

Bloom Again Foundation NJ Turns Spirits to Dollars

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At the "Drink Local, A Toast to Summer's End Fundraiser" on September 30, 2017 at the Shrewsbury Sailing and Yacht Club in Oceanport, \$25,000 was raised by the New Jersey chapter of the Bloom Again Foundation. Local favorites such as Asbury Park Distillery, Wet Ticket, and Laird and Co. were on tap for the night. Guests enjoyed dishes made with local produce and listened to classic summer songs performed by the area band, A.D.D. The money raised will provide economically vulnerable working women with financial assistance during times of financial need caused by medical emergencies, illness, or other health-related challenges.

Through collaboration with community partners, the not-for-profit organization provides their clients, patients, and parishioners with financial assistance for living essentials when they need it most. Hackensack Meridian Heath Riverview Medical Center and Allure Plastic Surgery Center sponsored the event and helped to make the evening a success. More than 90% of donations go directly to women in financial need. The foundation is a grassroots, all-volunteer charity. You can visit bloomagain.org to find out more about the organization or contact the group at BloomAgainNJ@gmail.com.



Left to right: Donnalyn Giegerich, Donna Erskine, Barbara Costa

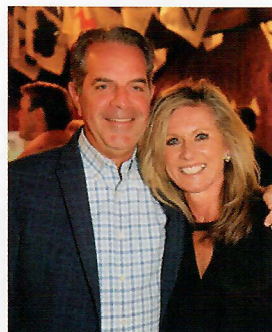


Left to right: Laura Christman, Kristen Cheatum, Kelly Taylor, Dr John Taylor



Left to right: Stephen and Gina Gill, Kelli O'Brien, Lisa and Mark Ranucci, Dave O'Brien, Kelly and Anthony Chaknis

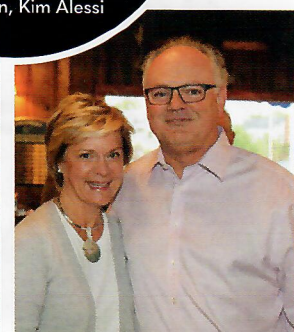
Left to right: Suzanne Flavia, Lauren Sapirstein, Shari Silverman, Kim Alessi



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