great “Night at the Races” on February 18. Special thanks to Bud Maltin and Bill Galbo for providing pro-bono entertainment throughout the evening. Top row (l-r): Jennifer Brady presents “horse owner” Leslie Rubacky with wine in the winner’s circle; an entire table of friends celebrates a win by Brian and Sunny O’Toole. Second row (l-r): Ilyse Smith and son Jared enjoy the evening; close to 50 horses were available for purchase and all horse owners were entered into a grand prize drawing. Third row (l-r): Participants purchased “funny money” to bet on the races, were rewarded with funny money when their horse won, and used funny money to purchase tricky tray tickets; attendees cheered on their horses on the big screen as if they were at the races!

Special Thanks to Our Beefsteak Sponsors!

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We are also grateful to the over 30 individuals and organizations who donated items for the fantastic tricky tray raffle. Our event wouldn’t be such a wonderful success without you!
9TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
RIDGEWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016
REGISTRATION 10:00 AM
SHOTGUN START 12 NOON

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 & event signage.

__ 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

__ Beverage Sponsor $3,500

__ Putting Contest Sponsor $3,000

__ Longest Drive Contest Sponsor $2,500

__ Hole in One Contest Sponsor $2,000

__ Closest to the Pin Sponsor $1,500

__ Cart Sponsor $1,000

__ Tee Sponsor $500 minimum donation

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 $_______________

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☐ Credit Card Number: _______________________________ Exp. Date: ______ Sec. #: ______

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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 March!

Purchase yours for only $139 to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion.

You can also come to serve lunch in the dining room on your specially chosen day!

Contact (973) 881-8307 x133 to learn more.

♥ Gloria Oberle
♥ Lois and Vincent Salvatore
   In memory of Michael Jarosz
♥ Anonymous
   In memory of the women & children of Oasis
♥ Echo Lake Baptist Church (four lunches)
♥ Employees of Health and Wellness Partners
♥ Annalisa Irvolino
♥ Rosemary Walker
   In memory of Patrick Walker
♥ Employees of KPMG (two lunches)
♥ Sandy Kelman
   In honor of Larry and Sandy Kelman’s anniversary & Debbie Fecteau’s birthday
♥ Satie Budhram
♥ Glen Rock Women in Community Service
♥ Patty Pang
   In honor of Summer’s 1st birthday

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

♥ Top left: Abma’s Farm in Wyckoff donated $3,000 to Oasis from their “Turkey Bucks” program to buy fresh produce for our soup kitchen.

♥ Top right: Students from IHA’s Fashion Merchandising and Design Club ran a “Teens for Jeans” drive for Oasis and came to hang out with our teen girls. Thanks to all the other schools who ran jeans drives, too!

♥ Bottom left: Our After-School Program students got a special delivery of valentines from Daisy Scout Troop 96682 in Upper Saddle River.

♥ Bottom right: Oasis earned a second annual grant from the Rite Aid Foundation through their KidCents charity program.

Oasis has been chosen as the charity beneficiary of this year’s Allendale Woman’s Club annual fashion show. Come join us for an evening of fun, fashion, and basket raffles, with proceeds benefitting the women and children of Oasis.

Wednesday, April 6, 2016
Seasons, 644 Pascack Rd, Washington Township, NJ

6:30pm Cocktails and Basket Viewing
8:00pm Dinner and Fashion Show by Fig Leaf of Maywood

Tickets $75 per person (includes open bar)

For more information and to print out a reservation form, please visit allendalewomansclub.org.