



# IHOC Monthly News

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The last few months have been challenging for IHOC. Just when we thought we could hold an in- person annual dinner this year, the Delta variant of Covid 19 arrived and caused us to rethink our plans. So, instead of an in-person dinner, we will once again be holding a virtual event. IHOC's 2021" Virtual Annual Dinner" will kick off at 9:00 am October 25th and will last until 7:00 pm October 30th. Just like last year's event, this virtual dinner will be held online and will begin with photos of and messages from partici-

pants in our Network and Transitional Housing programs and will feature a basket and a silent auction. Registration will be free so there will not be a commitment on your part unless and until you decide to bid on a featured item. Stay tuned for further information and for a preview of some of the items in the auc- tions.

PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS OR GIFT CARDS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE. I WILL BE DELIGHTED TO PICK THEM UP.



Unfortunately, nature was not cooperating with our plans either. As you may know we had scheduled an outdoor picnic for IHOC program participants and volunteers for Sunday August 29th and were looking forward to seeing over 25 people at our new Transitional House located at 102 Chapel Avenue. Sadly, we decided to cancel the event due to uncertain weather conditions. The good news is that prior to the scheduled picnic Sonya was able to reach and touch base with over 25 of the men who have participated in our programs. We plan to share some of the news she learned from talking to them in our October Newsletter.

# MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

After serving on the IHOC Board for nearly 12 years, I plan to be stepping down from the IHOC board entirely when my term ends in January 2022. While I have enjoyed the great work that IHOC does and working alongside all of you, I must turn my attention to other commitments.

If there is anyone who would like to be considered to take the helm as President prior to January 2022, I would be happy to step aside. The next 4 months will be very challenging for me both personally and professionally so leaving the board sooner than January may be best for me. However, I would never leave the board or you, who I consider friend, in the lurch. If needed I will happily stay on until January.

Sincerely,  
Nevan Soumilas

## Pack a Sack for Back – to – School



As we wind down on our Annual Pack a Sack Program we would like to

### Thank You

for your continued support!

Through your donations we have donated to The Camden Rescue Mission, The Camden County Women's Shelter, Kids Alley, Urban Promise, Anna Sample House, Individuals in Need, and several local School Districts.



## Happy Birthday Miguel!



Miguel is an IHOC Network Grad who volunteers with us when needed.

He's living a clean and sober life nearby. He has a job, is helping the people of Camden and an all around nice guy!



*Celebrating the Life and Love of*  
*Reverend*  
**Dr. Marguerite**  
**DAVIS**  
**Saturday, September 4, 2021**  
Viewing 10am-11am | Service: 11am  
St. John United Methodist Church  
410 Fairview Ave. West Berlin, NJ 08091  
*Flowers should be delivered to church*  
*Interment at Sunset Cemetery*  
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Eleanor Roosevelt