

The Drenk Center's mission is to partner with people to create opportunities for recovery and wellness by offering behavioral health services.



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Working to Provide the Highest Quality of Care

by Harry Marmorstein, CEO

These past several months have been extremely busy at The Drenk Center. We have successfully achieved Joint Commission re-accreditation, a voluntary review process we undertake every three years to ensure The Drenk Center provides the highest quality of care for our consumers. The three surveyors who visited our sites over a three day evaluation period were extremely complimentary of our comprehensive service continuum and the care our incredibly talented staff offer to consumers.

During The Joint Commission's site visit we also had 10 staff at an off-site training in preparation for the implementation of our new electronic health record. Over the past seven months, this core team has been working to prepare for our conversion to CareLogic, a new system which will ensure seamless communication and continuity of care for consumers who use multiple services at multiple sites. After a long planning process, our launch date of April 1st is quickly approaching.

While these activities have kept us focused on our Mission at The Drenk Center, the reality of the State's economic condition remains a foremost concern as we plan for the future. Governor Christie recently presented his proposed budget that contains some cost reductions in the Department of Human Services and Department of Children and Families, along with changing priorities. We continue to watch as the State Legislature begins budget hearings and works to create the final budget. Every citizen of New Jersey has the opportunity to testify at these hearings over the next several weeks and can find the schedule of hearing dates and times at www.drenk.org. This is your opportunity to have your voice heard. It is our responsibility to ensure our elected representatives know what is important to us.

In closing, I want to thank you for your support over the years and ask you again to consider The Drenk Center when making your tax deductible donations and when choosing fundraising events worthy of your participation. It is your generosity that supports everything we accomplish and makes it possible to offer services that support our Mission.



Taking a Swing to Support The Drenk Center



“What an absolutely wonderful day! Great golf with great people for a great cause!”

Michael Guarneri
Roma Bank

The Drenk Foundation and The Drenk Center gratefully thank our sponsors, advertisers, golfers, and supporters for their participation in our 9th Annual Drenk Golf Classic. Held at Burlington Country Club, 80 golfers enjoyed a beautiful day on the course, great food and time spent with friends and co-workers. A special thank you to the following companies for their generous support of the 9th Annual Drenk Golf Classic:



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Dwynne Belton putting for par.



Mike Kelly, Richard Jingoli, Norm Linker and Doug Lejambre take 1st place.



David Sendrow shows his textbook golf form.

Local Business Leaders Golf to Give Back

More than 96 golfers, supporters, and endless volunteers came together to raise money for The Drenk Center by participating in the 2nd Annual Golf to Give Back Classic.

Ranco Construction has partnered with Carleton Insurance for the past two years to hold a golf outing in support of a Burlington County nonprofit agency that helps people in need.

“I want to thank Ranco Construction and Carleton Insurance for choosing The Drenk Center as the recipient of this year’s golf classic,” noted Harry Marmorstein. “We are fortunate to have members of our community who care about their fellow citizens and who want to help.”



Harry Marmorstein thanks the organizers of the Golf to Give Back Classic. (L-R) Whitney Carleton, Harry Marmorstein, Mindi Carleton, Karen Macklin, Judy Barry and Scott Barry.

“On behalf of the organizers, volunteers and supporters of the Golf to Give Back Classic, we are pleased to support an organization that is making a difference in people’s lives in Burlington County,” noted Mindi Carleton, Vice President, Carleton Insurance Agency. “The Drenk Center is the type of organization we envisioned supporting when we started the Golf to Give Back Classic.”

Our Community Partners Making a Difference

Everything But the Turkey Food Drive



Due to the generosity of schools, corporations and individuals, the Family Success Center of Burlington County provided all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving meal to more than 100 families.

“Magowan Elementary School Student Council representatives were excited to participate in the Everything But the Turkey Food Drive because they wanted to make sure that as many people as possible had a great Thanksgiving Dinner,” noted Oronde' Dunn, Student Council Advisor. “The students enjoy being involved in activities that help their community and give them a chance to think about someone other than themselves. It’s always exciting for our future leaders to have a chance to set such a positive example for the younger kids in our school.”

Meals for Homeless Consumers

Drenk staff, consumers and volunteers delivered warm meals to homeless consumers on both Thanksgiving and Christmas day. To make the Christmas meals extra special, the Mount Laurel Daisy Troop 24316 provided dessert by decorating containers with holiday stickers and filling them with cookies. Not only did our consumers appreciate the warm meal, they especially liked their dessert and the feeling that children wanted to make a difference in the lives of people they didn't even know.



Movie Night Raises Money, Collects Food



The Countryside School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) recently collected non-perishable food at its Family Movie Night and donated the food and the evening’s profits to The Family Success Center to help local families in need.

“While the Countryside PTO does a lot of things over the course of the year to raise money for our school, we wanted to try to do something to give back to the community as well so we decided on a Movie Night/food drive,” noted Laura

Niedzwiecki, member of the Countryside PTO. “We collected more than 100 food items and also gave all our profits from the evening to the Family Success Center of Burlington County to help those less fortunate in our own community.”

Adopt a Family for the Holidays

With many families struggling due to the economy, the need for toys and the adopting of families was greater than ever. While The Family Success Center had 25 families adopted last year through its Adopt a Family initiative, the staff’s goal was to assist 50 families this year. Due to the generosity of individuals, organizations, and schools, the Family Success Center exceeded their goal and provided holiday gifts to 55 families.

“Our greatest blessing in life is our family, noted Bud, who adopted six families for the holidays. “To show our gratitude, we chose this year to share our joy with those who are rebuilding their families.”

One of the most creative ways that students raised money was at the Neeta School, where the student council held a cupcake eating contest. They had a great time and raised more than \$400 to adopt three families for the holidays.

**The Drenk Center
thanks our
partners for making
a difference in their
community.**

How can you help?

**Donate or hold an
internal food drive to
support the Spring Food
Drive, which runs now
through March 31st.**

**Since some of our
consumers live in
temporary housing,
are transitioning to
permanent housing, or
are struggling due to the
economy, you can donate
personal care items,
diapers, or formula.**

**With spring around the
corner, our teens need
gardening supplies, such
as seeds, hand tools, etc
to start and care for a
therapeutic garden.**

**For more information,
contact The Drenk
Foundation at
609-261-7315 or
foundation@drenk.org.**

Jessica's Story ...

Jessica came to The Drenk Center through our Screening and Crisis Intervention Unit (SCIP) at Lourdes Medical Center of Burlington County. She was experiencing severe depression and anxiety. Her parents recognized her symptoms because they too suffered from mental health issues in the past.

After receiving help at SCIP, she was referred to The Drenk Center's Outpatient Department. Not only did she receive medication for her depression and anxiety, she attended both individual and group therapy sessions. The combination of medication and therapy was key to Jessica getting better.

By participating in her therapy sessions, Jessica gained self-confidence and began to plan for her future. She developed goals to provide for her two young children. After obtaining her GED, she plans to become a certified nursing assistant, with a long-term goal of becoming a certified nurse.

"The staff and consumers at The Drenk Center gave me the courage to talk about myself and my feelings, noted Jessica. "For the first time, I feel like I can be me and that I'm not being judged by other people."

Jessica has developed a support system of family and friends, including people who are overcoming the same types of issues she experienced. She knows she is on the road to recovery and feels confident that she can take on life's challenges and succeed.

If you are experiencing life difficulties such as anxiety, depression or more serious issues, our Outpatient Department staff are here to help you. Please call 609-267-1377 to schedule an appointment.

Monte Carlo Night is April 2nd ... Get Your Tickets Now!



Ginny, last year's grand prize winner, used her voucher to travel to Florida.

Don't miss Monte Carlo Night where the grand prize is a \$1,000 travel voucher to use wherever you like ... maybe San Francisco, the Bahamas, or even Las Vegas.

We give you \$75 in Drenk play money to start. You can play Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and Texas Hold 'em and cash in your winnings for chances to win the travel voucher or many other great prizes. You'll also enjoy an open bar, scrumptious food and great conversation.

Monte Carlo Night will be held on April 2nd at Indian Spring Country Club and proceeds benefit The Drenk Center. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact The Drenk Foundation at 609-261-7315 or email wcrowe@drenk.org.

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