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THE CHRISTMAS GALA'S  
10TH ANNIVERSARY

DIAMOND  
*Gala*

*Saturday, December 1  
from 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.*

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# *This evening's itinerary*

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Check in

Non-alcoholic drinks free until 11 p.m.

Mashed Potato Bar

Raffle basket tickets for sale

7:00 p.m.

Prayer

Dinner (Tables will be called)

Cash Bar from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Raffles - 50/25/25 available for purchase

8:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Dessert, coffee and tea

Goodnoe's will serve ice cream  
(Tables will be called)

Acoustic Guitarist and Vocalist

8:30 p.m.

Introduction of Founder

Introduction of Board Members

A word from the founder, Cheryl Campbell

Dancing follows

10:30 p.m.

Raffle baskets called

50/25/25 called

Special raffle called

*Door prizes will be called throughout the evening*

# *2019 Upcoming Events and Programs*

*December 2018*

**Collecting Angel Gifts**  
Ends around December 20

*January 2019*

**Thank You Dinner for team members and guests**  
**Care package program starts**

*February*

**Dental supply program starts**

*March*

**Gobies Stocking launches**  
**3/9 - 3C of Connecting supports Gobies Stocking**

*April*

**TBA Spring Gala**

*May / June*

**Visiting seniors for Mother's Day/Father's Day**

*September*

**Bingo**

*October*

**Angel requests collected**

*November*

**Launch of Angel Program**

*December*

**12/7 - Annual Celebration**

# *A word from our Founder*

Tonight we are celebrating the tenth year of being a non-profit. Many of you have no idea why you are here tonight, others have been with us for many years and others since day one. The name throws everyone one off at first and to be honest it has been a challenge for the past ten years. A challenge that many of my team have taken on with a smile. I can spend the time here telling you about how we started and what we have been doing for the past years but I would lose you within the first three sentences. Do you know why? Have you ever wondered why we have to fight so hard to be heard on social media or filling seats at events?

I used to wonder. So I started to attend other events for other non-profits to watch and learn. It turns out I was doing all the right things. The events were fun and interesting. Everyone put a lot of work into each and every event and attendance was good. Most of all we were making a difference to our seniors in need. Who would have thought that giving away gifts and helping with utility bills would turn into a full time non paying job. Well it did. In the past years we have given away hundreds of thousands of in kind donations along with actual cash assistance.

We are the best kept secret around. We receive an average of 10 calls a week asking for help with all types of needs. Asking for help with electric, water, rent, food, propane and more is an everyday event for the Christmas Gala. The challenge we have is getting the word out to all of you; people who come to events because the event looked fun and really had no idea what they were supporting; gaining the support of larger businesses to take us on under their wing to support us.

So tonight I am asking that each of you spread the word that we help seniors over the age of 60 who other wise would not get any help. We spend hours on a phone sometimes just listening to a client in need. WE spend six months preparing to collect over a 1000 gifts and work with over 50 business who host a tree with all the request on them and work with over 30 organizations that supply us with names to be able to send the gifts to. On average we are able to solve the problem for at least half of the requests received in each week.

Most of all please share we are always looking ways to help support our mission and make the wishes of so many to come true. Thank you to each and everyone one of you for supporting us tonight and hope you all stick around with us to see where we go

Cheryl Campbell, Founder and President



# *Angel Tree Locations*

## **ABINGTON**

- Fulton Bank - Abington

## **BENSALEM**

- Fulton Bank - Bensalem
- Soup King / Bagelocity
- The Quilt Academy

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- Fulton Bank - Doylestown

## **FAIRLESS HILLS**

- Liberty Auto Tags
- Oxford Valley Pharmacy
- Ruth's Hair Artistry

## **FEASTERVILLE**

- First Bank - Trevoze

## **JENKINTOWN**

- Fulton Bank – Abington

## **LANGHORNE**

- Langhorne Gardens
- Oxford Valley Mall
- Woodlane Wellness

## **LEVITTOWN**

- Curves
- First Bank - Levittown
- Neuromechanical Pain Management
- Positive Image Salon
- Stateman Health and Rehabilitation Center



## **MORRISVILLE**

- The Chiropractic Office,  
Dr Gina Genin

## **NEWTOWN**

- Goodnoe Farm Ice Cream
- Newtown Dentistry
- Wellness Solution Centers
- Wrightstown Health & Fitness

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# *Our success story*

- Everyone likes a good story and this year our story begins with how much we have helped our community. 2018 has been very long and mentally challenging for all of us. Homelessness seems to be a large problem for our seniors. The problems are so many, that we can't possibly help everyone and we are not able to make a dent with our current programs. So we had to make some changes this year. Those changes will be announced in January.
- So far in 2018 we have received 141 calls for our EPIC program. People asking for help with electric, water, rent, security deposits, air conditioners, sofas, couches, hotel costs, medications, beds, bed supplies, house supplies, depends, vet costs, medical help, rides to doctors, home health care agencies to help seniors during transitions, glasses, propane, oil, car payments (exception to our rules) and much more. We have answered all of these calls plus more. Seniors call the office for help and our volunteers take the time to listen to their needs and try to find a solution. Keep in mind there are no paid employees at our office. Everyone comes to help to make a difference in the community.
- Over the past year we have had to deny requests for moving, fixing a roof, bladder acupuncture, washer and dryers, car repairs, bed bugs, fixing a heater and more. Out of 141 calls we denied about 20 of them. A rough number of how much we paid out is around \$24,000.00 in requests for help. This is not including the angel program overhead expenses and all the hours of the team members.
- What you don't see is the thousands of cards we collect, hundreds of pieces of candy, hundreds of gift bags and all the gifts that will be donated to fill around 1,100 requests from our seniors and organizations we work with. Last years our in kind donations valued around \$55,000.00. We can only hope to be so fortunate this coming year. So when you see a fundraiser is up and running for us please support and help us keep the doors open.

*Please tag your photos with our hashtag*

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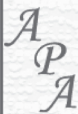
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