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Welcome to Summer Gala
May 21, 2013**



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PERC GALA DINNER PROGRAM

Reception, 2nd Floor

PERC Gala Celebration 2013: You Change Lives
3rd Floor

Welcome & Champagne Toast
The Rev. Birgit Solano, Board President

Pledge of Allegiance
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Invocation
Fr. Peter Wehrle, PERC Board Treasurer

Keynote Address
Emory Edwards, Executive Director

Remembering Beatriz Rea, PERC Trustee and Treasurer
The Rev. Vincent Fortunato, OFM Cap.

Video Presentation,
Provided by Jeffrey Arias and Frankie Blanco

Silent Auction and Raffle Announcement, Holly Aquino

Dinner, Followed by Awards

Bruce Markowitz, Palisades Medical Center CEO and President
Presented by Thomas M. Venino Jr., Board Vice President

Thomas Harrigan, PERC Program Director
Presented by Emory Edwards, Executive Director

Dessert

Silent Auction, Raffle, and 50/50
Winner Announcements begin at 9:30 p.m.

Share the Good Work of PERC with your Friends and Neighbors



32 Years of Changing Lives

Welcome to PERC's Annual "Welcome to Summer" Gala. For us, "You Change Lives" is more than a theme. It is a daily reality.

Behind every statistic, there is a face. We see the joy in the faces of our children in the PERC Kids Homework Club as they learn. We see the relief on a guest's face when they learn that they have a safe space to stay for the night. We see smiles on the faces of our dinner guests as they eat a delicious, home cooked meal. We see the anxiety on the faces of many who come to our doors for groceries worried about making ends meet.

Tonight, we are celebrating people who change lives.

Bruce Markowitz, CEO and President of Palisades Medical Center is creating sustainable healthcare systems for our community's most fragile residents. Tom Harrigan has dedicated his entire life to the service of others, the last 20 years at PERC where he first joined us as a volunteer. Beatriz Rea left us all too soon after a life built on helping people in need as a PERC Trustee and in service to her church.

You change lives through your donations, gifts and time. You own every success, and, without you, people would be left hungry, without shelter, and, worse yet, without hope. For 32 years you have brought hope and opportunity to our community, and we thank you.

Faithfully,

Birgit Solano
President, PERC Board of Trustees

Emory Edwards
Executive Director

FAST FACTS

Last year PERC:

- Provided 19,315 nights of shelter to men, women, and families.
- Moved 46% of our shelter guests into permanent housing, far above the national average.
- Provided 82,822 meals through our soup kitchen to people who would have otherwise gone hungry.
- Provided groceries for over 12,000 low-income people through our weekly food pantry.

The number of people we help increases each year, but resources have not kept up with demand. Each year we do more while working with less. We need and appreciate your support.

Thank you.

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PERC Gala Honorees

Bruce J. Markowitz, CEO & President, Palisades Medical Center



Palisades Medical Center is leading the way in the health care industry in Hudson County. Under the leadership of Bruce J. Markowitz, Palisades Medical Center continually provides superior care along with innovative and progressive solutions. PERC Shelter is happy to know quality care is available to all of our shelter residents when needed. We especially thank them for the mental health services provided through the Palisades Counseling Center.

Palisades Medical Center is a key organization in helping our residents improve their health and their lives.

Thomas Harrigan, PERC Program Director



Tom is the heart and soul of PERC, and most people cannot think of us without thinking of Tom. As our program director, he oversees our four emergency shelter programs, case management and related programming and referral services. Tom began his tenure at PERC in 1992 as a volunteer. He enjoyed helping people who were homeless or in dire need of help to find new opportunities for another chance to succeed at life.

Tom was first hired as a part-time staff member before becoming fulltime Program Director, once serving as Acting Executive Director. Tom's skill and commitment for serving those least among us is evident in the high percentage of permanent housing placements of our shelter guests, including 100% of our family shelter guests. Thank you, Tom.

In Remembrance

Beatriz Rea, PERC Trustee

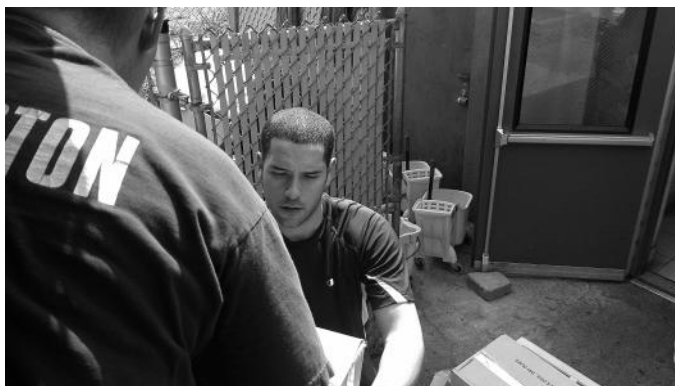


PERC remembers the life of Beatriz Rea, our friend and supporter. Her heart was always fixed on those among us who have the least. Bea passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. Her loss is still being felt greatly by her friends and family, and the community has lost a tireless servant to the poor and marginalized.

Bea was the Director of Planned Giving for the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, Province of the Stigmata of St. Francis in Union City.

The Capuchin Franciscan Friars live a life inspired by St. Francis of Assisi and are committed to serving the poor. As PERC also serves the poor, you can imagine how a strong relationship came to develop between PERC, the Capuchin Friars and Bea. As a member of the PERC Board of Trustees and having served as Treasurer, Bea was committed to making Hudson County and the world a better place. Bea, you will be missed.

PERC salutes all of the people who make our community a better place and who make this important work possible.. As a result of their kind support, PERC has been able to empower thousands of women, men, and children, provide for their basic needs, and offer opportunity and hope for a brighter future. Our work would not be possible without people like you.



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May 21, 2013

Dear Friends,

I wish to commend the tireless efforts of PERC, as the organization continues to provide such a valuable service to the local community. As Mayor, I am well aware of the needs of our residents and PERC often offers hope for those in despair.

Furthermore, the mission of this organization is already great, but their responsibility continues to grow as we endure a difficult economic climate that has greatly affected residents. PERC continues to be responsive to the needs of local residents in need.

I will continue to support PERC and remain grateful for their presence in Union City.

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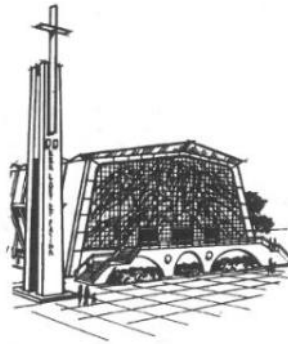
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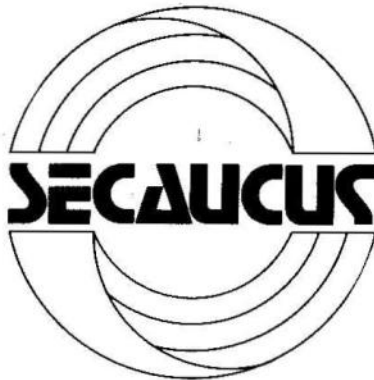
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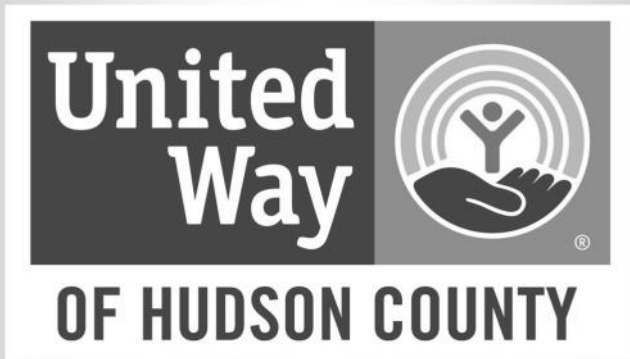


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Best wishes,

Kevin and Mike Purvin

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Tom,

I am so very proud of your accomplishments and am continually inspired by your wisdom and dedication to the homeless. PERC could not exist without you.

I thank you for everything you taught me.

Matt Kamín





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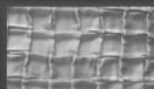
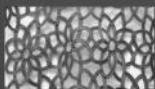
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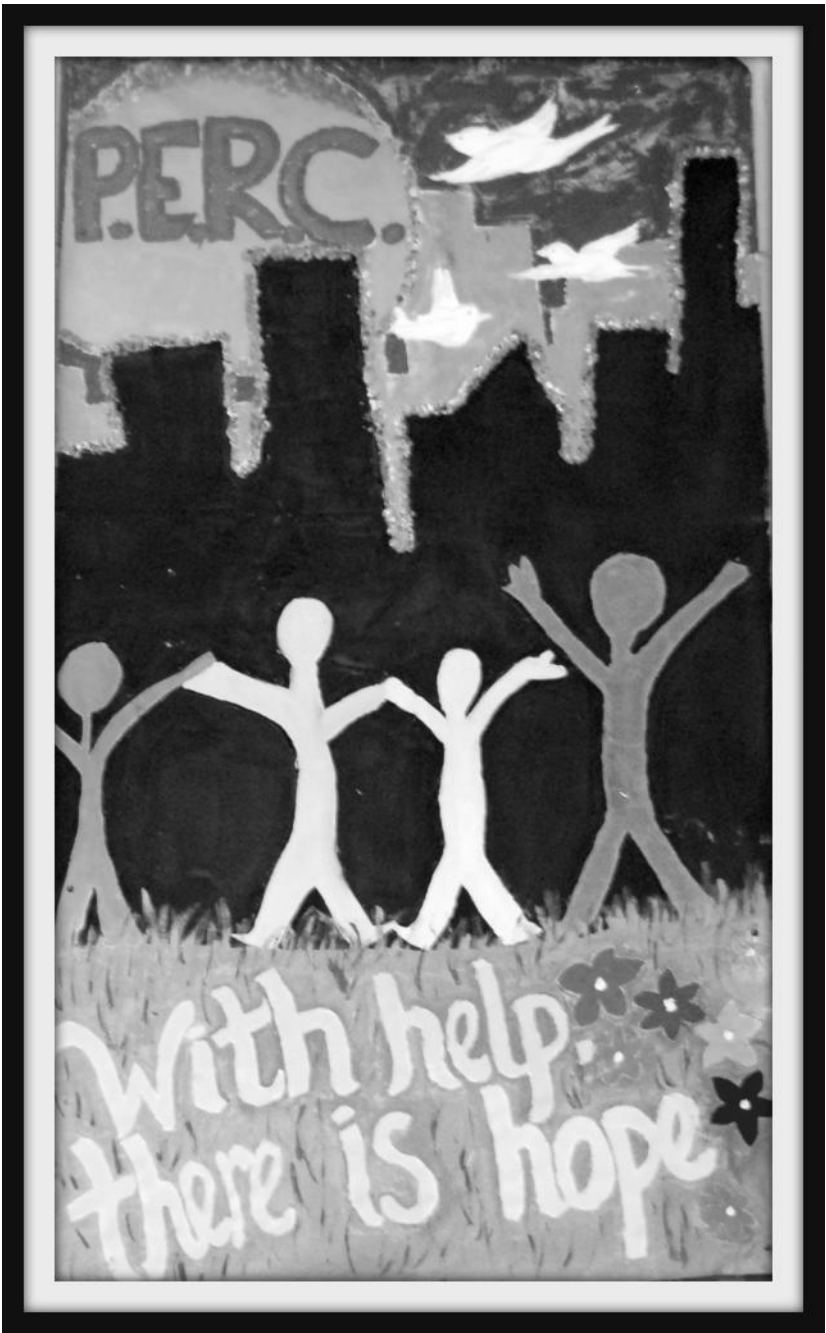
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