

*(Our) Motivation*

- 25% of Westchester residents live at or below the poverty line.
- 21% of Westchester residents are food insecure (hungry or at risk for hunger).
- 28.8% of children grades K-6 in Westchester are on free and reduced lunch.
- There are over 60 Homeless Shelters in Westchester housing over 3,000 residents at any given time.

*(Our) Goals*

- To raise awareness of neighbors in our community that struggle to meet basic human needs.
- To facilitate efficient and impactful interactions between members of the community and local charities, helping to fulfill unmet needs.
- To raise the profile of exceptional local non-profits.
- To foster actionable generosity in our communities' youth.
- To assist local families in situations where their basic human needs cannot be met.

*(Our) Programs*



The Empty Bowls project is an international grassroots effort to raise both money and awareness in the fight to end hunger.

The premise is simple.

Communities work together to create hand-painted bowls. Guests are invited to a simple meal of soup and bread. In exchange for a cash donation, guests are asked to keep a bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world.

Over \$300,000 has been raised to help eradicate Food Insecurity in Westchester County.



Kids' Kloset is a volunteer-driven program that provides underserved Westchester County children with donated clothing and related items. Since Kids' Kloset opened in 2011, it has provided

over 16,000 bags of clothing, footwear, diapers and other baby essentials to local children.

Children, newborn to 18 years of age, receive "Bags of Love" with clothing prepared into properly sized and well-coordinated outfits free of rips, stains, and missing buttons.

The bags represent more than clothing: they boost the confidence and self-esteem of the recipient, with the goal being happier, more confident children who are better prepared to face their daily challenges head on.

*(Our) Partners*



## *(A Note) From Our Founders*

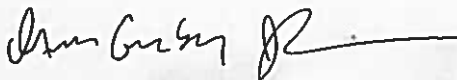
We founded (914) Cares (FKA Chappaqua Cares) in 2014 with the goal of raising awareness about local non-profits doing extraordinary work – helping to take care of local residents who were struggling with even the most basic needs: food, clothing, shelter, education and medical care.

We were shocked to learn the extent of poverty throughout Westchester County. We grew organically, from a defined Northern Westchester base to a countywide one. In 2015, we created Empty Bowls Westchester to help county pantries and other food support programs. We were overwhelmed by the willingness of our communities to help our Neighbors in Need.

It also became clear to us that local parents were all struggling with teaching our children about the importance of volunteerism and empathy. So we embarked on another expansion of our mission to include events for families to give back to their communities.

Our goal moving forward is to support non-profits throughout the county and to create a larger community of supporters which will not only help to support our charities but also help to strengthen our communities.

Thank you for your support.



Dawn and Jessica

## *(Who) Inspires Us*

❖❖ Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.

*Muhammad Ali*

❖❖ Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.

*Princess Diana*

❖❖ At the end of the day, it's not about what you have or even what you've accomplished . . . it's about who you've lifted up, who you've made better. It's about what you've given back.


*Denzel Washington*

❖❖ Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.

*Booker T Washington*

❖❖ Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.

*Mother Teresa*

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HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED



## *(Our) Mission*

To support local Westchester based non-profits that focus on Basic Human Needs: Food, Clothing, Shelter, Medical Care and Education.