SAVE THE DATES

10TH ANNUAL LOBS FOR LOVE
Brookside Racquet and Indian Trail Clubs
Wed., October 10
8:30-3:00
Contact Celine for more info: csalvi@optonline.net

22ND ANNUAL GALA OF HOPE

11TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

LUNCHES WITH LOVE

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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Friends of Oasis Breakfast

FRIENDS OF OASIS BREAKFAST
The Brownstone
Paterson, NJ
Thurs., November 15
8:30-10:00
Contact Clarissa for more info: clarissaperez@oasisnj.org

A PARTNERSHIP STEWED TO PERFECTION

BEef Souvlaki with Tzatziki Sauce, Pita Bread, and Kebab Vegetables
Chicken Breast Florentine, Zucchini with Tomatoes, and Scallion Smashed Potatoes
Fried Chicken, Cornbread, and Coleslaw

Why these gourmet lunches in the Oasis soup kitchen?

Oasis has partnered with Paterson nonprofit St. Paul's Community Development Corporation which now runs a six-month culinary training course in our restaurant-grade kitchen. Students cook lunch at Oasis under the tutelage of St. Paul's trainer, Chef Charles, working in partnership with Oasis Chef Jayne. Upon course completion the trainees achieve ServSafe Certification, qualifying them for kitchen work in restaurants, hotels, hospitals, and schools.

The first cohort completed their certifications in early June. In mid-June, a second cohort began training.

Everyone benefits. “Working in the Oasis kitchen gives students the chance to prepare a complete meal for a full dining room of people, instead of cooking in a test kitchen,” says Chef Charles. The Oasis experience makes students highly employable and ready to move from poverty and government assistance to economic independence.

Our own Chef Jayne benefits from a steady stream of kitchen help and a pool of potential job candidates for Oasis kitchen positions. She has more time and freedom in planning menus and the advantage of partnering with another expert chef.

This collaboration between Oasis and another community nonprofit (one of many partnerships we foster) reveals Oasis' willingness to share resources to achieve a single goal: The alleviation of poverty and unemployment throughout this city.

For the women and children who eat here daily, there is a delicious benefit to this partnership: Moroccan Chicken with Couscous, Beef Kofta, and Chili Lime Yogurt Sauce!
Teaming up makes sense. When non-profits collaborate, they are able to more efficiently and effectively serve the people they are trying to help. That’s just what is happening in the Oasis kitchen every day, as described in our cover story. The ongoing collaboration between Oasis and the St. Paul’s Culinary Arts Program has made Oasis a real teaching kitchen, expanding the scope of both our programs, and serving the people of Paterson (and serving them some pretty delicious meals at that!). We look forward to watching where the St. Paul’s Culinary students go!

In June we celebrated one of our favorite days – our Empowerment Ceremony – where we recognized the achievements of 250 of our adult education students. It is always a beautiful day with women from 26 different countries cheering each other on. One student, Igalle, offered the following reflection: **Oasis taught me that who I am tomorrow begins with what I do today.** I think Igalle speaks for all the women at Oasis, who look not for a hand-out, but a hand-up and the promise of a brighter future for themselves and their families. Thank you for all you do to support that dream and make a better tomorrow a reality for Igalle and hundreds of women like her.

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

Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or any special occasion by feeding others. Purchase yours for only $144.

- Eastern Christian School
- Maria Herrera McCann—In honor of Elizabeth Galderisi
- Amanda Stigiano—In honor of John & Denise Migliaccio
- Eric Kohlmeier
- Health & Wellness Partners (3)
- Mary Beth Gallagher (3)
- Sandra Giannelli
- Glen Rock Women in Community Service (2)
- Arthur Nalven—In honor of David Nalcven
- Sandra French
- Jean McDonough—In memory of Phyllis Malester
- Lambda Sigma Upsilon Fraternity
- Stewart Remer—In memory of Phyllis Malester
- Debbie Duffy—in memory of Maryann Harkins
- Leslie Shaw (2)

In memory of Jane Negrin
In honor of Sarah Doppelt
- Jaclynn Ebner
- Sisters of Saint Joseph Associates
- Carol Kirr—In memory of Sr. Joan Riethmiller
- Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
- Mary Connolly—In memory of Skip Connolly

On Wednesday, June 13, Oasis celebrated the successful conclusion of another academic year with our end-of-year Empowerment Ceremony. It was a celebration of every class - from HiSET to ESL, Oasis Works to computers. This year our student speaker was Igalle Gashi, an ESL and computers student at Oasis. She reflected on her experience with Oasis since she emigrated from Kosovo. **Clockwise from top left:** ESL teacher Audrey with her students of the year, Laura and Grace; Oasis students Mary and Thelma; Executive Director Jen Brady and scholarship recipient Janelle; GED students pose for group shots in celebration of the end of the school year.
Our 22nd Gala honoring Benjamin Moore was record-breaking. Through the support of our guests, we were able to raise over $784,000 for Oasis—the most ever! Clockwise from top left: Tearing up the dance floor Lea Pumil, Nikki Granatell, Rick Pumil, Marci Hopkins, and Cathie Cammarotta Chernalis; Special Events Coordinator Clarissa Perez and Gala Committee member Leslie Rubacky; CEO Michael Searles and Senior VP of HR Keri Fleming accept Benjamin Moore’s honoree award from Jen Brady; Oasis tutors and After-School Academy students get ready to perform a special rendition of “True Colors” for our guests.
FOR CHANGING LIVES ONE WOMAN AND CHILD AT A TIME

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!

For more details on these events, please visit [www.oasisnj.org/events](http://www.oasisnj.org/events)

Or contact Special Events Coordinator Clarissa Perez
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Clockwise from top left: Christian Health Care Center donated over 140 toiletry bags they collected during the month of April; Daisy Troop 97226 from Wyckoff held a personal care item drive; employees from Deloitte volunteered and donated gift bags for our Empowerment Ceremony; Volunteer Coordinator Signe Howard and clothing room volunteer Joan Daly pose at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner; also in attendance were volunteer Ilyse Smith, Children’s Center Supervisor BilmaVizcarra, and Paterson Youth Photography volunteer Raquel Foote; L’Oreal volunteered throughout the building in June.