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A MESSAGE FROM: Board Chair Joseph Gleason

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Dear Friends, Neighbors and Supporters,

I am honored to have been elected to serve as Community Quest's Chairman of the Board for FY'08 and '09 and want to take this opportunity to welcome you to our site.

Over the last year, we have gone far toward accomplishing the mission of our organization, which is *"To positively affect the quality of life for low income individuals and families in New Jersey and neighboring communities by providing innovative housing and employment"*. For example, we have recently opened a community office in Vineland (Cumberland County) that provides much needed employment related services to persons of Latino descent; we have completed an extremely aggressive five year housing plan which will increase the housing stock for low income individuals/families, to include veterans and persons with disabilities, by 152 units through our HomeQuest Corporation (in fact, the first 24 unit complex is already under development); our Community Quest Foundation, organized last year, is diligently working to develop a dependable funding stream for new project development; and our MedAQuest for profit medical staffing company has been up and running for the last year and has shown results far beyond its early expectations.

The upcoming year will also be an exciting one that I promise will continue to advance the mission of the organization.

Please check this site often for updates and new developments. Thank you so much for your continued interest and support.

Yours truly,

Joseph Gleason
Chairman of the Board

NEW DEVELOPMENT

Community Quest Foundation, Inc.

The Foundation Board was incorporated as a 509 (a) 3 organization. The sole purpose of this corporation is to raise unrestricted funds for the Community Quest reserve account. These funds will be used to grow our housing corporation and fund future organizational goals. Foundation Board members include: Joseph Arata, Kathy Azeez, Justine Coyle, Rudy DuBois, Chris Karver, Marie Kilbe, Wayne Mozzo, and Patti Rudasill.

HomeQuest, Inc.

Home Quest Inc., the newest corporate subsidiary of Community Quest, Inc. will provide affordable housing for veterans, and low income individuals and families in New Jersey. Home Quest will produce (152) units of affordable housing and 10,800 square feet of commercial space over the next five years by producing three critically needed housing products. These products will include;

- Supportive housing facilities for veterans and low-income.
- Mixed use commercial/residential facilities for veterans and low-income households.
- Single family, scattered sight, home ownership program for veterans and low-income families. Board members include: Ken Gorski, Paul Kozak, Tom Messina and Kellie Spawton.

Med A Quest, LLC

Staffing Resources for the Medical Community

Med A Quest, LLC is a for profit subsidiary of Community Quest, Inc. This healthcare staffing company places nurses, lab technicians and allied health professionals in medical facilities throughout the State of New Jersey. Med A Quest medical professionals must comply with our very rigorous screening process prior to placement in a medical facility.

Med A Quest charges healthcare facilities the lowest rates in the industry and is able to offer a competitive rate of pay to our healthcare professionals.

Med A Quest supports the mission of Community Quest, Inc.



FUNday At PLAYLAND'S CASTAWAY COVE

The better than expected pre-July 4th crowds and sunshine along with Atlantic City Surf mascot "Splash" were the perfect mix for a successful ninth Annual FUNday at Playland event held on Wednesday, June 27 on the Ocean City Boardwalk. Many large groups came out to enjoy the day, including the Egg Harbor Township Police Athletic League and the Highland Academy Recreation Department.

It was a wonderful turnout. Many of the families return every year and are very thankful of this affordable event. Over \$24,000 was raised to help ensure the delivery of Community Quest's quality community programs.

Over 9,000 FUNday flyers, sponsored by Cape Savings Bank, were distributed. TAC Printing and Computer Services once again graciously donated insertion of over 3,000 flyers in tourist welcome bags to weekly renters.

Agency volunteers Ronnie Ladenheim and Marie Priante were responsible for preparing the posters and flyers for distribution.

Many local businesses were on board to help boost the marketing of the event with flyers attached to pizza boxes from Mack and Manco's, Pepperoni's Grill, Primo's, Mama Mia's and Emma's Rotisserie.

Ads were placed in The Bright Side and The Press of Atlantic City. The yellow Press on ad was well received by the local community.

This year an outreach campaign letter was circulated in April to many local summer camps, recreation and day care centers in order to invite groups to include the outing in their schedule of summer trips.

Staff volunteers helped make a difference in helping us to prepare for this year's event by their poster campaign efforts. Special "kudos" to Employment Consultant **Aida Serrano-Jones** for top poster circulation.

The group efforts of the Richard Stockton College Service Learning Students added to the success of the event by brainstorming marketing strategies to help advertise the earlier than usual pre-summer Playland date.

President Dan Kelly and Board Chair Dan McMahon greeted "FUNdayers," along with consumer Matt Roman with his warm welcome smile. Senior VP of Operations Elizabeth Denham enjoyed the day with her family.

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Good Neighbor Golf Classic Strives for Better!



The "Good Neighbor Golf Classic," held at Harbor Pines Golf Club on May 4th, netted \$44,294. The proceeds from the Classic will help to expand our services and programs in the areas of community housing and employment to low income individuals and families in Southern New Jersey.

With John Egnor of JEM Associates as "Chair Extraordinaire" for the eighth year and the active participation of our wonderful golf committee, this year's golf tournament was a success despite a lower number of golfers.

Mayor/State Sen. James "Sonny" McCullough welcomed the 119 golfers at the shotgun start at 12:30 PM.

JEM Associates donated the **Grand Prize** of \$5,000 in travel gift certificates for the winning low net team. **Marquee Sponsors** included Baring Industries, Cape Savings Bank, and Continental Refrigerator. **Banner Sponsors** included Brass Smith LLC, Delaware Park RaceTrack Slots & Golf, Gold Foundation, Harrah's Entertainment, Hobart-Traulsen, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, Nordon, Inc. and Rich Services. **Pennant Sponsors** were Fitzpatrick, Bongiovanni & Kelly, PC and Halton Company. Our **Corporate Neighbor** was Fitzpatrick's Jewish Deli and **Corporate Contributors** were ACUA, Copiers Plus, Easybar Beverage Management Systems Inc. and Glenn Insurance.

Generous support from Pepsi Bottling Group, Atlantic City Surf, GolfStyles New Jersey Magazine, Marketplace Realty, McKernan Architects, Asphalt Solutions LLC, and Dan & Ashley Cellucci as our **Special Event Sponsors**.

The evening Live Auction were graciously emceed by **Greg Gregory** of Gregory's Restaurant & Bar whose dynamic auction enthusiasm sparked the crowds participation with over the top dining prizes from Sonsie and Bone Fish Grill Restaurants.

This year we had 34 auction baskets and wonderful raffle prizes which were made possible due to the enthusiastic persistence of golf committee volunteer Dottie Enos who committed tireless efforts to bring in outstanding prizes.

Golf Committee members Bill McMeekin helped coordinate the hole watchers while Tom Messina and Lisa Evans helped raise additional funds manning the Putting and Beat the Pro contests.

The new ideas along with dynamic networking efforts of Golf Committee members Tom Evans and Ken Kelly for "On and Off the Course" contests sparked a new level of excitement, while raising the bar. A Par 3 Restaurant Challenge involving Game On and the Crab Trap Restaurants brought in additional funds of \$1,500. The Hot Air Balloon Raffle and Live Auction prize raised \$810.

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CASTAWAY COVE'S FUNday at PLAYLAND

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The Playland staff always assure the FUNday crowds a safe and pleasurable day. At 5 p.m. as the park begins to empty, the staff all enjoy our traditional "thank you" treat of pizza.

Community Quest is very fortunate to be able to benefit from this 9th annual fundraiser through the generosity, community spirit and continuing commitment of Playland's Castaway Cove.

Thank you, Playland, Castaway Cove for a wonderful day!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Comedy Club FUNraiser
Harbor Pines Golf Club, EHT**

Sunday, November 11, 2007 (Veterans Day)

Doors Open 5 p.m.

Dinner Buffet 6 p.m.

Comedy Show 7 p.m. (RESERVE TICKETS EARLY!)

Laureate Dinner

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Ram's Head Inn

Good Neighbor Golf Classic

Friday, May 2, 2008

Career Quest Closet . . .

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Help stock our Closet!

I would like to make a difference:

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Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Volunteer for Community Events:

Good Neighbor Golf Classic (May)

Laureate Awards Dinner (Feb)

FUNday at Playland (June)

Office Volunteer :

Shredding, Copying, Cutting

Make a donation in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100

\$500

Other _____

Check Enclosed:

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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Cardholder's Signature: _____



Accolades to Career Quest Employee Alan Cassett

Employment Consultant Alan Cassett was awarded APSE's (Association of Persons with Supported Employment) Consultant of the Year on March 29, 2007 by President Jennifer Joyce.

Alan was nominated in recognition for his outstanding work record in the field of Supported Employment. Alan is respected by his co-workers, employment professionals, consumers and their family members and employers.

Congratulations, Alan, for a job well done!



IN THE SPOTLIGHT . . .

Career Quest

A Division of Community Quest, Inc.

Harrahs' Project

Harrah's AC Operations is partnering with Career Quest to provide single-parents entry-level training, while achieving successful employment. The services include pre-placement, case management and retention. Pre-placement employment assessments include, prescreening, intake, applications and interview. Post employment services include, follow-up support to secure a successful transition to work and beyond. Other community service providers are available to assist with childcare, transportation and housing. The retention phase of this program provides strategies for maintaining employment and assisting with job related issues or concerns.

Project Coordinator Meredith Ney has toured the facilities and spoke to many managers along with Harrah's Human Resource Center and Equal Employment Office who have been instrumental in making the program successful. To learn more, contact Meredith Ney at (609)742-4732.

Latino Project

Career Quest has established a new outreach program in Cumberland and Salem County. Career Quest is partnering with the Department of Labor to identify residents with disabilities of Latino descent in Cumberland and Salem County that are interested in working. This program will provide pre-placement, job coaching, and retention services. Project Coordinator Denise Nieves can be contacted in our new Vineland office at (856) 696-3144.

Work Quest Program — Work First New Jersey (WFNJ)

The Work Quest program provides job placement services for individuals referred from the Department of Community and Family Development. The first part of the program includes vocational assessments, job seeking skills and job searches. Individualized services include resume development, application completion, and job interviews. Clients will engage in personal ongoing development workshops along with their job search

The second part of the program provides Post-Employment Retention Services once the clients have obtained jobs. The WFNJ support plan insures that the clients make a successful transition from welfare into the world of work. In this stage clients receive intensive case management to address all employment barriers regarding childcare, housing and transportation to achieve em-



Good Neighbor Golf Classic

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Hole Marshall volunteers of the day included: CQ Board members, Board Chair Joe Gleason, Treasurer/Secretary Ken Spawton, Bill Sapio and Immediate Past Board Chair Dan McMahon, along with community volunteers Kent Edwards and Thomas Lyons. CQ Employment Consultant Alan Cassett hole marshaled with consumer Matt Roman along with many staff members which included Bonnie Young, Marcela Saucedo, Wendy Manganaro, and Renee Vala.

Senior VP of Operations Elizabeth Denham snapped foursome photos in record time with the assistance of cart escort Golf Committee member Javier Hurtado of Sun National Bank.

We could not have done it without our loyal staff members heading our registration table. KUDOS to Cheryl Hintzer, Natalie Mosley, and Ele Lesbirel.

The silent auction and raffle table set-up experience of staff volunteers Roberta Howard and Lisa Fiorentino added to the allure of the beautifully arranged baskets created by CQ Event Specialist Janice D'Amico and volunteer Dottie Enos with proceeds amounting to \$3,594. Other staff participants included Ursula Campbell Tiffany Mayse, and Wanda Johnson, with assistance from consumer Tony Watson from our California Supervised Apartments Day Program.

Other Community Volunteers included Bill Hurst from Fitzpatrick's Deli assisting with post-silent auction check-out as well as Stockton College Service Learning marketing students Liz Phommathep and Sara Heinrichs running the hot air balloon raffle promotions.

The Cape Cares Crew-Kellie Spawton and Linda D'Agostino, generously donated their raffle ticket sales expertise by closing out our raffle with over \$2,300.

In the past eight years, John Egnor's involvement with our organization has been a blessing. The drive, dedication and experience he brings to the table transforms the Golf Classic from a good event to a great one. Over the seventeen year history of this annual event, a total of \$538,627 has been raised.

"It has been an awesome honor to work with the dedicated hard working team efforts of the Good Neighbor Golf Classic Committee members this year who not only strive for excellence on all levels, but were successful in raising the funds needed for Community Quest, Inc. to expand our services of housing and employment," Pat Hurst, Events Coordinator.

"A team effort makes hard work, light work for all." Kudos to the "Good Neighbor Golf" team for striving for the "best" each and every year.

New Jersey Association of Community Providers Inc. recognizes Kurt Crede as a "Community Star" for the year 2007. Kurt is an avid impressionist who loves to entertain family and friends. He was recognized for an all around great employee of Pathmark and a great companion to his mom.



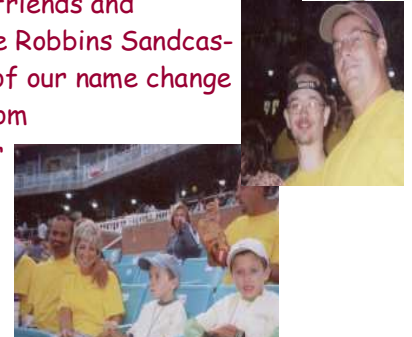
Past "Community Star" for 2006
Vincent Paul Mahoney, Jr.

Staff Appreciation Day 2007



A staff night with friends and family was enjoyed at Bernie Robbins Sandcastle Stadium in celebration of our name change kick-off from

Disabilities Resource Center
to
Community Quest, Inc.
as of
10/01/2007



TUN TAVERN'S MISS HAWAIIAN TROPIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

This 6th Annual Golf Tournament and Bikini Contest event was held at Harbor Pines Golf Club and Tun Tavern on August 2nd to help raise funds for the Marine Corps. Law Enforcement Foundation. A benefit of \$800 was awarded to Community Quest, Inc.

Thank you TUN Tavern for your committed community spirit!



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