

T&E CARE

A decade of gain spurred by Katrina's impact



Transformational change and leadership expert David Astorino gets a welcome from Steve Maloney of Villanova and Deb Keyser of Villanova.



Event committee members Kate Beachell of Malvern and Heather Greenberg of Paoli check-out the survey the organization's mission statement.



Megan Kampf of Paoli and her husband, Warren, run into Megan King of Berwyn.

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What started more than a decade ago as a direct response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina has now become a bona fide, hardworking, non-profit that takes care of residents who need physical or financial aid in Tredyfrin and Easttown Townships. Named T&E Care, it's not only still in business, but just as necessary and thriving as it was back then.

Ten years later, the citizens in these environs have learned a lot about what it means to reach out to the displaced who arrived from hundreds of miles away, as well as how to shore-up and aid those who'd been living right around the corner.

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Jennifer Rosenberg of Chester Springs and Marie Pierre Crowe of Berwyn make the rounds with raffle tickets.



Nancy Higgins of Berwyn, Eileen Ryle of Paoli, Debbie Weger, also of Berwyn and Charu Gandhi of Stafford skip out to check their bids on silent auction items.



One of the organization's founders, Sandy Gorman of Wayne (second left) and her husband, Kirk, (center) get high marks for the evening's success from board members John Dautrich, also of Wayne, Evans Pancoast of Devon and Melissa Acton of Paoli.

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Some still struggle to make ends meet. Others just need the temporary support of an outstretched hand or a leg up. That's how T&E Care was born. Its birth has gone on to help many.

The organization's mainstay fundraiser took place at St. David's Country Club with all of the requisite trappings. Titled "Under the Harvest Moon" guests danced, enjoyed a sit-down dinner, and bid heavily on silent and live auction opportunities. While organiz-

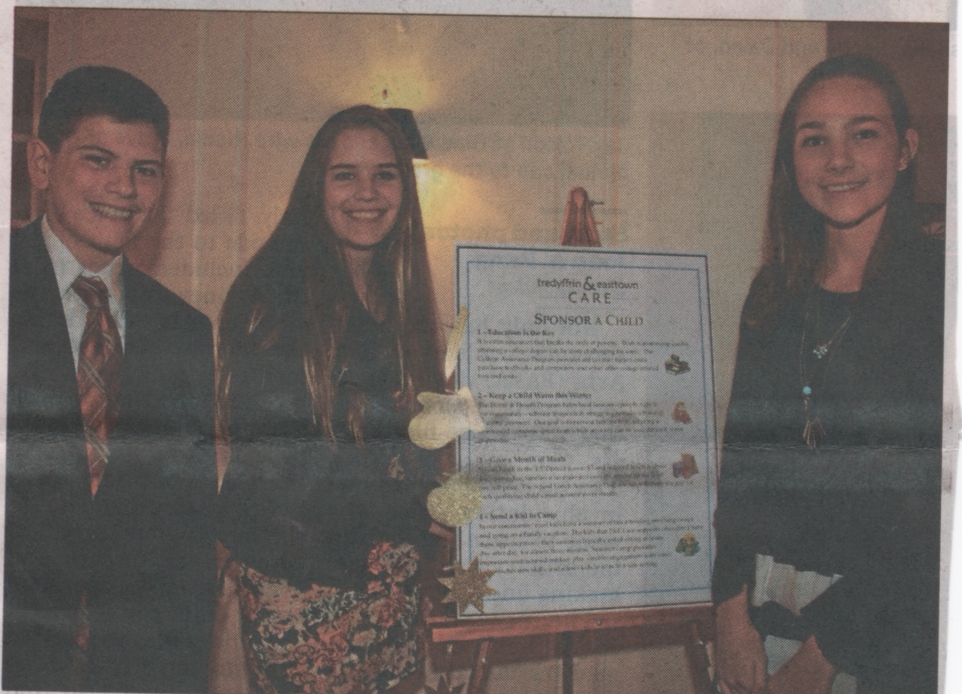
ers were more than pleased with the financial support gained from the evening's merriment, the buck doesn't stop there.

What's a bit unique for T&E Care is that they involve the local merchants, residents and houses of worship in ongoing giving. A church becomes a drop-off point, a grocery store gives back monies on purchases, an auto repair shop discounts maintenance work, and previously owned computers are refurbished so students each have the proper equipment.

As winter wanes and spring approaches T&E Care is gearing up for its

next fundraiser. The 5th annual Kid's Clothing Grab Bag will be taking place at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church on April 15-16. Donations for the event will be accepted at several areas sites including the townships' libraries and schools from March 31-April 8.

Though the ravages of Katrina are long gone there are still families that have a hard time making ends meet. It's why T&E Care has spent a decade putting into practice an ages old precept...love they neighbor. Learn how to put that directive into action by visiting the website at www.tecare.org.



Conestoga students Reese Acton of Paoli, Maura Beachell of Malvern and Shannon Crowe of Berwyn point out the ways to become involved in the outreach program.

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One of the organization's volunteers, Dana Zdancewicz of Berwyn, gets the "backing" of Tom Marturano of Malvern, her husband, Jim, and Carlos Vila, also of Berwyn.