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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Jennifer Lindo, middle, is headed to the College of St. Elizabeth this Fall. She is pictured at her high school graduation with her brother John and her mother Gladys.

Founded in 2012, the Oasis Teen Empowerment and Enrichment Network (TEEN Program) provides a space for 30 girls aged 13-18 in the Paterson community to become strong, independent and thoughtful women. Their after-school activities at Oasis incorporate six main areas: academic goal setting and achievement; physical fitness/healthy living; life skills; arts; leadership/community service; and college and career planning.

The activities and experiences in this final category have increased dramatically over the last year with the help of so many. Oasis volunteer Walter Ginsberg used his expertise from navigating the college process with his sons to advise three young women at Oasis this year—Jennifer, Melaysia, and Kendra—helping them research, apply to, and visit colleges. All three will attend college this Fall and have received significant financial aid packages.

Through the generosity of the congregation of Beth Haverim Shir Shalom in Mahwah and P.C. Richards in Paramus, our three young women have brand new laptops for college. Thanks to our Gala Committee members, our girls have dorm room bedding and gift cards to Bed, Bath & Beyond and Staples. Finally, Mitchell Hirsch of MH Optical provided new glasses so Jennifer, Melaysia and Kendra are ready for their next adventure!

We look forward to continuing to grow this college and career component in 2015-16. We will again offer SAT Tutoring on Saturdays with BrainStorm Tutoring of Franklin Lakes. Oasis will host a Success and Leadership Summit in September, which will include panels on future education and career planning. Additionally, Shikha Shah, our TEEN Program Coordinator, is recruiting more volunteers to serve as mentors, who will provide one-on-one advice on the college process to an Oasis teen, as well as Advisory Board members, who will provide high-level guidance and networking regarding the college/career planning process.

Would you like to lend some of your expertise on the college process to Oasis teens? Contact Shikha Shah at shikhashah@oasisnj.org or (973) 881-8307 x126 for more information.
MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JENNIFER BRADY

It is an incredible time of year to be at Oasis! Our Empowerment Ceremony celebrated the accomplishments of over 250 Oasis students – women who have studied hard all year to help create brighter futures for themselves and their children. Through the Zinzi Family Scholarship we were able to award four of our graduates with scholarships to pursue further education! It was amazing to see the students, representing 25 nationalities, cheer each other on and celebrate together.

As I write this, we are poised for the demolition of the building next door which will provide us with some outdoor space (parking and play space for our kids) and will allow for future expansion. We plan on installing a community garden on part of the property to provide fresh vegetables for the Soup Kitchen – stay tuned and watch us grow!

The summer months will be filled with planning. We hope to launch a pilot program for teen boys this fall (much like the TEEN Girls Program that has become so successful). We are looking at ways to increase the educational offerings of the after-school program through STEM programming, and to provide more Saturday morning enrichment programs. We are excited to hold our first Oasis Success and Leadership Summit for teen girls from the greater Paterson area this September. And of course, throughout the summer we will be busy with our Carl’s Kids Camp, our summer TEEN program, and our GED program.

As always, if it has been a while since you have been to visit us, please come and see for yourself all that Oasis is able to accomplish with your support!

Many thanks to all those who donated a “LUNCHES WITH LOVE” from mid-March through June!

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♥ Sandy Kellman
  In loving memory of Larry Kelman
♥ Morgan Stanley (two lunches)

ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT CEREMONY

On Wednesday, June 17, the Oasis community celebrated another year of hard-work and dedication by our adult education students in GED, ESL, Computer, and Workplace Readiness classes. Special thanks to the Market Basket for the delicious brunch for over 250 students and guests.

Clockwise from top left: Guest speaker and Workplace Readiness Graduate Elainie Gonzalez shared her story of perseverance and success at Oasis; GED teacher Merry Kennedy congratulates Rosemary, Alize, and Emily — recipients of this year’s Zinzi Family Scholarships to pursue further education; Computer teacher Andy McDonough and student of the year Cynthia; ESL teachers Audrey, Helga, and Ana.
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Top, left-right: Kerry Bascio, Gina Nerlino, and Sue Durfee; Oasis After-School students waiting to perform for Gala guests; (above) Gala Committee Members Carolyn Vegliante, Lilliam Ryan, and Jamie Hoff; (below) Event Coordinator Lynn McCormack, Board Member Al Daloisio, and Committee Member Leslie Rubacky; Shauna and Timothy Muller.

**Bottom, left-right:** Guest speaker Jennifer Lindo & girls from our Teen Program sharing their dreams for the future; Gala Honorees — Elena, Melissa, Joe, and Walter Kelly.
What a Spring we had at Oasis!

*Top left:* Eagle Scout Robert Lucas, second from right, and his friends built shelves for our file storage room.

*Top right:* Atlantic Stewardship Bank’s John Scoccola and Paul Van Ostenbridge celebrated close to $100,000 in donations to Oasis since 2005.

*Bottom left:* Lee and Jordana Parker from 3 Chicas Mexican Kitchen treated Oasis clients and staff to a full Mexican feast!

*Bottom right:* A team from Deloitte delivered fresh veggies to our women as part of their annual Impact Day.

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**Oktoberfest—Friday, October 16, 2016—7pm**

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