

# Premiere Charities, Inc.

From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education

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## Premiere Charities, Inc.

A not-for-profit

501(c)3 organization

Check the website  
on how to get involved

## WEBSITE UP-DATE

On the PCI web page you can watch short videos from volunteers, a Sunday Serve, and H.O.P.E summer park outing.

Other information available on how to support From Our Kitchen and Helping Orphans Pursue Education.

PCI periodically edits/updates the website.

Please visit our site at:

<http://premierecharities.org>

## PCI Mission Statement:

To serve the underprivileged by mobilizing resources for food, clothing, shelter, and education.

## From Our Kitchen notes

The holiday season is now officially over, and the volunteers at From Our Kitchen have planned and Served our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. The holidays are especially difficult for the homeless and food-insecure in our city and state.

According to figures from The State of Homelessness in America 2013, published by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, while Delaware is below the national average for the number of homeless per 10,000 population (Delaware is at 13, the national average is 20), we have seen significant increases in the number of families (up 7%) and veterans (up 20%). The causes for homelessness are many, with some people experiencing homelessness for short periods of time, and others having more chronic issues. While we at From Our Kitchen cannot solve the many issues that cause homelessness, we can do our small share by providing those we Serve with a good meal every Sunday, regardless of the weather. Rain or shine our volunteers always wear a smile.

We are a small non-profit organization, the volunteers at From Our Kitchen work together to make sure the people who attend our Serves get a special hot meal to celebrate both Thanksgiving and the Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa holidays.

You can help From Our Kitchen make every season special by helping us to help those we Serve. Please consider a ongoing donation to help us with our increased meal costs during the 2015 New Year. You or your organization can assist with other targeted donations for winter with donations of warm socks, hats, scarves, and gloves. From Our Kitchen can also accept meal donations directly, so if you or your organization has access to kitchen facilities, or perhaps you have arrangements with a local restaurant or banquet facility, we would welcome your assistance in providing original hot meals to those we Serve. From Our Kitchen provides a healthy meal to about 200 people each Sunday in downtown Wilmington. Please considering helping.



Thanksgiving 2014 meal provided by Forwood Manor and served by their volunteers.

## Premiere Charities Inc. 6th Annual 5K Run

This year's 6th Annual Premiere Charities, Inc. 5K Run/walk was held October 25, 2014 and was another successful event. Runners and walkers enjoyed a beautiful Saturday with the start of the run at The Candlelight Theatre and finished this year at Ivy Gables, one of our new sponsors. Runners enjoyed music by DJ Arthur Hope as they crossed the finish line and enjoyed bagels, fruit and beverages.

This year's proceeds will go towards From Our Kitchen Teams to Serve seasonal meals on



Suzanne, Maria Cristina and Debra Shipley stop after the 5K for a picture with Dr. V. Kripalu.

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## 5 Years Strong

Twenty-fourteen was another successful year for Premiere Charities Inc. The group of volunteers with From our Kitchen Served a healthy seasonal meal to the homeless and those in need on Sunday afternoons. The volunteers and Team leaders have prepared and served 258 Sundays over the five years since they started in December of 2009 missing only two Sunday's because of severe weather conditions. This work is costly and PCI relies on the help of volunteers and the generosity of many. It costs on average \$400.00 each Sunday. Each meal includes the seasonal main entrée, fruit, beverage, and a dessert. During 2014 the Teams Served about 200 meals each Sunday.

Looking into the New Year families and organizations are reviewing their charitable giving to ease their tax burden. Premiere Charities is a 501(c)3 organization that supports local people in need of a meal. Donations are deductible in the year they are given.

## Volunteer Focus

**Larry Malone** has been a volunteer with From Our Kitchen for the past three years. Larry became aware of Premiere Charities and their missions at Drs. Kripalus' office when he heard someone on staff mentioning their efforts to share food with Wilmington's homeless. He asked nurse practitioner Nicole Scott about it, and from there Larry and his wife Kathleen became volunteers. Larry says the mission to give food to the homeless in Wilmington 'struck a chord' with him by providing the ability to help the needy close to home. He was also impressed that Premiere Charities was started by two doctors who had immigrated to the US, and he wanted to help them fulfill one of their several humanitarian missions.

When Larry first started attending the Serves, he was struck by the sight of so many people in obvious need of assistance. Each Serve leaves Larry (and our other volunteers) with a great feeling

of having provided a full and good meal to those in need. Larry has since involved his grandsons in the Serves and says he is very pleased with their willingness to *actively* participate in helping those less fortunate than themselves; he hopes that they will sustain this interest and act on it during the rest of their lives.

In addition to participating in the Serves, Larry also assists with the annual 5K fundraiser for H.O.P.E, the orphanage in India that Premiere Charities supports.

When asked what he would say to people who might be considering joining From Our Kitchen, he says it is the personal contact with people in need that he finds most appealing; the people we Serve are obviously and vocally grateful for From Our Kitchen's efforts, and it feels good to interact directly with them.

From Our Kitchen would like to thank Larry and Kathleen, and their grandsons for their continued support. We encourage you to spread the good word about From Our Kitchen and to join us in our efforts.



Larry Malone with his grandsons getting ready for Christmas Serve 2014.

## H.O.P.E. Update

Balagurukulam Orphanage was selected as the best India Orphanage for the year 2014. The celebration was September 6th. Mr. Ranjith accepted the award for his selfless service to the many children who have a warm and safe place to live. Mr. Ranjith stated that the immense support from Helping Orphans Pursue Education /Premiere Charities Inc. was instrumental in achieving this high award.

If interested in supporting the students at Balagurukulam, you can make donations through the Premiere Charities website or by sending donations to our PO Box.

