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Or mail your check to P.O. Box 372, Claymont, DE 19703 and we will have your tickets at our Will Call table.

In Special Memory of Cynthia King Justice

One of our founding volunteers passed in April — a woman of



undeniable spirit, energy, and determination who was an active member of From Our Kitchen from its conception.

A woman of faith and generosity, Cynthia met life head on. She rose to challenges and was inspired to take many adventures.

Cynthia's children said Premiere Charities was a charity their mother very much enjoyed supporting. Donations can be made in her memory to PCI.

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From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education

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2016 Gala Event

Our first gala last year was a smashing success that raised \$47,000 and helped us secure a van for better serving the homeless, improved water quality and electrical power for our adopted orphanage in India — and afforded our patrons and benefactors an evening of fellowship, food and drink and dancing.

In 2016, we're going even bigger! Mark your calendars for Nov. 5, from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. at The Waterfall in Claymont, Delaware. If purchased before Oct. 1, tickets are \$75 each. After that date they're \$80 apiece. Valet parking is free for everyone.



The Waterfall
3416 Philadelphia Pike, Claymont, DE

We will have heavy hors d'oeuvres, including vegetarian selections, assorted pastries and fruit, coffee/tea/soda and water and a bar with a full line cocktails, wine and beer. Each ticket purchased gives patrons two beverage tickets; there will be a charge for additional drinks.

We will again have a silent auction with many quality items — including handcrafted jewelry from the children of the Balagurukulam orphanage (all these sales will be returned directly to the orphanage). If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction, please contact us at premierecharitiesinc@gmail.com.

Local businesses and individuals were very generous in supporting the event last year, and for 2016 we've continued the four levels of sponsorship: Platinum \$5000; Gold: \$2000; Silver: \$1000; Bronze \$500. Each sponsor will be recognized at the event, and we ask that you get your donations to Premier Charity Inc. by October 15th so you can be included in the event program.

Last year PCI was able to support 52 weeks of seasonal meals for the homeless of Wilmington, provided a Smart Board to the Balagurukulam Orphanage, make improvements for the orphanage's well and purchase a generator to ensure the institution consistently has electricity. Lastly, we were able to match funds for a van that will help store the supplies for From Our Kitchen's Sunday Serves.

Van update:

A dream has finally come true: We now have a Sprinter style van for the Sunday Serves! While it was a bit more complicated than initially anticipated, the purchase was made possible by the \$9,000 gift from Ed Wilde and many other benefactors who shared Premiere Charities' mission for providing the homeless with fulfilling meals each weekend. In August, the van will begin its dignified service after Amy Pollock of Team A drives it home.



Some modifications for storage will be made before the van is loaded with its first meals. On the side panels of the van we will display the names of major sponsors and Premiere Charities.

PCI is grateful for the generous support of all benefactors who made this \$25,000 purchase possible.

From Our Kitchen notes

From Our Kitchen is very proud of all of our volunteers — from those who come to our weekly serves and volunteer their time to those who provide monetary or food donations. In addition to our wonderful volunteers, we have a wide variety of other helpful groups and individuals who assist in other ways as we work together to help the homeless and food-insecure of downtown Wilmington. In this newsletter, we'd like to highlight just a few of the folks who have helped From Our Kitchen and Premiere Charities this spring and summer. Jay and Veni Muthukamatchi have been instrumental in supporting our Serve by including Premiere Charities on their Facebook page Charity Crossing. Their effort has allowed so many people to either come out and support From Our Kitchen or financially help in sponsoring a Serve.

The Dreamchasers of Delaware sponsored two main courses on February 21 and April 3. This group of young people and their parents assisted in all aspects of the Serves. The Indian American Association of American Youth Group sponsored and helped on July 10, and Balayihar Youth Group has sponsored served and assisted with the second Serve. Students from Mount Pleasant High School wrapped dinnerware for all Serves. JROTC cadets from MPHS have also volunteered.

Team B support comes from many families. Suseela Ngappan and the Muthukatchi family provided the desserts at another serve. Rajesh Bagdi supplied desserts and water for one of our serves. Peter and Su Horty not only provide their time but sodas and ice. Rohini Chitra leads a team of volunteers who donate two boxes of bananas and send volunteers to each serve for Team B. Other folks who have sponsored a main course in 2016 are Ajitha Menon and friends, The Davis Family, The Galinto Family and Babu Ramadoss and family. Daren Tucker and Tanya Bourne bring their family to each serve where they not only Serve but help clean up and provide water or sodas.

Team A also has numerous volunteers and family support. Larry Malone covers the cost of potato chips and attends Sunday Serves with his grandsons. Dr. Ananth Nabha regularly provides bottled water for the Serves and when the weather is hot he has plenty for volunteers. Veronica Brennan and her family provide seasonal beverages like hot cocoa or ice tea on the Sundays they attend the serves. Gail Salter not only provides sodas every two weeks, she makes a monthly financial donation.

Lancaster Meats and Deli provide lunch meats and cheese at reduced prices for sandwiches. Lucky's restaurant provided bread and baked beans for the July 3rd celebration and several other serves. Jay Muthukamatchi is responsible for connecting Team B with 301 Restaurant in Middletown whose chef has been preparing meals for Serves at cost, for which we are grateful.

Seeds of Greatness Ministries provides From Our Kitchen with a monthly sponsorship, which is greatly appreciated. Fred T. Stiff III had previously been helped by others and wanted to make a donation to the homeless community now that he is in a position to give back. We received a "Share our Plate" contribution from the Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek. Rhonda Disabattino of Dr. Rao's office worked with the office staff to put together Care Packages that were given out to at a Sunday Serve.

Support from local organization

In our last newsletter we told you about Jay, Veni, and their daughters Karthi and Priya, and how much they enjoy working with and supporting "From Our Kitchen". Jay and his family go well beyond the typical donations and volunteering, and in support of many different charities Jay started a Facebook site "Charity Crossing". The "Charity Crossing" site welcomes you with a quote from Albert Pike: "What we do for us dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." Pike, 1809-1891, inspired Jay to create the Facebook page when he celebrated his 50th birthday and 10 years of volunteering. It was an important milestone in his life.

Charity Crossing

Let's make a difference in someone's life

Jay and a group of friends started "Charity Crossing" with 5 volunteers, and in just few months it has grown to 447 volunteers from around the world. The mission of the group includes "Food, Shelter, and clothing for all (the basic needs)" and connect those who want to help people in need in an inexpensive and practical way. Use of the site is free; it is an easy to use and to post opportunities for others to help. PCI team members volunteered with one of "Charity Crossing's" many opportunities: sending clothing to help less fortunate people in India. Initially the volunteers were asked to take suitcases with clothing when they were traveling to India, often in support of orphanages. When unprecedented flooding hit Chennai, the group asked for larger donations with the goal to fill a 20 feet shipping container with boxes of clothing and personal goods. When I last checked, the "Charity Crossing" site had facilitated the shipping of 7 containers from 5 different locations across America! Non-traditional clothing that was donated was redirected to other local charities, so all donations were used.

The "Charity Crossing" site has also been especially helpful to "From Our Kitchen", with many families and new friends from across the United States (and Canada) making donations and helping to sponsor meals. Recently Jay has been highlighting the good work of Wills Tamil and the TAGDV flood restoration and rehabilitation project which is building 5 homes for 5 widows in the Cuddalore district in Tamil Nadu, India. This summer the "Charity Crossing" volunteers from Delaware and Maryland are taking 11 suitcases of traditional dresses to Chennai to help disadvantaged women and children. "Charity Crossing" volunteers distributed five (5) suitcase of dresses to "From Our Kitchen" guests during June 25th serve.

H.O.P.E. Update: Earlier this year PCI HOPE purchased a Smart Board to support the students with their academics. It has been delivered and students are learning how to use it. Once again the generous donation from a supporter of Balagurukulam has paid the tuition for students to attend school.

There will be an assortment of jewelry made by the children of Balagurukulam at the Gala November 5th. The proceeds from the sale will go back to the school for supplies.