



CHARITIES Committee

Ralph Orleck, Chairman



The RISAA Charities Committee exists to lend a helping hand to others in need, and is a way of giving back to our community.

Help Wanted - Charities Committee

The RISAA Charities Committee makes donations to charities with Rhode Island offices on a monthly basis. Organizations supporting veterans, individuals with disabilities, illnesses, the hungry, and the homeless are just some of the populations helped by RISAA over the last few years. Organizations are always grateful for the support received by RISAA.

Each year, members of the charity committee submit the organizations they would like to sponsor for a contribution for the coming year. The member will present the check and then write an article and photo to print in the RISAA newsletter.

We meet on an annual basis (typically in the fall), and if for some reason a member cannot attend, he/she submits the charity selections to the chair via e-mail.

Currently we have six members on the committee – **Joan Bradbury, Chuck Dore, Jeff Ingber, Tom Meade, Steve Medeiros**, and me. I would like to take a moment to thank them

for their commitment to RISAA and the causes they have supported during their tenure. Without their work, there would not be a charities committee.

I find working on this committee gratifying on many levels – it affords me the opportunity to support charitable organizations that I have interacted with over the course of my career. It is nice to see the diversity of organizations supported as a result of the variety of interests of our members. The work of the Charities Committee reflects positively on RISAA in general.

Over the years that I have belonged to this committee, membership has declined. Additional members on the committee could contribute to the variety of organizations supported as well as lessen the number of contributions and articles each member would have to do on an annual basis.

Please consider joining the charities committee. Simply send an e-mail to Orleck@RISAA.org

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTION

House of Hope

Report by
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Member **Bruce Bruni** suggested that we consider House of Hope for a donation this year. It has been a while since we last donated to them (2010). It is good to know they are continuing this good work for those in need in our state.

House of Hope Community Development Corporation (CDC) is a non-profit organization founded in 1989 in Warwick, RI with a mission to prevent and end homelessness in the state and end the personal and social trauma of homelessness.

They create affordable housing delivered with life changing services and work with other advocates for policies to ensure that everyone can have a safe, stable home.



Melissa Behm, Fund Development Manager for House of Hope CDC thanked RISAA for being generous and caring about the homeless in our state.



HOUSE of HOPE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

In 2018 House of Hope CDC served 1,273 individuals and supported 135 in housing.

Their case managers provide a host of supportive services to assist clients in securing income, health insurance, and most importantly, permanent housing.

They were featured by Rhode Island Spotlight series (January 2018), an ongoing series which highlights community heroes.

On any given night, more than 1,100 people are homeless in Rhode Island. For the past 30 years, the House of Hope has been trying to get those living in shelters or on the street into housing.

A new mobile shower unit has helped draw hundreds and connect them with much needed medical services and put some into a place they can call their own.



If you would like more information about so much more that they do and how you can help by donating or volunteering, call 401-463-3324 or go online to www.thehouseofhopecdc.org.