

T & E non-profit makes caring for others fun

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West Chester pals Steve and Pam Cholden come to the celebration with Beth and Jeff Winleck.



Event co-chair and sponsor Anne Ferola of Berwyn and her husband, Peter, meet up with Joanna and Ingo Elting of Newtown Square.

There is often a perception that everyone who lives along Philadelphia's famous "Main Line" is financially set. While there's a good deal of wealthy folks who reside from Bala to Malvern, not all residents are so blessed. What does seem to run seamlessly through the threads of the area is the willingness of people to help those who aren't as well off, or who are going through difficult times. It's a mentality of giving back.

One such organization came into being about nine years ago, after Hurricane Katrina basically blew the lid off life in New Orleans.

Tredyffrin & Eastown Care (T&EC) started when three families



TD bank representative Jeff Salvo gives a big check to T&E Care president Sandy Gorman.

arrived in Chester County to begin life anew after experiencing the devastation of Louisiana's coast. Two are still here and have thrived. Members of the newly formed organization realized that there might be other local families in need and not just from a natural disaster. It could come from lack of a job, illness, or emigration from a foreign country.

How the circumstances happen is of no mind to T&EC's president, Sandy Gorman, and her posse of board and Auxiliary members. So far the powers that be have found a way to meet the many challenges associated with living in a community that cares. Employment has been found, taxes prepared, clothing and housing obtained. There's even been help with transportation or the purchase of a car. Currently the non-profit is looking to partner with local garages and auto repair shops to offer reduced rate maintenance programs.

At the yearly gala, guests were excited to learn that with so many residents in the area banking on help from T&EC, TD Bank came up with a cheque for over \$10,800 to add to the coffers.

Next on the agenda is the third annual Kids Clothing Grab Bag event at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church located at 600 Walker Rd. in Wayne on March 28-29. Interested in hours of operation or to donate to the cause? Visit T&EC's website at www.tecares.org.



Heen and Joe Warner of West Chester make the rounds of the silent auction tables.



Nancy and Seth Landau of Devon find their seats.



Tony and Patty Kuboek share a table with fellow Berwyn residents Bruno and Mary Fortino, Arny Johnson, (rear) Judy and Jeff Smith, Cathleen and Seamus Duffy of Valley Forge, Candice Creamer of Malvern and Kevin Johnson.

(Right) Wayne denizens Kris Graham, Neal Coligan, Tom Brown and Elizabeth Exler head to dinner.



(Right) Happy and Sam Shipley of Stratford (seated left) enjoy the gala with Carreen Wright and husband Jim (rear right) and the Aggenwals of Malvern, Vijay and Susan.



Wei Chang of Bryn Mawr ups the ante on a favored item.



Berwyn pals Michelle Snyder, Eric DeVicchio and wife Renee, Mike and Jeanne Dechario of Wayne, Colleen Beljus of Devon, (rear) Martin Snyder, Devonites Lara and Brian Perry, Kim and Darren Smith and Donald Beljus come out to show support for the hometown organization.



Jen Mayock and Jenn Weitraub make the rounds of the auction tables to see how their bids are faring.