



December 2016

Join Us as We Honor an Extraordinary Man, Peter Pogany



Peter Pogany, owner of Rapps Pharmacy. Major Donor, Member of Bridgeway's Fund Development Committee and Chair of Bridgeway's Golf Committee.

This Spring, Bridgeway will honor Peter Pogany at the 2nd Annual Chairman's Dinner, April 19, 2017, at Kean University.

In April 2016, Bridgeway hosted the 1st annual Bridgeway Chairman's Dinner. The inaugural event brought together more than 140 members of our communities to celebrate the life-changing results of Bridgeway recovery programming for thousands of New Jerseyans over the past 48 years.

By Spring 2017, Bridgeway will celebrate 49 years of promoting and fostering recovery from mental illness and co-occurring problems. Since 1978, Bridgeway has inspired and supported individuals to become productive citizens who are fully engaged in their communities by creating opportunities for wellness, independent living, learning, working, and social inclusion.

The people Bridgeway serves have experienced remarkable results that would not have been possible without the support of Peter Pogany.

Peter has the distinction of being Bridgeway's largest, and most loyal volunteer and donor for a major part of Bridgeway's venerable history.

Peter has dedicated his own resources as well as the resources of his company Rapps Pharmacy to support Bridgeway's Walk-a-thon every year for more than 10 years. As Chairman of Bridgeway's Golf Classic committee, Peter has helped raised more than \$500,000 over the years, and will continue the tradition on June 5, 2017, at the 15th Annual Bridgeway Golf Classic at Echo Lake Golf Club.



It is our great pleasure to invite you to join us as we honor Peter Pogany at the Chairman's Dinner on April 19, 2017. Please contact us for early reservations or to sponsor this event. Invitations to follow. Please call Lisa Giannascoli 908-355-7886 ext.108, or email lisa.giannascoli@bridgewayrehab.org.



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REMEMBRANCE by Tracy Burke

When you're hurting and pain is so severe
Just remember the ones who helped you make it through the year
And who helped encourage you to never give up but always try
Whenever you're in trouble did not pass you by
And who knew all you ever really needed was someone who understood
Who would always try to be there if they could
And when you felt your days could never get worse
And when you were feeling just as if you were so cursed
They helped you find a way to open your heart, although you try to shelter all your pain
Even when you felt lost and didn't feel the same
They never would turn their backs on you when you needed them most of all
And pick you up whenever you would fall
They helped you get rid of all your pain by showing that they care
A special hand you felt whenever they were there
The special inner peace that you have been searching for now
You're not afraid to open your heart anymore



Chelsea and Mayor Bollwage
June 2016

A Special Gift, A New Tradition!

Mayor of Elizabeth, Chris Bollwage, agreed to be honored at the Bridgeway June 2016 Golf Classic, but he refused to accept a gift from Bridgeway!. Chelsea, served by Bridgeway's Community Support Team in Sussex County, dedicated her free time to crocheting scarves to donate to homeless shelters. What better way to pay tribute to Mayor Bollwage than for Chelsea's scarves to be donated to the homeless in Elizabeth in honor of the Mayor!



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"I am so grateful for the opportunity to help so many homeless people in the community. During my senior year of high school, I experienced homelessness when my mother and I were evicted from our home. For over 6 months, I lived in many different homes of friends and family as I lived out of a suitcase. It is such a blessing to be able to bring some joy and hope to those who feel as if they are forgotten. The homeless in our communities need to feel loved and cared for. The scarves that my team has made have all been crocheted with love. With every stitch, we hope that the homeless know that there is always hope, even in the darkest of circumstances."

- Chelsea Kowal

Annual Appeal

Each year at this time we ask our stakeholders from all sectors to make a financial contribution to Bridgeway. These contributions support the programs and services of Bridgeway; services that at times help provide medications for persons served who may have a gap in prescription coverage; services that will transport a person served to a psychiatric or medical appointment; services that locate an apartment for a person served in their home community and then visits that person daily until he or she is stable; services that reach out to the homeless mentally ill on the street in order to offer assistance; services that will send a Mental Health First Aid trainer to a police department or school to educate the public about mental illness; services that are critical to the thousands of New Jerseyans who will be served by Bridgeway each year . . . services that can mean a *bridge to a new life through recovery*. Donations in any amount are meaningful and greatly appreciated. Thank you!



Please consider the option of giving online by clicking on the donate button on our homepage or call us if you would like to make a credit card contribution by phone 908-355-7886 ext.101. Bridgeway is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization licensed by the state of NJ. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Bridgeway Proudly Salutes Fred Olmsted

Fred was nominated by his staff at Tri-County RIST(Residential Intensive Support Team) and was awarded the Supervisor of the Year Award by NJPRA, the NJ Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association. “Fred works tirelessly”, says Meghann Willean, Licensed Clinician, “Fred always finds time whether it is for individual team members or a person served, often putting the team before his own tasks. He strives to help individuals improve all aspects of their lives.”



Pictured: Dave D'Antonio, Bridgeway Regional Director, Fred Olmsted, Tony Lucibello, President NJPRA

Supportive Housing Association of NJ Awards This Year's Direct Support Professional Honor to Joe Golden



Joe has worked at Bridgeway as a vocational specialist since May 2013. Joe works on our Enhanced Supportive Housing Team (ESH) which assists individuals with serious and persistent mental illness, coupled with history of homeless, and are at risk for state hospitalization. The ESH team works to find housing in

the community of choice for the individual and then assists the individuals to reach his/her recovery goals. Joe works tirelessly with the individuals in the program. While Joe's primary role is a vocational specialist, Joe will assist any individual on the team with any service need that they may have. Joe will come in early or stay late to assist any individual get to an appointment, a job interview or to provide general support in the community. Where Joe really shines is with his work with individuals on getting and keeping jobs. When Joe first started, the ESH team had an average of 2 people working. Since Joe helped the team focus on work with our individuals, we now have an average of 10-12 people working in any given month.



Pictured: Joe, Nancy Schneeloch, Regional Director, Chelsea, and Wendy, model scarves donated to Bridgeway Homeless Outreach



Pictured: Senator Steve Sweeney, Joe Golden, and fellow Bridgeway staff

SAVE THE DATES!



**Chairman's Dinner Honoring Peter Pogany
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
Kean University STEM Building**

**14th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, June 5, 2017
Echo Lake Country Club**



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