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Volunteers celebrate a new milestone as the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation recently distributed its 10,000th gift basket through its Mothers Matter program.

# Lauren Rose Albert Foundation presents its 10,000th Mother's Day gift basket

**By LAUREN ROSE ALBERT FOUNDATION, Cherry Hill**

In 2001 the Lauren Rose Albert Foundation started a new program to brighten Mother's Day for needy and special mothers, grandmothers and caregivers by giving them beautiful gift baskets filled with women's personal care and beauty products. It was started by a small committee, representing social service and government agencies, community and religious organizations and LRAF volunteers to help meet women's unmet needs and to acknowledge the challenges faced by many women every day.

The first year, volunteers exceeded their goal of 100 gift baskets and distributed 265 Mother's Day gift baskets to four day care centers and two women's shelters.

Through the years, the program, known as Mothers Matter, continued to grow with more than 70 schools, businesses and organizations holding Mothers Matter collection drives. This year, Mothers Matter volunteers delivered more than 2,200 Mother's Day gifts to 41 locations in southern New Jersey and Philadelphia.

Mothers Matter volunteers celebrated a significant milestone this year with the assembling and presentation of the 10,000th gift basket since 2001. Lauren Rose Albert Foundation President Susan Rose presented the gift basket to Judy Dixon, a grandmother who is raising her grandson on her own. Accompanying Rose were founding Committee Members Jack Tarditi and Don Colanero, Board Members Stuart Rose and Steve McBride and Mothers Matter Committee Members Lisa Moriarty, Louisa Coffin-Tilsner and Claire Carmody.

The Lauren Rose Albert Foundation is an all-volunteer non-profit organization created in 2000 to honor the memory of Lauren Rose Albert, a mother of three who was killed in a road accident.

For information about the Lauren Rose Foundation, call (856) 428-7673 or visit [www.laurenlegacy.org](http://www.laurenlegacy.org).

## Helene Fuld, TJU sign RN to BSN agreement

**By HELENE FULD SCHOOL OF NURSING, Blackwood**

A formal agreement be-

tween Helene Fuld School of Nursing in Camden County, Thomas Jefferson University (TJU), and Camden County College (CCC) was signed on May 9, offering Helene Fuld graduates the opportunity to obtain a baccalaureate nursing degree in a short period of time following completion of the HFSN diploma nursing program and the CCC Associate in Science degree.

"I believe that this collaborative endeavor is the first to actually implement the recommendations that have been made by many of our professional and educational bodies related to integration among nursing education programs that fosters progressive academic opportunities for students," says Mary G. Schaal, EdD, RN, Dean and Professor of Jefferson School of Nursing.

"Helene Fuld has always encouraged lifelong learning," says Rose Saunders, EdD, RN, CNE, Dean of Helene Fuld School of Nursing. "Students choosing to earn a BSN will be admitted concurrently in the two schools. Upon completion of the diploma track, the graduates will continue in the TJU track and may earn a BSN within a year of initial licen-

sure through this cooperative program."

Graduates may also benefit from having the final year of the BSN program paid through tuition reimbursement plans offered by local hospitals.

Representatives from Thomas Jefferson University and Helene Fuld Student Services will provide academic counseling sessions on the Blackwood campus this fall for current students and alumni. Helene Fuld School of Nursing is co-sponsored by Virtua Health and Cooper University Hospital.

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