



Richard J. Hughes, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton Humanitarian Award
Stephanie Peddicord

In the non-profit arena, Stephanie Peddicord has worn all the hats – development, marketing, and administrative. The focus of her career for the past two decades has been advancing the public good through service and leadership. Currently, Stephanie serves as the President of the Center for FaithJustice, an organization inspiring future leaders by providing opportunities to serve those in need and teaching about justice in the Catholic tradition. Early in her career, she served as Assistant Vice President at CCS Fundraising, where she helped raise hundreds of millions of dollars for educational and religious organizations. She has also held senior leadership positions at Covenant House in Philadelphia and Interfaith America in Chicago. In 2009, Stephanie founded Peddicord Consulting, LLC, a firm empowering small non-profits to think and achieve “like the big guys.” She and her husband have two children. The family lives in Pennington and is active in the Church of Saint Ann in Lawrenceville.



Client Achievement Award
Ruben

After years of struggling with addiction, several trips to prison, and one life-altering attack, Ruben received life-saving counseling services from Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton. While in recovery, Ruben was notified that he would be receiving full custody of his two young children. Through his counselor, he learned about Linkages, a temporary housing program and he and his children moved in. After completing his addiction counseling in December of 2021, Ruben and his family were able to secure permanent housing in Monmouth County. Ruben works part-time as a barber, and he is in the process of taking classes to earn his GED. His children are enrolled in school. When the family was living at Linkages, the children were asked about their hopes for the future. Each said they would like their own home, with their own bedrooms and a big yard to play in. Because of Ruben’s hard work and dedication to his family – their dreams have come true.



Corporate Citizen of the Year
Hitesh Patel

The relationship Catholic Charities has with Hitesh Patel began when the Guidance Clinic was having trouble getting prescriptions for long-acting injections filled. When they reached out to Rapps, the pharmacy was able to make it happen. Slowly, steadily the relationship grew. Today, Rapps Pharmacy operates an on-site pharmacy at Southard Street and serves Delaware House, the PACT teams and the Intensive Residential Program. When Catholic Charities was holding clinics to vaccinate vulnerable Trenton residents who had no insurance, Rapps Pharmacy acquired the vaccines and made it possible. “We take pride in addressing the needs of our clients,” said Hitesh Patel, Pharm D, one of the pharmacy’s owners. He noted the pharmacy is flexible and can accommodate compliance issues and special packaging needs. “We enjoy a phenomenal relationship with Catholic Charities,” he said. “The staff is very well-trained and well-educated.” They are always planning in advance to care for the most underserved population.”

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Burlington County **Marlton Woman's Club**

The Marlton Woman's Club has provided in-kind and monetary support to Providence House Domestic Violence Services in Burlington County for decades. The

goal of the group is to raise money for people in need. While the club supports a variety of causes, many of them are champions for women and girls. The club regularly conducts drives, collecting goods needed at the Safe House. Whether it's food, bedding or cleaning supplies, Providence House can count on a full van arriving from the club after a request has been made. In recent years, the members have made celebrating Mother's Day at the Safe House a priority — collecting purses, cosmetics, jewelry and other gift items for the women. The 45-member charitable organization is a chapter of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and was founded in 1964.



Monmouth County **The Church of Saint Veronica**

St. Veronica is known to us through the Stations of the Cross. Veronica was the woman who offered Christ

a cloth to wipe his face as he carried the cross toward Calvary. As she is known for this act of charity, the parishioners of the Church of St. Veronica in Howell are known for their continued generosity toward Catholic Charities. The parish has a decades-long history of supporting Ocean County's Community Services initiatives. Drives conducted by the Church of St. Veronica have provided Easter Baskets, food, clothing, school supplies and backpacks. Pastor Rev. Peter James Alindogan, known to all as Father PJ, said the Social Concerns ministry of the church gives according to the demands of those in need.



Mercer County **Paul Kolano**

As a graduate of Catholic High School and Notre Dame University, the concept of service to others has been firmly ingrained in Paul Kolano's heart

and mind. Ten years ago, when he was looking for a new community service opportunity, he noticed an ad in the bulletin at St. Paul Parish looking for people to join the Mercer County Board. He took it as a sign. Ever since, the Boston native has supported Catholic Charities and its mission. He also served on the Board of Trustees for five years. Paul is currently employed by Bank of America Merrill Lynch as a Director of Institutional Sales for their Stock Plan Business. He and his wife Wendy reside in Princeton with their youngest son Jack, while Paul's three older children are starting to make their own mark as well in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago.



Ocean County **Josie Esquivel**

Josie Esquivel and her family moved from Manhattan to Bay Head in 2001 and enrolled their twins at the Ranney School in Tinton Falls. Recently retired from a long, successful career

on Wall Street, the Headmaster at Ranney recruited her for the Finance Committee and asked her to serve on the Board of Trustees. As parishioners of Sacred Heart in Bay Head, the family learned about Catholic Charities. Josie joined the Ocean County Board and after serving for several years, was invited to join the Board of Trustees. At Sacred Heart of Bay Head, she serves as a Eucharist Minister, Lector, Parish Counselor and President of the Rosary Altar Society. Married for almost 29 years, Josie and her husband Joseph met while working at Lehman Brothers in New York.

EVENT DETAILS



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PLACE: Hyatt Regency Princeton
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