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We thank you dear friends of Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center for being the wind beneath our wings and for some, for being our wings through the years in both service and contributions to the cause and adventures.

We thank Karen Adelsberger who served 10 years as Board Member and president of our oversight Board. During her tenure Karen was gracious and attentive to the people of Emmitsburg and guided us through the waters of fundraising requirements as we proceeded from event to event. She was key in helping us formulate our mission statement and alerting us when one of our patients felt we needed to do more. Her service to the greater Emmitsburg community was and is priceless. We recognize that, as Karen's family has grown and, her responsibilities to her love ones have grown right along with it, we can only say to her, "Thank you, thank you, thank you for all that you have done for EOPCC and our patients." It was our joy to recognize Karen Adelsberger as 2015 Volunteer of the Year at our Thank you 4 Giving recognition luncheon on April 2, 2016.

We thank Don and Libby Briggs who have both served the Town of Emmitsburg tirelessly: the implementation for the solar field, the recycling of our organic cuttings into compost, the launching of Emmitsburg's new walking paths and park enhancements, the energy saving yet bright street lighting as well as the soon to happen Emmitsburg's center uptown new, enchanting, welcoming look not just for newcomers and visitors, but for all who call Emmisburg home. We thank Don and Libby Briggs for their many kindnesses to EOPCC's own fundraising efforts as well as the many other worthy service organizations and causes of Emmitsburg and neighboring communities. We were honored to recognize their goodness with our Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care 2015 Community Service Award.

We recognize the services of the magnificent Donna and Mike Cuseo who volunteered behind the scenes. Donna is a long standing member of our Auxiliary Board. Folks may not know this but for our one major grant that made the healing garden possible, it was because we have a community based Auxiliary Board that we were awarded the grant. Donna and Mike donated with warm smiles services, time and money, including becoming full members of our Founders Club. We grieve the loss of Mike Cuseo who died this year, but leaving behind great memories, larger than life stories that are true, and a challenge to us all that we ought also to do our part. Mike's service to our nation is an amazing, only partially told story, available through the *Emmitsburg New post*.

We continue to teach all our students about the absolute necessity for every physician, nurse practitioner and all in health care to serve compassionately those most in need. Our osteopathic and nurse practitioner students aid in providing hands-on care relieving pain, by correcting muscular-skeletal dysfunction while learning new skills. Students quickly fall in love with our patients and the work of healing. Our students since last newsletter include: Osteopathic: Joseph Ruffo, Dilraj Sekhon, Julia Vu, Kiteria Finlayson (returning student), Jumana Al-Deek, Meghan O'Rourke, Nurse Practitioner: Tracy Chang, Nadia Khan, Courtney Verrecchia, Madalyn Jones, Jill Krzyzewski, Heather Dunning, Jinhylin Hwong.

Our first Founders Club update and thank you luncheon, a Carriage House delight, took place April 2, 2016. Smiles, warmth, goodness, and fun was everywhere. The April 16, 2016 Thank You 4 Giving luncheon celebration of our volunteers, and donors was a treasure to give thanks to those who go so often unsung while giving so much so often to EOPCC and our community.

Our April 30, 2016 "April Showers Garden Party." Dinner-Auction event, previously known as Celtic Spring Fling Dinner was, thanks to the exuberant work, ideas and contributions of Sally Suder and the Auxiliary Board an amazing success: 81 guests attended, the event included a Live Auction and Silent Auctions as well as Fish Bowl raffles and Umbrella Raffle final draw. The Umbrella for Raffle was displayed at Jubilee Supermarket of Emmitsburg for two Saturdays in April, raffling at \$2/chance an umbrella decorated with \$50 worth of scratch-off tickets from the Maryland State Lottery. The Umbrella Raffle was a pre-event timed to advertise the dinner and to add to its profits, selling \$900+ of tickets. The dinner featured live music from two groups, a roast pork dinner provided by Ed and Margaret Baker of Sabillasville, a venue provided by St. Joseph's Catholic Church Hall, and the donated auction services of Roger Rothenhoefer, \$6, 000 raised to reduce the building fund debt. Thank you one and all!!!

Community Day June 25, 2016 helped EOPCC via car show fund raiser --special thanks to Melissa Wetzel, and friends. Our open house was just fun. Again, thank you to all who joined in.

On September 24, 2016 in the evening with a host of volunteers and attendees, we celebrated our ever fun and ever delicious wine tasting and hearty finger food delights, silent and not so silent auctions. Special thanks to Dr. David Rehm, PhD-our fabulous wine master, our Oversight Board, our Auxiliary Board, and Bill O'Toole and Cathy Bodin. David slipped away from one celebration to the next to honor his mother, forever young, Diane Rehm of WAMU talk show fame on her 80th birthday. We sang to Diane Rehm, and sent a card full of our well wishes and delight. Jeremiah Herbst, our famous auctioneer, returned to make sure our guests took home treasures while helping to raise the needed money to help pay down the building loan. We cleared \$4,000. Thank you!

September 24, 2016 was a busy day for community service and fund raising. We thank Frederick Memorial Hospital, the Lion's Club for allowing us to partner with them to provide discounted lab comprehensive lab draws saving thousands of dollars both to patients and insurances, preventative and motivational medical evaluations including eye screens, blood pressures, weights and BMIs. We give special thanks and acknowledgement to our three volunteer WVSOM osteopathic medical students: Tom Herron, Umair Ahmed, Harsha Kannan.



More thanks to Karen Miller, Cathy Bodin, Tina Miller-Solaiman and her two children who helped make the September 24-25, 2016 St. Anthony Fall yard sale a \$240.00 success.

UPCOMING: November 12, 2016 Retro Rockets Rock and Roll fundraiser IS ON! BYOB and dancing shoes -- come celebrate. We look forward to seeing you there.



ONGOING:

Founders CLUB: we need 270 new member to complete our goal of 300 participants. Please join us if you are holding back, and go find other believers to join us!

Our economic times are more stressed than ever. We are asking everyone who receives this letter to help us continue our work by donating: ___\$5, ___\$10, ___\$15, ___\$25 or \$____. Also, if you have any items lying about the house, taking up space, that might serve as a prize in silent auction, or anything that will help EOPCC pay down its debt, or enhance services, make our website more functional, **WE WILL WELCOME THEM WARMLY!** All donations are used toward paying down the building debt unless designated otherwise. Please remember, your donation counts!

