Spring 2023

Poker Tournament a Huge Success!





<u>Click here for more pictures!</u>

We raised over \$11,500 at our first Charity Texas Hold'em Tournament at the Shrewsbury Firehouse!

The highlight of the night came when Andrew Erskine (1st place \$3,000) and Lewis Gaskin (2nd place \$1,500) donated their winnings!"When they handed me back their winnings I was stunned! It was a fantastic surprise and a wonderful way to end the evening!" exclaimed event organizer and BloomAgain board member, Meg Ricard.

The tournament had licensed dealers and was run by Class Act Casino, a professional entertainment company. Sponsored by Smallwood Wealth Management of Red Bank, Blackhawk Network, and Red Bank Orthodontics, the event's success came in the details. Players enjoyed a bourbon tasting sponsored by New Jersey's own Penelope Bourbon, craft beer on tap sponsored by Atlantic Highland's Carton Brewing, and delicious food from Mutiny BBQ in Asbury Park. For an extra special touch, Daisy Chocolates of Monmouth Beach and Sweet Dani B of Asbury Park designed custom poker themed dessert trays.

We hope this becomes an annual event!

Board of Directors Christine Rieger

Kathleen Cleary Ursula Henry Liz Milnes Sally Milnes Meg Ricard Nathalie Turner Dr. Sima Yakoby-Epstein

We've Been Busy! BloomAgain has provided \$25,650 to 15 local women since January!

Amy, a single mother who works in community outreach, fell behind on her bills because she had to miss work caring for and finding help to diagnose her child's vertigo (emergency room, doctor visits, and treatments). Amy's application came from Lunch Break and BloomAgain helped her by paying one month's mortgage. Amy wrote, "There are not enough words to express my appreciation for the assistance received from BloomAgain. Financial concerns on top of caring for a loved one is extremely difficult. Now I have the ability to start fresh and focus on caring for my family. Thank you so much."

Save the Date!



Saturday, October 21 @ 7PM The New Shrewsbury Racquet Club