



Lauren Rose Albert Foundation

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2001

265 Mother's Day Gifts



2005

925 Mother's Day Gifts



2007

1,950 Mother's Day Gifts



2009

2,750 Mother's Day Gifts



Mothers Matter Marks 10th Year, 15,000th Mother's Day Gift, and Welcomes New York to the Team!

How many volunteer hours does it take to collect products and create 15,000 gift packages?

Too many to count!

From the modest beginning of 265 baskets in 2001 to the extensive six-week production effort that it is in 2010, the *Mothers Matter*

Gift Basket program continues to achieve milestones; this year, the effort reached a cumulative program total of 15,000 Mother's Day gifts prepared and delivered — quite an accomplishment for this all-volunteer effort — a “little engine that could” powered by a small core committee and the devotion of hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

The 10th Year celebration of accomplishments included welcoming the first *Mothers Matter* chapter. Headquartered in Long Island, New York, co-founders Laura and Ricardo Bustamante proudly

delivered 25 beautiful Mother's Day gifts to the Brookhaven Township women's shelter and 30 to the South Nassau Community Hospital Pediatric and Neonatal Wards.

The cumulative efforts of more than 175 volunteers and 60 schools, business and organizations touched

the lives of 2,265 women and their families — mothers and grandmothers who received a beautiful *Mothers Matter* gift bag filled with a colorful combination of practical and pampering

personal-care and beauty products. Each gift carries with it the volunteers and supporters' love and caring and the message that “**Mothers Matter.**”

The results of the 2010 program can perhaps be summed up in this quote from a letter of thanks that came from the director of one of the LRAF partner organizations: “For some of the recipients, it is the only acknowledgment they receive in celebration of mothers.”



Thank You for a Joyous Mother's Day!

Congratulations on a job well done, and thank you to all the volunteers who “Make Mothers Matter!”

Meet Our Camden County College Scholarship Recipients



LRAF Vice President Stu Rose with Camden County College Scholarship Recipients.

At the Camden County College Scholarship Reception and Ceremony held May 19, LRAF Vice President Stuart Rose met four of the five 2010 Book Award recipients. We congratulate these admirable South Jersey mothers as they pursue their educations and are honored to welcome them to the LRAF scholarship family that also includes recipients from Burlington, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Community Colleges and Rowan University.

Karen Avgousti: Currently enrolled in the Camden County nursing program at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Karen will complete the program in December 2011 and would like to continue on to earn an advanced degree. She's a mother of three children — ages 13, 10 and 8 — and intends to use the LRAF scholarship funds toward all the additional "recommended" books that her professors suggest the students purchase. "These books will be very important to my education and very useful in my career," she said.

DeLithea Evans: On a recent visit, DeLithea fell in love with St. Joseph's University and set the goal for herself of enrolling there in the future to earn her bachelor's degree in English and Secondary Education. She'll earn her associate's degree from Camden County in 2011 and plans to become an English teacher. Her children, ages 11 and 9, are "very supportive of my efforts and we all do our homework

together!" Upon learning that she had been awarded the LRAF scholarship, she said, "I was very proud of myself and of what I have accomplished."

Lynne Sloan: "I was thrilled when I heard I had been awarded the LRAF Scholarship," Lynne said. A single mother raising a 13-year-old daughter, Lynne is pursuing a nursing education. She has one more year at Camden County to earn her RN degree, plans to continue her education for two more years to receive a BSN, and would like to eventually earn a master's degree in Psychology. Her career goal is to become a hospice nurse.

Karen Tomlin: A former realtor, Karen decided to return to school when the economy fell apart. She's earning her RN degree at Camden County and hopes to attend Rutgers for her BSN. Currently employed as a technician in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, she plans to return to the NICU as a nurse. A single mother of four children — ages 21, 19, 15 and 13 — she actually enrolled in two required writing courses along with her 19-year-old son. "That was an interesting experience," she said.

LRAF Founder Named "New Jersey Woman of Achievement"

The New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC has named Susan Rose as a 2010 recipient of its "New Jersey Women of Achievement" Award. The award was presented at a gala dinner on May 3 held at the Trump Plaza during the organization's annual convention.

Susan was nominated for the award by the Washington Township Volunteer Women's Organization. The group is an active participant in the LRAF *Mothers Matter* Gift Basket Program.

In accepting the award, Susan noted the tremendous importance of volunteers to the success of organizations such as the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation, which is 100 percent volunteer-operated. We're "just a small, but mighty and dedicated core group of men and women who continually and unstintingly give of themselves to make miracles happen. It is with all these good and caring people that I share this noteworthy recognition."



Pictured (left to right) are NJFWC President Anne Redlus, Susan Rose, Douglas College President Dean Harriet Davidson and Women of Achievement Chairperson Merci Norwood.

Thank you to our Mothers Matter friends & contributors



LRAF President Susan Rose with wife of Cooper Hospital Trauma patient.

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Beacon Academy
Bell Oaks Elementary School
Birches Elementary School
Blackwood Elementary School
Bobby's Run Elementary School
Bunker Hill Middle School
Camden Catholic High School
Cherry Hill High School West
Chestnut Ridge Middle School
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St. Mark's Nursery School
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School
William P. Tatem Elementary School
Winslow Twp. #2 Elementary School
Zane North Elementary School



Camden County College President Ray Yannuzzi (left) and 4th District Assemblyman Paul Moriarty (right) deliver Mother's Day gifts at the Blackwood BPUM Child Development Center.

Allstate Burlington MCO
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Dollar Tree Stores
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Gloucester County Community Church



Mothers Matter volunteer Stacey Einstein-Jennings presents Mother's Day gift to NJ Veteran's Memorial Home resident.

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Partial List

Special Thanks to:

Gloucester County College Student Government Association, which held a number of events and raised \$600 to purchase health and beauty products.

The Plush Team, an on-line group of artists from all over the world, which donated its handcrafted plush toys and dolls to *Mothers Matter* providing beautiful comforting and colorful additions to some Mother's Day gift bags. (For more information on these fabulous and unique handcrafted items, please visit www.plussteam.com or Etsy.com.)

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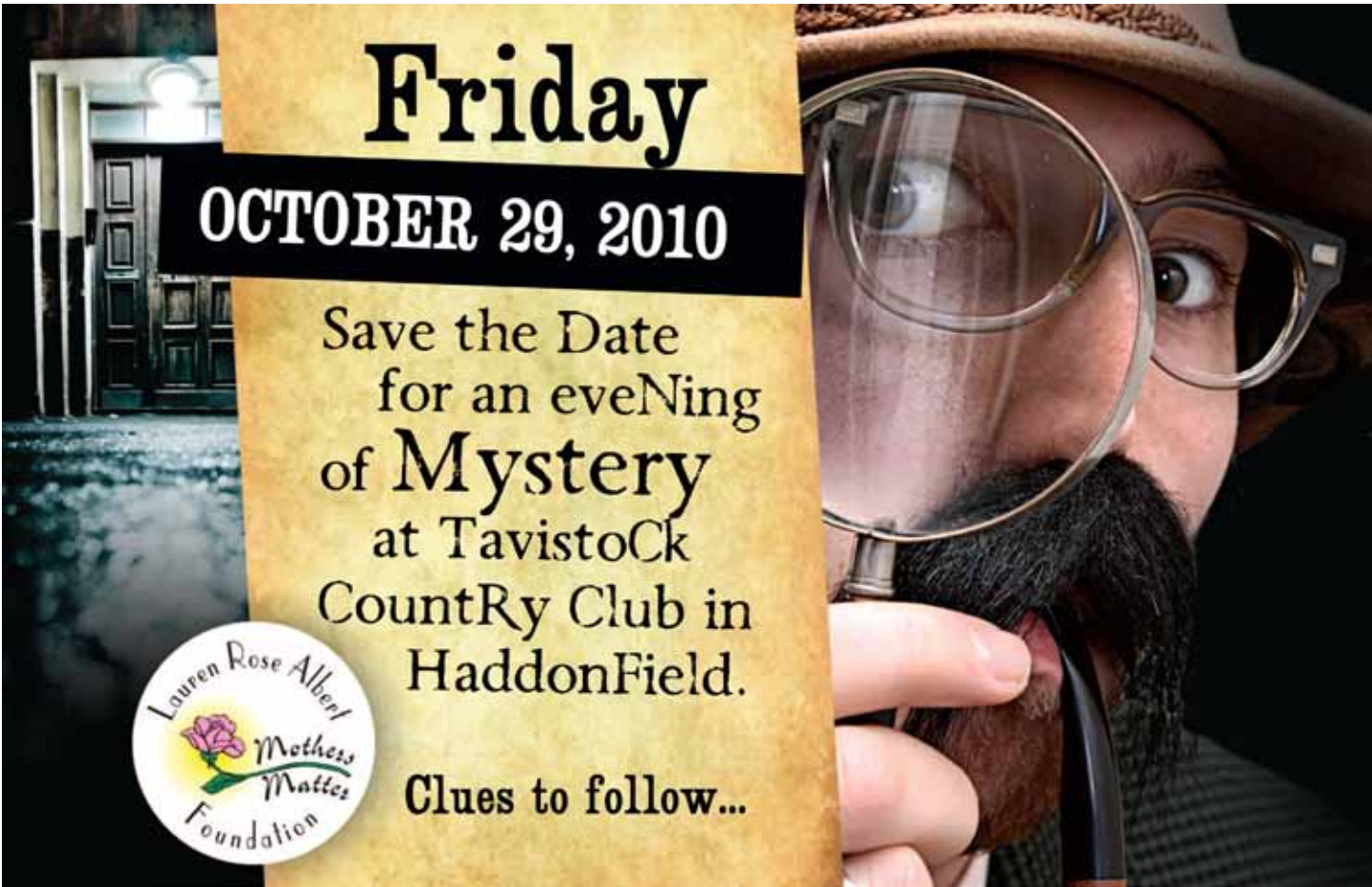
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**Please help LRAF
locate year-round work space!**

The expansion of the *Mothers Matter* Gift Basket program into a year-round effort is a significant goal in the Foundation's strategic plan. Several objectives toward achieving this goal have already been achieved. Plans are under way to launch a year-round product collection effort by establishing permanent product drop-off points in Camden and Gloucester Counties; efforts have been increased to secure in-kind donations; and a year-round storage location has been generously donated to LRAF.

The missing piece of the puzzle is a gift basket production space large enough to accommodate groups of volunteers in addition to storage and shelving space for products. The space should be secure, in an easily accessible location in Camden or Gloucester County, with parking. An in-kind donation of the space is ideal; however, LRAF would be willing to pay a reasonable rent.

If you know of such a facility, please contact Susan Rose at mothersmatter@gmail.com.

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