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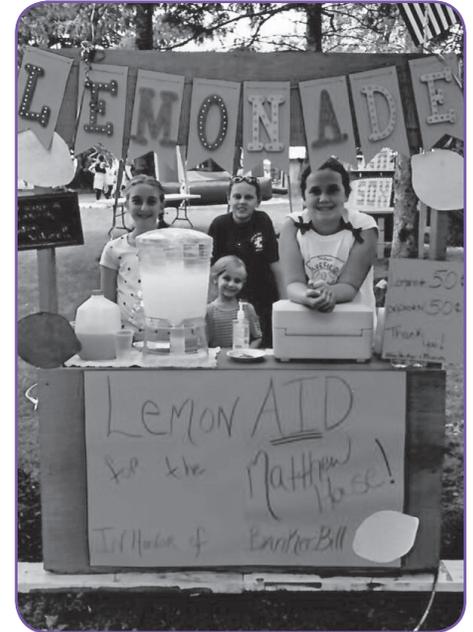
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♥ Love & Lemonade ♥

Allie Parker and friends Ellen Crowley, Anna Mckay, Ella Dougherty, Gracie Chalupnicki and Amelia Schwarting have hosted a lemonade stand at the annual Bluefield Classic for the last two years. This wiffle ball tournament has been held in the Parker's backyard since 2011! Allie's parents Mike and Jenn Parker experienced hospice first hand when care was provided to their dying grandparents. Going through this end-of-life experience ignited a desire to give back and gave rise to the idea of creating a community wiffle ball tournament. This fundraiser has been held annually on their five-acre parcel on Bluefield Road in Aurelius to support Hospice of the Finger Lakes.

In the first year, the lemonade stand raised four hundred dollars for the Red Cross and was sent to Texas to help with the aftermath of a hurricane. This past year, Matthew House was selected as the beneficiary in memory of a dear friend, Bill Ryan, a lifelong resident of Union Springs. Bill was affectionately known as "Banker Bill" by his family and friends. He was dedicated to his community



A Night To Celebrate!



Matt and Liz Chalanick will graciously open their beautiful home in Owasco for our special event. Enjoy cocktails and conversation with friends and neighbors while sampling delectable offerings at food stations, including a raw bar, catered by the Springside Inn. Sip refreshing summer beverages and bid on exciting items and packages at the silent auction. Julie Howard and Jeff Martin will provide the musical background for this fabulous event to raise funds for Matthew House. Everyone is welcome; RSVPs appreciated by July 26. Cost is \$75 per person. Please let us know you're coming by calling Matthew House at 315.252.2052 or emailing info@matthewhouse.org. We look forward to celebrating Matthew House with you!

and gave generously to many local organizations. Bill Ryan was able to pass peacefully under the care of Matthew House and Allie wanted the profits from her lemonade to benefit Matthew House, in honor of "Banker Bill".

A thank you note from Jenn states, "I know the work that you and your volunteers are committed to and it warms our hearts that there is a place in Auburn that people may go during this time".

Matthew House is grateful for the contributions from these "little hearts". Our community is full of so many creative and compassionate individuals who organize fundraisers and other special events to benefit our special home. We thank and appreciate you all!

From the Executive Director

Matthew House Family Picnic

Fresh air, delicious fare, lively entertainment and ice cream treats! I can't think of a better way to express gratitude for our exceptional Matthew House volunteers and staff. On May 23rd, Shelly and I had the honor of hosting the First Annual Matthew House Family Picnic at the Owasco Fire Department Pavilion. Despite some concern about the breezy skies and towering clouds, the winds, as if on cue, calmed down and the sun burst forth to set the stage for a perfectly balmy evening. One can't help but wonder if our collection of Matthew House Angels had anything to do with that!

It is important to hold such events so that we have the opportunity as a group to acknowledge all the hard work, dedication and selfless hours the team here at Matthew House provides. It would not be the entity it is, if not for each member of the team. All of the compassion and heart, readily given each day, create the peaceful and loving environment that the home radiates. Over the past year, in my role as Executive Director of Matthew House, I have become ever more sensitive and appreciative of the many forms of assistance it takes to keep our beloved Matthew House going strong. A family picnic was significant, as it was a way to acknowledge, not only our devoted and compassionate volunteers and staff, but also acknowledge their families, who support them as they spend hours away from home. Your acceptance of your family member's volunteer hours is, in itself, an act of giving.

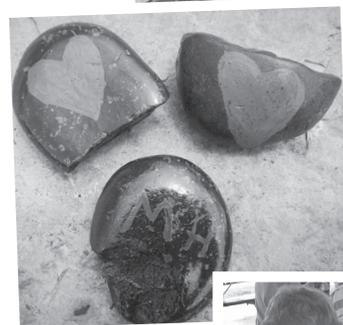
On behalf of Matthew House, it was an honor for me to officially recognize several of our volunteers and staff's impressive service milestones of 10+ years by presenting certificates, along with hand-painted tokens of our appreciation. These were created by one of our youngest volunteers, Ali and her friend Sara. As I admired these works of art, made of humble stones embellished with purple hearts on one side and the letters "MH" on the other, I couldn't help but think of the symbolism of what a rock means in terms of something solid, durable, and able to withstand all kinds of weather. When referring to people, the word, "rock" is used to describe someone who is reliable, trustworthy, has integrity, and is strong when you need them to be. Each member of our team represents "the rocks" that make up Matthew House. It is my hope that these tokens will be a quiet reminder of what they have given, what they are a part of and bring about smiles.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to express my deep appreciation for the solid foundation that has been built by our Board, staff, volunteers, and extended Matthew House family. I also want to give special thanks to Tops, Cosentino's Florist, The Lodge at Welch Allyn, Poppy's Ice Cream Truck, members of the Louise Shaw Family, as well as the Shirley Bobbett Family for donating contributions to this event which made it extra special.

Warmly,



Angela Ryan, LMSW



A Community of Giving

A Lifetime of Giving

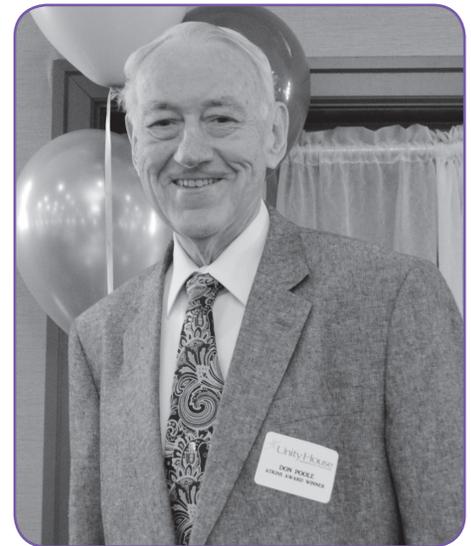
Matthew House volunteer Don Poole has been a valued and beloved member of the Auburn community his entire life. This spring, Don received an award recognizing his invaluable community service. Don received the 9th annual Fred Atkins Community Service Award from Unity House in April.

Don was nominated for the award by Matthew House in recognition of his volunteer service for the past six years. Executive Director Angela Ryan put his name forth, saying “Don is the type of volunteer every charitable organization wishes for. His towering frame belies a kind, compassionate, and gentle spirit. Don will perform any housekeeping task that needs doing, fill in as handyman when things break, run errands, and keep the birdfeeders full. He is also a passionate advocate for our home.”

Over the years, Don has volunteered for and served on the boards of such organizations as the Booker T. Washington Center, Neighborhood House, Chapel House, Pop Warner football and many other sports organizations, and is a past Grand Knight of the local chapter of the Knights Columbus. Nearly 60 of his fellow Knights attended the award ceremony in his honor.

As his reward, Unity House presented Don with two \$250 checks at their annual dinner – one for Don to keep and one for him to give to the Cayuga County non-profit of his choice. It was no surprise that he generously chose Matthew House! It was also no surprise that in his usual caring way, he gave back his own \$250 to Unity House.

“Don is often the person who greets visitors to Matthew House and offers whatever comfort he can give. I attribute this to the commitment, leadership,



and dedication he exudes, which seems to rub off on others around him,” said Angela. “His smile is contagious and his heart the size of the moon.”

Congratulations, Don! Matthew House is indeed fortunate to have you!

A Colorful Run

Once again, the Faculty Association at Cayuga Community College sponsored a color run to benefit Matthew House. The third annual “Cayuga Cares With Color” event took place on May 11, 2019 at the nature trail behind the college. Many community members participated, including a number of Matthew House board members, volunteers, and friends. Together they ran or walked the 5K course, going through each color station while volunteers showered them with colored cornstarch and ending with a burst of blue at the finish line.



This fundraiser was conceived by a past Matthew House volunteer, Brittany Androsko, while she was a student at Cayuga Community College. The college continues this tradition by hosting a Color Run to benefit Matthew House every two years. After all the colored dust settled, over \$3600 was raised for Matthew House! We are deeply appreciative for the efforts of the CCC Faculty Association on our behalf.

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