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A Message From Karen Pearl



GREG WILLIAMSON, JOHN VARVATOS, KEITH RICHARDS & KAREN PEARL

As this spring has been so busy at God's Love We Deliver, there is much to share with you.

In March, we held the second annual Love Rocks NYC benefit concert at the renowned Beacon Theatre. Produced by our extraordinary supporters Greg Williamson and John Varvatos and emceed by Whoopi Goldberg, Bill Murray, and Michael and Kevin Bacon, the sold-out show featured the world's greatest musicians lending their hearts and talent to make the evening an amazing celebration of God's Love. My deepest gratitude goes to the RJKB Family Charitable Foundation, the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation, and Jonah Disend for their generous support.

In April, we hosted our 15th annual Authors in Kind literary luncheon led by the incomparable author, God's Love Board member, and event emcee Linda Fairstein. Together with Linda, we were delighted to welcome authors Jeffrey Banks, Jennifer Egan, and Alex Guarnaschelli for a book signing reception and a delightful, informative luncheon during which the authors spoke about their recent work.

Because we believe that Food is Medicine and that Food is Love, we continue to advocate for policies that support the health and well-being of our clients and for the funding we need to do so without ever having to start a waiting list. We took a giant step forward on this front when Congressman Jim McGovern of Massachusetts, the founder and co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus, launched the new bipartisan Food is Medicine Working Group. Together with this Working Group and our peer organizations across the country, I had the honor of presenting our work at a Congressional Briefing in early May. The impact of tailored meals on reducing healthcare costs and improving healthcare outcomes was driven home, and we continue to garner greater national support for nutritious, home-delivered meals.

As you know, our volunteers are integral to everything we do at God's Love. In May, we hosted our annual Volunteer Celebration presented by American Express. At the event, it was our great pleasure to honor our volunteers – 10,000 strong – and their exceptional work on behalf of our clients. Without our volunteers, we would not be able to cook and deliver tailored meals to so many thousands of our neighbors in need.

Each spring, we look forward to celebrating another year of service to our community. Since 1985, God's Love has been the only food program in New York City to deliver individualized nutrition and medically tailored meals to our neighbors living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, heart failure and 200 other life-altering diagnoses. In these 33 years, we have never wavered from our core principles – as being sick and hungry is a crisis that demands an urgent response, we deliver each client's meal on the next delivery day, we never have a waiting list, and we never charge our clients for their meals.

From humble beginnings, we now cook and home-deliver 1.8 million meals a year to over 7,000 clients. We do this with gratitude, love, and deep respect. It is because of your help and wonderful generosity that we will always be there for our neighbors who are too sick to shop or cook for themselves and their families. I extend my deepest thanks to each and every one of you.

Karen



CLIENT PROFILE:

Delivering Love to Bill

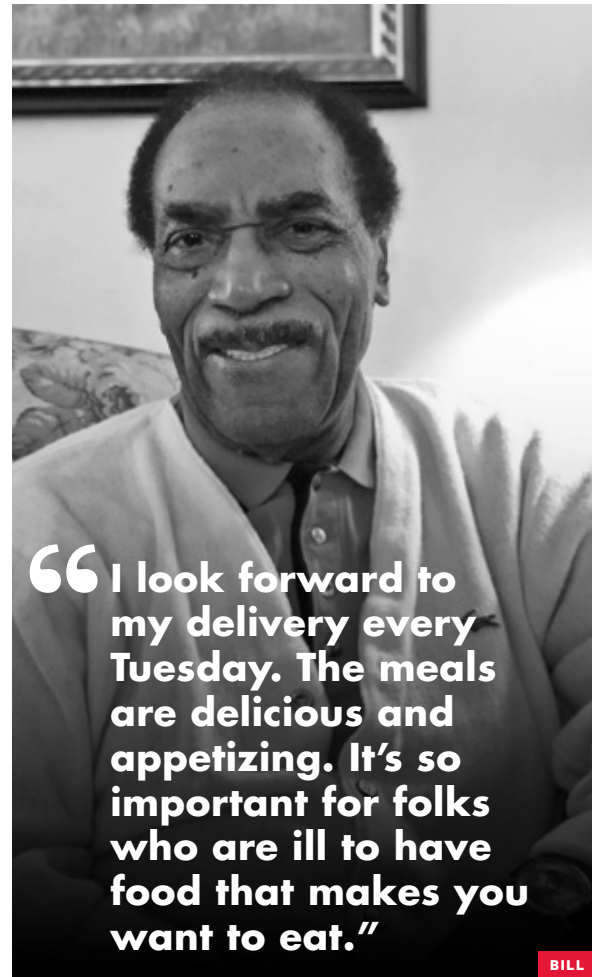
Bill is 84 and lives in Queens with his wife of 60 years, O'Kellen. He has been a client of God's Love for four years due to his struggle with cardiovascular disease. But before he was sick, he enjoyed a long and respected career as a trailblazing journalist.

Bill received many prestigious awards in recognition of his work as a newscaster and for his contributions to the African-American community. He graduated from Baruch College and began his career in 1960 as a staff announcer and engineer for radio station WWRL in Queens. Bill went on to become a radio news reporter and news director at WLIB, turning his attention to documentaries on the civil rights movement. He would then move on to television news reporting at Fox Television station WNYW-TV, becoming an anchorman and executive producing his own program on the station. Eventually, he became Vice President of Fox Television.

Not long after his well-deserved retirement in 2000, his life turned into a nightmare. Bill's battle with cardiovascular disease led to a stroke that required him to re-learn how to walk, talk, and accomplish everyday tasks. His world was turned upside down, but through it all O'Kellen has been by his side, despite her own health and mobility issues. Reaching out to God's Love changed everything.

Bill feels stronger since he has been on our program. He says, "I look forward to my delivery every Tuesday. The meals are delicious and appetizing. It's so important for folks who are ill to have food that makes you want to eat." His doctor is pleased with his progress and does not need to prescribe any new medications for him.

Bill says that many people with his condition get worse due to lack of proper nutrition. But he feels better because of our home-delivered meals, tailored specifically for him and his diagnosis. Bill and O'Kellen wholeheartedly believe that "Food is Medicine," and Bill adds, "Your name is just right – it really is all love."



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BILL

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VOLUNTEER PROFILE:

Many Stories, One Mission

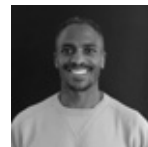
Our 10,000 annual volunteers come to God's Love from different backgrounds and for different reasons. In May, we hosted our annual Volunteer Celebration presented by American Express, where we honored our volunteers and their extraordinary work. We are always amazed at how much time our volunteers give to God's Love, some volunteering for decades! Here's what some of our dedicated volunteers say about why they do what they do:



DEBRA THOM

Volunteer since 2016, 343 hours, Kitchen

"There's a great sense of community amongst the volunteers and the staff at God's Love. To be a part of that and to know that the work we do helps so many people is really inspiring and important to me."



DREW DASENT

Volunteer since 2006, 935 hours, Kitchen

"It's the least I can do."



MANNY GREER

Volunteer since 2002, 917 hours, Kitchen

"All of my life, my work and meaningful activity have been my greatest pleasure. At God's Love I have met wonderful people and am always greeted with warm hugs."



MINDY LIU

Volunteer since 2013, 1,206 hours, Meal Kit Assembly & Kitchen

"I want to spend time with like-minded people with diverse backgrounds serving the same goal of helping others. I volunteer cutting up fresh food and packing complete meals for each client. It's pretty amazing to help get thousands of meals out daily."



RANDY DEUTCH

Volunteer since 1997, 1,107 hours, Kitchen

"For the past 20 years I've had a standing date every Thursday night at 6pm with a group of extraordinary people. Whereas I've always believed that "Food is Love", it is especially so for our God's Love clients and for my fellow volunteers who are grateful for the opportunity to feel good by doing good."



BRIAN HOTALING

Volunteer since 1993, 1,796 hours, Delivery

"I have had much good fortune in my life and so volunteering at God's Love is one way to give back."

NEWS:

New Strategies to Help Clients Aging with HIV

Recognizing that our clients with HIV/AIDS are aging and living with a unique combination of health issues, our Program leadership has launched a series of initiatives to ensure our team is well equipped to help older adults with HIV. New efforts include expanded referral relationships with partners serving New Yorkers with HIV/AIDS, and a series of trainings for staff members who work closely with this population.

When God's Love was founded at the height of the HIV crisis, few anticipated that people diagnosed with the disease would live as long as they are now. Our clients living with HIV are predominantly older adults, and the median age for new enrollees with the diagnosis is increasing.

Vulnerable and aging – many living in poverty after decades of mounting medical costs, depleted assets, and varying levels of employment – our clients with HIV must contend with a complicated web of issues surrounding their health and wellbeing. Because of this, we have made it a priority to educate Program staff on issues including HIV stigma in eldercare, long-term health effects from HIV treatment, cognitive decline, and the isolation that comes from having outlived many of one's friends.

To meet these emerging challenges, God's Love is conducting and attending a series of trainings for staff. Trainings to date include "Addressing the Needs of Older New Yorkers Living with HIV" led by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and an LGBT Sensitivity training led by the Latino Commission on AIDS. Future classes are in the works to help our Client Services and Nutrition staff make sure that clients are receiving appropriate care, taking medications as prescribed, and monitoring treatment side-effects.

Program staff are also expanding our relationships with referral partners such as NY Connect, Callen Lorde, and Bronxworks. Whatever problem a client might encounter, it is our goal to help them solve it by connecting them with the appropriate resources. Recently, a client living with AIDS who had last been served by God's Love in 2010 contacted us to resume services. He reported having housing issues and that he needed assistance with finding a new medical provider. Our Client Services staff was able to refer him to Housing Works who helped him find a stable place to live. They also connected him with a new doctor and medical case manager. By having relationships with all types of providers across the city, we are able to assist our clients in more ways than one.

NEWS:

Our Impact on Healthcare

One of the most important ideas at the heart of our mission is the belief that Food is Medicine. The clients of God's Love live with severe, life-altering illnesses such as HIV, cancer, Alzheimer's, or multiple sclerosis, among many others. Every meal cooked in our kitchen and home-delivered is nutritious and tailored specifically for each client's individual diagnosis and medical need. Research has demonstrated that good nutrition promotes better health outcomes for the chronically ill. Malnutrition is one the greatest contributors to hospitalization, re-admission and nursing home care. That is why incorporating food and nutrition services, such as ours, into healthcare planning is necessary. Our program is a low-cost, high-impact intervention for people with serious illness.

Because we believe that Food is Medicine, it is crucial that everyone in the healthcare field understands that programs like God's Love are a key piece of the puzzle when it comes to proper medical care and prevention. Our staff members are constantly in the field talking to our healthcare partners about why the services that God's Love provides are imperative to their success in supporting the overall health of their patients. We have built strong relationships with hospitals and other providers through outreach presentations and establishing linkage agreements. Since 2005, we have partnered with Medicaid managed long term care plans (MLTC) in New York City, delivering medically tailored meals to their highest-risk beneficiaries. Additionally, our Nutrition Department has developed an immersion

training program to teach medical residents about the social determinants of health, specifically how food and nutrition services impact their patients' overall health, in collaboration with SUNY Downstate Department of Family Medicine Residency Program.

Our goal is to ensure that as many healthcare professionals as possible know about our program and know when to refer a patient to us. When God's Love has a seat at the healthcare table, healthcare providers can help prevent their patients from getting sicker by referring them to us at an early stage.



KATE JANESKI, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES,
WITH CINDY CHENG AND LAURA COLLINS, STAFF AT
GOUVERNEUR HEALTH

How Our Nutrition Program Serves Clients

by Lisa Zullig, MS, DNs, CSG, CDN

God's Love established the Nutrition Services Department in 1992 to expand the breadth of services provided and to ensure that the meals we cooked were nutritionally optimal for clients with HIV/AIDS. Staffed by Registered Dietitian Nutritionists (RDNs), our Nutrition Services Department has always been dedicated to developing individually tailored meals for our clients, and to providing nutrition counseling and education for our community. In fact, it is the provision of nutrition services that became the God's Love signature difference among food providers.

In 2001, when God's Love broadened our mission to serve other seriously ill populations such as people with cancer and Alzheimer's disease, the nutrition team expanded its scope of expertise to meet the new challenge. Over the past seventeen years, this capacity has grown considerably, and today, God's Love serves people living with over 200 different illnesses.

Every day, our RDNs address the unique dietary needs of our clients by tailoring meals specifically to each illness. After

an initial intake, dietitians conduct comprehensive interviews to understand the client's symptoms, medications, allergies and other pertinent medical information. RDNs then capture this data in the Client Activity Tracking System (CATS) and use it to customize meals for clients.

Our RDNs provide ongoing individual nutrition counseling and support. These sessions help clients and family members cope with illness, and also provide the information they need to lead the healthiest lifestyle possible. Clients can also call our Nutrition Services Department any time if they have any questions or if they experience changes in their health.

The Nutrition Services Department also provides community-based nutrition education and cooking workshops for people living with serious illness and their caregivers. Free of charge to participants, these classes are designed to increase knowledge of how nutrition affects disease progression and quality of life, and how it can assist in treatment adherence.

To support these efforts over the years, the Nutrition Services Department has created 23 education booklets in several languages. They have been disseminated throughout the country and worldwide; downloadable versions of the current booklets are available on our website. The nutrition section of our website also includes disease-specific nutrition fact sheets created for people affected by different illnesses.

In addition to the work with clients and the community, the Nutrition Services Department has established and periodically reviews agency nutrition standards and menu content, and monitors food safety standards set by the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Because of the special needs of our clients, it is essential that every person working in our kitchen, meal packaging and delivery departments understands and embraces the need for safe food handling and incorporates it as part of their daily routine in all food preparation. The Nutrition Services Department manages the training and monitoring of these activities.



from the God's Love kitchen



Photo by Julia Choi

Beef Bolognese (Serves 6)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup chopped celery
- ¾ cup chopped carrot
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- 1 pound ground beef
- Salt & pepper
- ¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1 cup low-sodium beef broth
- 1 ½ cups canned plum tomato, cut up, with their juice
- 1 to 1 ½ pounds pasta

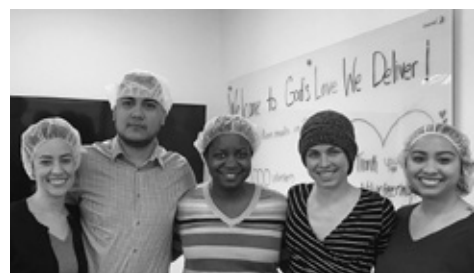
1. Add olive oil, carrot, celery, onion, garlic, and pinch of salt to pot. Turn heat on to medium.
2. When vegetables start to sizzle, cook for 5 minutes until fragrant – stirring frequently.
3. Add ground beef to pot, season with salt and pepper, and cook until no more raw beef is visible – breaking up ground beef with fork or back of spatula.
4. Add beef broth and cook until about half has evaporated.
5. Add tomatoes, bring to a gentle simmer and cook until beef is tender and sauce has thickened. Then add nutmeg.
6. While sauce is cooking, cook your favorite pasta to your preferred doneness.
7. When sauce is done, add cooked pasta to sauce and mix – using pasta water to thin if necessary.



@CUNYCreativeArtsTeam
#TBT to #MLKDay and our #YoungAdultLiteracy programs' #WeekofService! These amazing young people from @Door_NYC volunteered to assemble and label meal kits for @godslovenyc. #BlackHistoryMonth 🍀



@KresgeFdn
Here are some of the NFFers who recently volunteered at the @godslovenyc headquarters, preparing and packaging meals to be delivered to people in need. #takeoverkresge



Volunteer Leadership and the God's Love Board of Trustees



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS AT OUR ANNUAL RETREAT

God's Love is supported by four volunteer leadership groups: the Board of Directors, Board of Trustees, the Leadership Council, and generationLOVE. The Board of Trustees, led by former Board Chair Michael Sennott, is a group of dedicated individuals who have served God's Love with distinction through Board Membership, volunteerism, or philanthropy. Some members may be new to God's Love but are committed to making a significant impact. While you might see the Trustees in the kitchen chopping vegetables or packaging meals, the heart of this group's work is in bringing new friends to God's Love.

Trustees serve God's Love through their passion, commitment, and connections. Most recently, the Trustees have launched a corporate engagement initiative to introduce God's Love to new corporate partners. Trustee Julie Pinkwater and God's Love Board member Mark Brashear, who serves as the Board liaison to the Trustees, are leading this project to engage new corporate partners for volunteerism, in-kind gifts, sponsorships, grants, and other support.

Our Trustees are powerful ambassadors for our organization, and you can help, too. If you know a corporation that would make a great partner for God's Love, please contact Stephen Covello at 212.294.8144 or scovello@glwd.org.

ADVOCACY UPDATE:

The Hunger Caucus Takes on Food is Medicine

In January, Congressman Jim McGovern of Massachusetts, the founder and co-chair of the House Hunger Caucus and great friend of God's Love We Deliver, hosted a Congressional Briefing to launch the new bipartisan Food is Medicine Working Group. Through this partnership, we helped plan and execute the second Food is Medicine Congressional Briefing in May. The importance of medically tailored meals on meeting the healthcare reform goals of lowering costs and improving

health outcomes was driven home by an impressive panel of presenters: Dr. Seth Berkowitz, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine; William George, President and CEO, Health Partners Plans; Robert Greenwald, Center for Health Law & Policy Innovation of Harvard Law School; Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian, Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy at Tufts University; and Karen Pearl, President & CEO, God's Love We Deliver, and Co-Convener, Food is Medicine Coalition.



@APlusApp

"I come every Thursday from 9 to 12. I wish I could come more often but I'm very busy with my music. But every time that I come here ... it's like a therapy. Because we are helping people and I've met so many amazing people here - so many friends. It's like my family. I don't think it's like volunteering, I think it's like having fun. And just thinking about that we are helping people, I think it's the most amazing thing. I'm so happy here." —@migguelangelo on volunteering at @godslovenyc
#volunteer #godslovenyc #charity #dogood #aplus



@PhyllisASears

My first volunteer shift at #GodsLoveWeDeliver's Soho kitchen. So easy to sign up with this non-profit and help with it's important work.
@godslovenyc



Love Rocks NYC

On March 15, God's Love held our second annual benefit concert, Love Rocks NYC, at the iconic Beacon Theatre in Manhattan. Produced by acclaimed fashion designer John Varvatos and NYC real estate broker and God's Love Board of Trustees member Greg Williamson, Love Rocks NYC is a marquee event that unites new and existing supporters of God's Love and allows people to celebrate their passion for our mission through music – the universal language that speaks to us all.

It was truly an amazing night electrified by world-class talent and an all-star lineup, which featured legendary and contemporary Grammy winners and nominees and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees. God's Love was thrilled to welcome the following artists:

Hosts and emcees **Whoopi Goldberg**, **Bill Murray** and **Michael and Kevin Bacon**; **Keith Richards** of The Rolling Stones (Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee); nine-time Grammy winner **Norah Jones**; **Donald Fagen** of Steely Dan (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee); 13-time Grammy winner **Emmylou Harris**; **Billy F. Gibbons** of ZZ Top (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee); Grammy winner **Warren Haynes**; Grammy winner **Gary Clark Jr.**; two-time Grammy winner **Mavis Staples** (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee and 2016 Kennedy Center honoree); eight-time Grammy winner **Ziggy Marley**; Grammy nominee **Andra Day**; Grammy nominee **Trombone Shorty**; Grammy winner **Marc Cohn**; three-time Grammy winner **Lucinda Williams**; five-time Grammy winner **Robert Cray & HI Rhythm**; **Ann Wilson** of Heart (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee); Grammy winner **Patty Smyth**; Grammy winner **Anthony Hamilton**; **The Bacon Bros.**; **Bernie Williams**; Grammy winner **Jimmie Vaughan**; **Valerie Simpson** of Ashford & Simpson; **John McEnroe**; **Nona Hendryx**; **David Hidalgo** of Los Lobos; **Doyle Bramhall II**; **Jimmy Vivino**; **Ivan Neville**; Grammy winner **Amy Helm**; **Allen Stone**; **Tash Neal** of The London Souls; and **Mike Flanigin**.

The Love Rocks NYC House Band returned for the second year with Grammy-winning Musical Director **Will Lee**, Grammy winner **Paul Shaffer**, **Steve Gadd**, **Shawn Pelton**, Grammy winner **Eric Krasno**, Grammy winner **Larry Campbell**, and **Jeff Young**.

After Whoopi Goldberg's brilliant introduction, Andra Day took to the stage to sing her hit "Rise Up," dedicated to American veterans. Among the veterans in the audience that night was a very special one – our client Charles – who had a seat at the show thanks to the great generosity of our friends at General Mills.

We were delighted to have this exciting event return for another year of spectacular performances, and to see the great support the event inspired. Our deepest gratitude goes to co-producers John Varvatos and Greg Williamson for their brilliant vision and expertise. The evening would not have been possible without our Title Sponsors Richard Yulman, Greg and Katy Williamson, the RJKB Foundation, and the Steven & Alexandra Cohen Foundation. Thank you so much to all of our sponsors, especially our Presenting Sponsor Jonah Disend; our Gold Sponsors CAA-Global Brands Group, Valerie Dillon & Daniel Lewis, David Terveen and DK Display Corp., Douglas Elliman, and The Jeffrey A. Altman Foundation; and our Silver Sponsors Ascendant Capital and GPB Capital.

The sold-out show brought together rock, soul, and blues legends from all over the country for a monumental night of music, ultimately raising more than \$2 million. We are so grateful to every person who came out to rock with us for a good cause. See you next year!



BILL MURRAY



FINALE

GREG WILLIAMSON,
WHOOPI GOLDBERG,
JUDY COLLINS,
JOHN VARVATOS &
KAREN PEARL

TASH NEAL



WHOOPI GOLDBERG

DAVID LUDWIGSON, KAREN PEARL,
JON GILMAN & BRAD LEARMONTHGREG WILLIAMSON,
KATY WILLIAMSON
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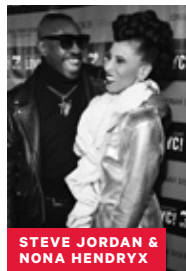
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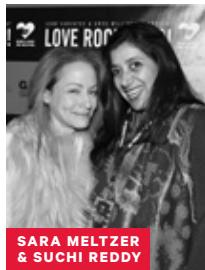
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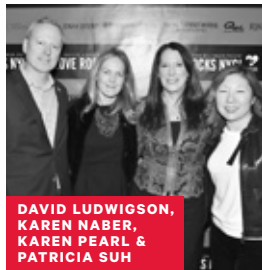
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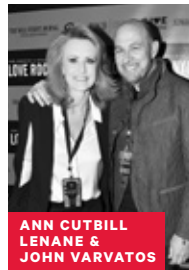
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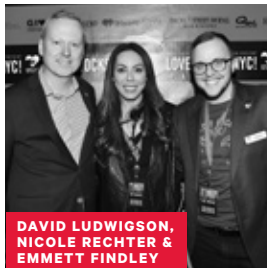
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EVENT RECAP:

Authors in Kind

God's Love was thrilled to welcome 250 guests to the 15th Annual Authors in Kind on Wednesday, April 25 at the Metropolitan Club. Every year our literary luncheon is unique, and that is what makes it special. Friends and supporters of God's Love, and some of New York's most avid readers, gathered for an intimate reception, discussion and book signing. After a fun meet-and-greet, guests gathered for the luncheon and program, emceed by Board Member, prolific author, and Authors in Kind founder, the inimitable **Linda Fairstein**.

Linda used her boundless energy and engaging wit and wisdom to introduce three exciting, best-selling authors. In addition to Linda, who signed copies of her new book, *Deadfall*, we were honored to host the following authors this year:

Jennifer Egan, Pulitzer-prize winner for her 2010 novel *Welcome to the Goon Squad*, and author of new book *Manhattan Beach*.

Jeffrey Banks, Coty Award-winning fashion designer and author of *Norell: Master of American Fashion* about the designer Norman Norell.

Alex Guarnaschelli, acclaimed chef, television personality, and author of new cookbook *The Home Cook: Recipes to Know by Heart*.

President & CEO Karen Pearl offered moving words on how this event supports the mission of God's Love. Each author then took to the podium to share stories and remarks about their work, as well as their connection to our work. The celebrated authors also signed books before and after the event, greeting delighted guests and fans. Each guest left Authors in Kind with a small bottle of Norell Fragrance and one of Chuck's Famous Brownies.

It was an inspiring and fun afternoon, and we are so grateful to Linda and all of the authors who signed books and shared their stories with our guests. Thank you so much to Norell Fragrances for sponsoring the event.



DAVID LUDWIGSON, LINDA FAIRSTEIN, JEFFREY BANKS, JENNIFER EGAN, KAREN PEARL & ALEX GUARNASCHELLI



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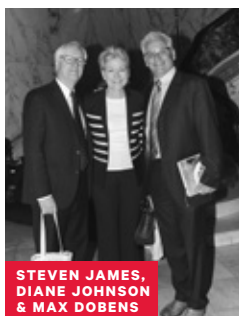
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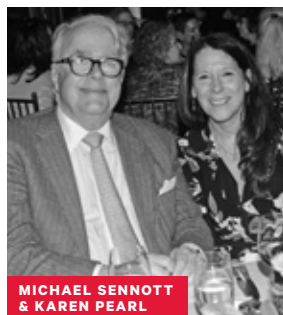
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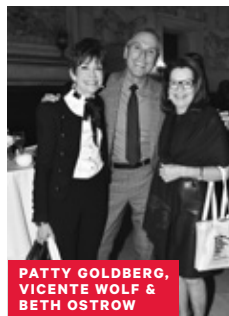
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Sightings of great work for God's Love around town...



LAUGHTER FOR LOVE

On February 12, Sybil Bruncheon hosted drag bingo and trivia at our first annual Laughter for Love event. We couldn't have asked for a more fun and laughter-filled start to #ValentinesDay week with our acclaimed host!



OUTSIDER ART FAIR

outsider art fair 2018

For 26 years, the Outsider Art Fair has been the world's foremost annual show of Outsider, Self-Taught, and Folk Art. For this year's Fair in January, God's Love was once again the official charity partner. Not only were 100% of the proceeds from tickets sold on our website donated to God's Love, but generous galleries donated art to a silent auction also to benefit our work. Thank you to the artists, galleries, and everyone involved with the Outsider Art Fair for their support!



NIGHT OF A THOUSAND GOWNS

On April 7, the Imperial Court of New York hosted its 32nd Annual Night of a Thousand Gowns, a gala event studded with royalty, pageantry and dazzling entertainment. God's Love was so honored to be the event's beneficiary! We are grateful for the ongoing support of the Court over the years, and had a fabulous time at their gorgeous event.

ON THE CALENDAR:

Save the Date

Midsummer Night Drinks

JUNE 9, 2018

Water Mill, NY

glwd.org/midsummernightdrinks

The 18th Annual Midsummer Night Drinks will be held at Listowel, a beautiful estate in Water Mill, on June 9, 2018. For more information or to buy tickets please visit glwd.org/midsummernightdrinks.



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What's a birthday without a cake? Sponsor a birthday cake for a @godslovenyc client and make someone's day! <http://bit.ly/birthdaybakesa>...



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#TBT with John McEnroe and @WhoopiGoldberg at #LoveRocksNYC!



WHAT'S YOUR LEGACY?:

Meet Martin Friedman, Legacy Society Member



MARTIN FRIEDMAN

I made my first commitment to God's Love thirty years ago, in 1988. My friend who was very sick with AIDS had been in the hospital – he had not been eating and he had lost a lot of weight. The disease had ravaged him. I was with him the day he got home from the hospital and the bell rang – God's Love was there with a meal. I will never forget the look of joy on his face when he opened the package, sat down and started to eat. He just devoured the meal. It was so wonderful to watch.

When I realized who God's Love was, I said to myself that as soon as I retired I was going to do what I can do for God's Love. Sadly, my friend received just one more meal delivery before returning to the hospital where he died a few days later.

Fast forward twenty years and, true to my word, I called God's Love the day I retired. I started volunteering and I haven't looked back. For the past nine years, I've been volunteering three days a week. I've got my Monday family, Tuesday family, and Wednesday family!

As I've gotten older, I've seen God's Love accomplish so much and feed so many. I am deeply committed to making sure we can continue our important work. I decided to join the Legacy Society because I wanted to ensure the future of God's Love. I'm an only child and I don't have a large extended family. I want to pass on what I have to what I feel is my family: God's Love. Hopefully my legacy continues through God's Love.



We are extremely grateful to Martin and all of our Legacy Society members for their generosity and support. Planned gifts, including bequests, create an extraordinary opportunity to provide the much-needed resources that will enable God's Love to help the severely ill today and well into the future. For information on how you can join the Legacy Society, please contact Stephen Covello at scovello@glwd.org.

Heritage of Pride March

JUNE 24, 2018

New York City

glwd.org/feedyourpride

Golden Heart Awards

OCTOBER 16, 2018

Spring Studios, New York City

glwd.org/goldenheartawards

Race to Deliver

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Central Park, New York City

racetodeliver.org

For tickets, sponsorship or more information for any of these events, please contact events@glwd.org or call 212.294.8162.



@RobinLordTaylor

Had a lovely pre-Valentines Day volunteering at one of my favorite charities, @godslovenyc! Click on the link in my bio to see how you can get involved! ❤️



@JakeCohen

Crazy in Love. (Had the most incredible afternoon touring @godslovenyc and was sent home with some of #chucksfamousbrownies which are all now gone; slide into my DMs if you want to come with me to volunteer!) #beautifulcuisines #lovefood #buzzfeast #eater #eeeeeeats #geniuskitchen #foodandwine #f52grams #thebakefeed



What it Takes to Fill Their Plate



1.8 million

nutritious meals delivered each year



7,000

meals delivered each weekday



7,000

individuals served each year



58

new menu items



627

groups of volunteers



80,000

gallons of soup made each year



2,000

pounds of food delivered to our kitchen each weekday



7,000

emergency meal kits delivered each year

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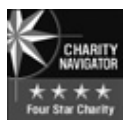
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