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Charles Lafitte Foundation Co-founders, Suzanne and Jeffrey Citron pictured with their children Noah and Kyra.

Inside the CHARLES LAFITTE FOUNDATION

It is our pleasure to present Changemaker, the Charles Lafitte Foundation's (CLF) first, official showcase of community giving. We are delighted to provide you an inside look at CLF, our grantees, events and partners, all of whom have had a hand in the ongoing success of the Foundation.

Our family has always been inspired by the entrepreneurial spirit, and is privileged to be able to harness this creativity to help people help themselves and their communities through our partnerships with innovative organizations. Since CLF's inception in 1999, we have proudly supported nonprofit groups, hospitals, schools and other organizations that provide valuable programs in communities throughout the country. We aim to support programs that can become self-sustaining with an effective, lasting and measurable impact.

The stories included here are but a small sampling of the exceptional work that our grantees do in order to enhance and improve the areas in which we live and work.

We also have been able to make a tremendous impact through our annual Charity Golf Classic thanks in large part to our partners. Since 2003, the event has raised more than \$5 million for a variety of worthy causes. Here you will read about a few of our extraordinary partners and how their unwavering support has helped us improve the lives of countless individuals.

Thank you for your continued commitment and helping us build stronger, healthier and happier communities.

The Citrons



The name behind the mission

Charles was not your conventional philanthropist – he was a black Labrador Retriever. The Citrons established the Foundation in his name with a simple mission: to help people help themselves and others around them to lead healthy, satisfying and enriched lives. CLF does this by funding organizations in four main areas:

EDUCATION

Learning is a lifelong quest and the foundation of all knowledge and skills. Through education, everyone can tackle larger social issues and foster responsible citizenship. CLF helps individuals gain access to schools, from preschool through college, by issuing grants and taking an active role in exploring new approaches to education.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

Improving the lives of children is central to CLF's purpose. Ultimately, CLF's goal is to help children reach their fullest potential, which means providing quality education, healthcare, shelter and care. The Foundation sponsors programs that ease the hardship that confronts and impedes too many children. This means targeting issues like child abuse, adequate foster housing, literacy and hunger.

MEDICAL RESEARCH & INITIATIVES

Good health is a precious possession. That's why CLF supports and encourages medical research and education, leading to better healthcare, disease prevention, and healthier lives. By educating the public about basic health and wellness issues, CLF can help people develop healthier lifestyles and habits. The Foundation looks for efforts that improve people's quality of life, such as disease prevention and those that focus on specific groups with serious and neglected problems.

THE ARTS

Exposure to the arts is vital to fostering and sustaining healthy communities. With diminished civic support and declining patronage, most arts organizations are increasingly challenged. Innovation, creativity, initiative, and risk taking are intrinsic to artistic expression, inspiring audiences to dig deeper into their personal potential and freeing their minds to contemplate dreams. From music and theatre to painting and dance, CLF supports efforts that cultivate the arts.

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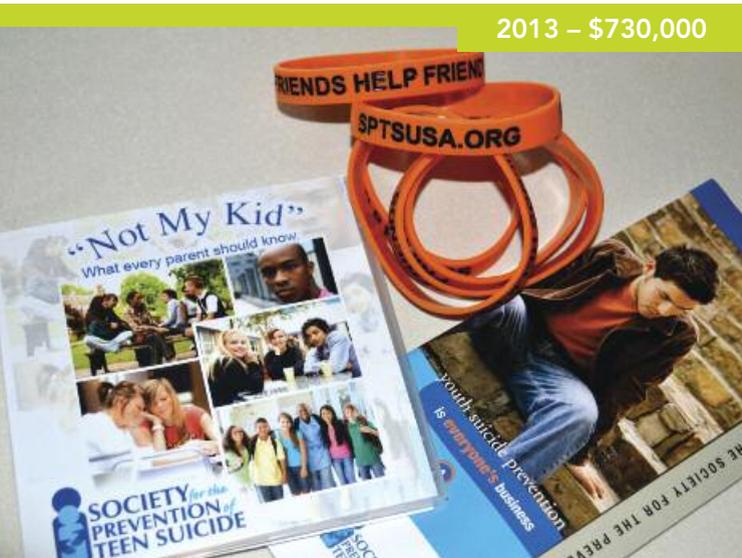
– JEFFREY CITRON

The Charles Lafitte Foundation is the family foundation for Jeffrey and Suzanne Citron. Since 1999, CLF has given to more than 200 organizations and granted more than \$11 million in support.



A Decade of Giving

Each year, the Charles Lafitte Foundation searches for an extraordinary beneficiary of its signature event – the annual Charity Golf Classic. Every dollar raised at the event is matched by the Foundation, dollar for dollar, and goes directly to the nonprofit organization. Since the first tournament in 2003, the annual Golf Classic has raised more than \$5 million. The roster of Golf Classic beneficiaries includes a broad range of outstanding organizations that share CLF’s vision. Here are their inspiring stories.



2013 – \$730,000

SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF TEEN SUICIDE (SPTS)

There is no greater loss than the loss of a child. Suicide is the third-leading cause of death for teens in the United States. Founded by two friends who lost teenaged children to suicide, SPTS’s passionate commitment to the value of life and their dedication to removing the public stigma about suicide inspired CLF’s decision to support this organization. SPTS is able to emotionally reach individuals who are suffering, while providing accurate information and education about suicide to save lives. Funds from CLF helped SPTS expand its resources, provide in-person suicide prevention training across the country and enabled the organization to bring an executive director on board. Growing its staff helped SPTS to become more self-sustaining while delivering prevention programming and training to thousands of youths. Next year, SPTS will celebrate its 10th anniversary and its impact on nearly two million teens across the country.



2012 – \$550,000

COMFORT ZONE CAMP

The events of September 11, 2001 impacted everyone deeply, and for the children who suffered great loss on that day, it made a life-long impression on their world view. Comfort Zone Camp first came to New Jersey in response to the September 11 attacks to help children through the grieving process. Comfort Zone Camp, the nation’s largest bereavement camp, envisions a world where children living with loss are not left to grieve alone. The free camps include confidence building programs and age-based support groups that break the emotional isolation they often experience that can negatively affect their ability to reach their full potential at home, in school and in their communities. CLF’s gift supported its camp in New Jersey, which serves children who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling. Last year, three traditional three-day camps, a one-day camp and a young adult camp served 232 campers and 162 total families. CLF’s support helps provide grieving children with a voice and a supportive community in a fun environment so they can heal, grow and lead more fulfilling lives.

PARKER FAMILY HEALTH CENTER

In the 1990s, when national stories about the uninsured fueled news headlines on a daily basis, a group of physicians and other local leaders in Red Bank, NJ started looking for better ways to care for the uninsured in their own community. What caught their attention was the possibility of tapping a rich resource of local medical talent and channeling the power of medical volunteers to serve people who lacked the necessary means to pay for care. And in 2000, they founded a free health clinic – Parker Family Health Center. Eleven years later, CLF’s grant supported the care of patients suffering from serious chronic disease and helped expand a comprehensive diabetes management program that today serves more than 300 patients, providing coordinated medical treatment and diabetes education at the clinic.



2011 – \$400,000



2010 – \$450,000

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF MONMOUTH & MIDDLESEX COUNTIES

When describing his Big Brother Ray of seven years, Little Brother Christian says, “He cares about what I have to say and he supports me in whatever I want to do.” That is the vision behind Big Brothers Big Sisters. The organization pairs mentors with at-risk youth to help them realize their potential and build their futures. Kids and their mentors play sports, go on hikes, read books, eat pizza, and give advice and inspiration. Children facing emotional, social and academic challenges deserve strong, one-on-one relationships that can change their lives for the better. With funding from CLF, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Monmouth & Middlesex Counties has provided five times the amount of mentoring services to at-risk youth – an increase from 115 children to 575. Before the grant, the organization had three school-based programs and they have grown to 10.

JERSEY BATTERED WOMEN’S SERVICE

Children are often the silent victims of domestic violence. But those children deserve the chance to be kids again, which is why CLF selected Jersey Battered Women’s Service as a beneficiary. Jersey Battered Women’s Service provides a safe place for children to express the abuse they may have witnessed in their homes. CLF’s donation helped fund the organization’s child care, counseling and advocacy services for children whose mothers attended Spanish-language counseling groups. It also supported the organization’s Dating Abuse Prevention Program and provided financial assistance for children, such as covering the cost of music lessons, for those unable to afford them. The children living in Simon House, a transitional living and resource center, say they especially enjoy playing on Kyra’s Playground, named after Kyra Citron.

2008 – \$531,000





2007 – \$479,000

CAMP MERRY HEART

For individuals with special needs, going camping isn't normally an option. Camp Merry Heart was designed to change that. Camp Merry Heart, a 123-acre facility in Hackettstown, NJ, provides a safe and unparalleled environment for disabled campers to feel the same enriching experiences as any other campers. Through self-determination, group activities and physical exercise, campers are able to grow as individuals and have a chance to separate their personality from their disability – often for the first time. The grant from CLF enabled Camp Merry Heart to replace its septic system and purchase a generator. By covering these equipment costs, they were able to keep the cost of camp reasonable for families. The generator continues to help keep the camp running all summer and even helped them to provide temporary housing for individuals in need during Hurricane Sandy.

HAPPINESS IS CAMPING

When you are a child with cancer, you miss out on some of the simple joys of childhood like playing outside, boating and camping. Happiness is Camping gives these brave boys and girls the gift of fun and relaxation away from their hospital room in a beautiful setting where they can bond with each other over their shared experiences. CLF's donation to Happiness is Camping remains the single, largest donation to the camp in its history. The funds helped the camp construct, furnish and maintain a state-of-the art, 24/7 Health Center in Hardwick, NJ. Far exceeding what is found at most camps, Happiness is Camping accommodates children in any stage of cancer, including chemotherapy. Kids can stay overnight, get their blood work done, receive treatment, talk to a doctor or nurse whether they are homesick or have a bruised knee. The addition of the Health Center has allowed the organization to accept more campers, which means more children can enjoy this special experience.



2004 – \$400,000

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE JERSEY SHORE

Everyone knows Girl Scouts learn valuable skills and CLF's matching grant to the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore proved how resourceful they are. Over the last eight years, CLF's grant earned more than \$15,000 in interest. The organization used this money to send 476 girls to the Girl Scouts of the Jersey Shore's Camp Sacajawea. Campers who may not have had the chance to attend were able to have fun while experiencing exciting new things outdoors. The girls participated in various activities from boating to archery, but most importantly, they developed life-long skills and friendships. Camper Margaret, age 12, says she has a lot of great memories from camp, but the best one was the thrill of working together with her peers on the ropes course. It is great to see that CLF and the Girl Scouts continue to have a lasting impact on the lives of young girls throughout New Jersey.



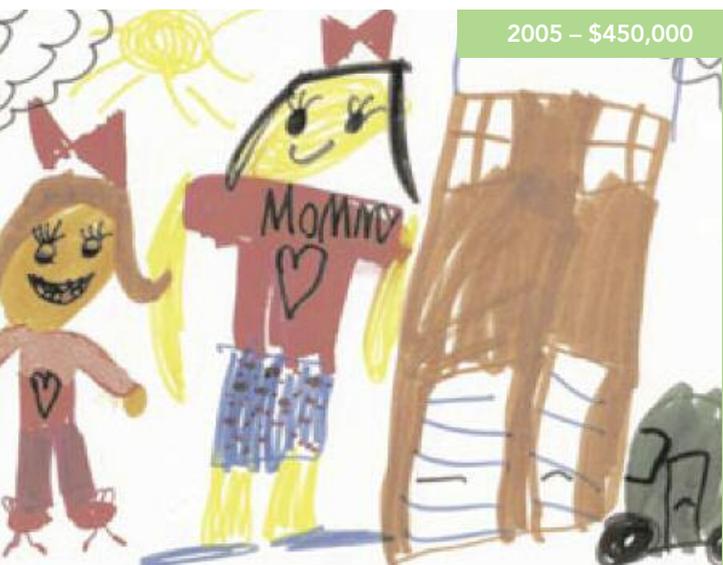
2006 – \$520,000



2003 – \$305,000

DEBORAH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

Deborah Heart & Lung Center doesn't let a lack of insurance stand in the way of making their patients well again. Their compassionate approach and relentless mission to raise funds to cover the cost of treatment for those unable to pay, is what compelled CLF to select the Deborah Hospital Foundation as the first Golf Classic beneficiary. Funds raised for Deborah helped the hospital continue its innovative treatment with state-of-the-art technologies that continue to make heart, lung, and vascular procedures easier and more effective for patients so they can live longer, healthier lives. Named one of the nation's 50 top cardiovascular hospitals by Thomson Reuters, Deborah has won nearly every major medical, state and federal quality recognition award. The tremendous impact of this grant, which brought health back to the lives of so many patients and their families, inspired CLF to expand its funding, by making it an annual tradition.



2005 – \$450,000

DEIRDRE'S HOUSE

For an abused or neglected child, a long interview at a police station or examination at a big hospital can make their experience even more traumatic. Deirdre's House believes that though a child's life may be altered by abuse, their lives will not be forever defined by it. This mission resonated with everyone at CLF. At Deirdre's House, children receive free, state-of-the-art care immediately, so they have a greater chance to fully recover from the trauma they have experienced. The funds raised through the CLF Golf Outing helped them increase their clinical counseling staff and in turn, the number of child victims served. Before the grant, Deirdre's House was only able to treat 10 children per week. With the additional staff, that number has increased to 64 children per week.

“Over the last 10 years, the organizations we've supported have really made a material difference in the lives of people that live in our neighborhoods. Everyone knows someone that's benefitted from the work that we've done.”

– JEFFREY CITRON



Meet the MVPs: MOST VALUABLE PARTNERS

Without individual and corporate donors, the Foundation could not accomplish its aims and be able to establish, and meet, more ambitious goals year after year. Over the years CLF has forged many personal relationships and connected with donors to make meaningful contributions to society. Experiencing the commitment and zeal of CLF's supporters is tremendously rewarding. Here are a few of CLF's Champion Partners that really stand out.

LIFETIME
CHAMPION
PARTNER



JILL & ERIK MASCHLER FAMILY FOUNDATION

For the Maschler family, nothing holds more promise for a better future than an investment in children. So Jill and Erik Maschler looked to their greatest passion – providing children with greater opportunities – for inspiration on how to best serve the community. Since 2007, the Jill and Erik Maschler Family Foundation has been an expression of this passion, dedicated to improving quality of life by developing communities through their support of education, the arts, medical research, and other organizations devoted to innovative enrichment projects.

Erik Maschler and Jeffrey Citron have been friends since childhood. Their friendship in life has developed into an ambitious partnership in giving that has helped so many organizations continue and expand their services to those in need. The commitment and support that the Maschlers provide is one of the main reasons why CLF calls its largest donors, “champions.”

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Since the Charles Lafitte Foundation's first Charity Golf Classic in 2003, the Maschler family has taken a strong leadership role in sponsoring the annual event. To date, Jill and Erik Maschler are CLF's longest and most generous sponsors. They have not only been a premier sponsor of each and every golf classic, but have continued supporting the beneficiary organizations after the event, ensuring their long-term success.

KRUPKA/KUBIK FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Krupka family has a saying, “If you can help, you should help.” Michael Krupka and his wife, Dr. Anne C. Kubik firmly believe in giving back to the community, so much so that they created their own family foundation. Through the Krupka/Kubik Family Foundation they invest their time and efforts toward helping inner-city youth and healthcare organizations in the Boston area, the city they call home.

Getting to know the Krupkas, it is easy to see how they infused their professional passions into the missions of their foundation. As a Managing Director at Bain Capital Ventures, Michael enjoys sharing his financial expertise to advise nonprofit organizations on maximizing their budgets, making them more efficient and sustainable. But his philanthropy is not limited to the Krupka/Kubik Family Foundation, he also dedicates his time and talent as a board member for the Boys and Girls Club of Boston. His investing activities in technology and technology-driven companies, including software, hardware, database, and telecommunication services, give him unique insight into how these sectors can contribute to the success of nonprofits. Similarly, Anne's love of medicine contributes to the foundation's knowledge and affinity to supporting healthcare causes. Together, they are changing lives through their deep understanding of the needs of the community and how best to address them through the organizations they support.

“I look for great people to invest with, whether it's a business or nonprofit.”

When selecting nonprofit initiatives to support, they take a business-like approach. Just as great businesses look at who the customer is, what the best product is, and how to create the best and lowest-cost service in the most effective way, the Krupka/Kubik Family Foundation uses similar criteria to evaluate organizations and discover where their expertise can do the most good. “I look for great people to invest with, whether it's a business or nonprofit,” says Michael Krupka.

Since 2006, the Krupka/Kubik Family Foundation has been one of CLF's most prominent partners. Each year they have generously supported the CLF Golf Classic as the lunch sponsor.





PETER & KRISTEN GERHARD

To the Gerhards, giving is personal. They support programs whose primary mission is health and education, and focus on organizations that are run efficiently so the maximum amount of money directly impacts the mission. Peter and Kristen are very involved in the development and leadership of Hackensack University Medical Center, Bucknell University and Ranney School. Since the first Golf Classic in 2003, they have taken on a sponsorship role. The Gerhards understand the impact of giving – not only in funds, but also their time and expertise.

ANTHONY & PAM DIACO

Long-time friends of the Citrons who share their vision for giving, Anthony and Pam have supported various, worthy causes throughout New Jersey for many years, including serving as Golf Classic Hole Sponsors. Anthony is the founder of AJD Construction, a privately-owned company specializing in low-, mid- and high-rise residential buildings around New Jersey. He also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Monmouth Medical Center Foundation.

BILL WILHELM: BINGHAM

A long-standing supporter of the Charles Lafitte Foundation, Bill first stepped forward as a Hole Sponsor in 2004 and then brought Bingham McCutchen, LLP into the Foundation’s sponsorship community. Together, Bill and Bingham McCutchen have devoted tens of thousands of hours and resources to pro bono work in the areas where they can have the most impact, including civil rights, adoption and children’s rights, nonprofit counseling, community economic development and prison conditions.



JOE MOGLIA: MOGLIA FAMILY FOUNDATION

Investing the future of younger generations is very important to the Moglia family, and they understand how to effectively support these causes. In addition to being the current Chairman and former CEO of TD Ameritrade, Joe is the head football coach of the Coastal Carolina Chanticleers. He established the Moglia Family Foundation in 2007, which supports youth education and health organizations. In addition to the foundation’s commendable work, for many years Joe and his foundation have graciously contributed to CLF’s Golf Classic.



ANTHONY DIVALERIO: MORGAN STANLEY

Over the years, Anthony and his team have shined on and off the golf course. His support of the Foundation began in 2005 and he has been a loyal partner ever since. Anthony established Hole Sponsorships on behalf of the Morgan Stanley Foundation and he personally contributes to the CLF’s events. Through their signature initiative, The Morgan Stanley Global Alliance for Children’s Health, they work to extend their foundation’s financial resources across the globe in order to strengthen communities and offer opportunities to underserved populations worldwide.

LOREN SCHECHTER: DUANE MORRIS, LLP

Like his long-time friend and business partner Jeffrey Citron, Loren believes in the power of helping people help themselves and others, and has been a loyal supporter of the Golf Classic since its inception. He is a partner at Duane Morris, where he heads the firm’s broker-dealer practice and concentrates on securities regulatory counseling and litigation matters.

TONY & KK DOMIANO: DOMIANO DEALERSHIPS

Tony and Karen, along with the Domiano family’s car dealership, have a rich history of giving and community involvement. Each year, you can see the Domiano dealership cars lining the course on each hole they sponsor for the Golf Classic’s Hole-In-One competitions. CLF counts on the Domianos to help make each golf outing more successful and exciting than the last.



Bravo!

OUTSTANDING ORGANIZATIONS MAKING THE MOST OF THEIR GRANTS

Each year, the Charles Lafitte Foundation receives grant requests from hundreds of great organizations. While it is often difficult to choose, it is always such a pleasure to see the tremendous work that nonprofits are doing across the country. It is truly inspiring to hear about the impact that the funding has had. Here are just a few special stories.

PUPPIES BEHIND BARS

Man’s best friend now has a whole new meaning thanks to Puppies Behind Bars (PBB), where puppies are trained by prison inmates to become service dogs for wounded war veterans and explosive detection canines for law enforcement. PBB brings the love and healing of dogs to hundreds of individuals every year. The dogs bring hope and pride to their raisers, and the program teaches them how to contribute to society, rather than take from it. For wounded veterans, the dogs are trained to respond to 87 different commands including dialing 911 on a phone, and easing their owners’ post-service anxiety to support their independence. The program also provides additional security to law enforcement officers who risk their lives keeping the public safe.

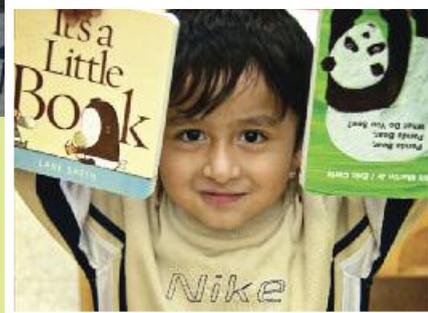
The Charles Lafitte Foundation is honored to support PBB. This unique organization extends its impact beyond one facet of giving, by helping wounded soldiers live more independent lives, protecting law enforcement officers while providing great service to the incarcerated population.

K. HOVNIANIAN CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Every hospital strives to heal its patients. But K. Hovnianian Children’s Hospital’s goal – treating each child as one of their own while treating them – is special to CLF. CLF provided a \$600,000 donation for its pediatric expansion project at the Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune, NJ. The project included the addition of 14 private rooms, an expansion of the pediatric intensive care unit, and a new location for the pediatric outpatient program with offices for more than 100 subspecialists to help children recover faster and provide parents additional peace of mind.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY HOPE LODGE

Living with cancer is hard and having to travel far away from home to receive treatment makes it even harder. ACS’s Hope Lodge New York City is an oasis for those going through the fight of their life by providing them with a free and comfortable place to stay. CLF provided a grant to the Hope Patient Resource Center that will serve Hope Lodge NYC guests, residents and commuters. It features a salon area, information space with a computer and phone, conference space and storage area.



“A person’s a person, no matter how small.”
 — DR. SEUSS



SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

To encourage kids to read and learn important lessons of how they can make a difference in their communities, Kid's Corner hosts essay contests throughout the year. Kyra picks books for different age groups with a similar theme for each contest. This year's Summer Reading Challenge invites students in grades 3-12 to read one of the books in their grade level and tell Kid's Corner how the character's strengths and flaws come together to make the entire person. Winning writers receive a Kindle Fire and \$1,000 for their school library, which extends the gift of books to an entire school.

The deadline for the summer essay contest is September 15, 2014 – to learn more about it, visit www.charleslafitte.org/kids-corner.

Kid's Corner

GIVING KIDS THE POWER TO CHANGE THEIR WORLD

Sometimes people think that kids lack the power to make a difference – that they alone cannot change the world. But the Charles Lafitte Foundation has a much different view.

Children do amazing things like astounding audiences on TV with their vocal talent, selling thousands of boxes of Girl Scout cookies, breaking records in the Special Olympics or calling 911 to save a parent or loved one. It just takes one to help many. “If every kid did one good deed, think of how much better this world could be,” says Kyra Citron, Kid's Corner director. “That is the philosophy behind CLF's Kid's Corner.”

CLF believes in the power of the individual to inspire a group, which allows a community to realize even greater goals. And that inspiration is often best shared by a child.

In 2011, Kid's Corner was born. Headed by Jeffrey and Suzanne Citron's daughter, Kyra Citron, Kid's Corner invites every child to tell the Foundation what causes are important to them in their own words, drawings or videos. It is run by kids for kids, placing the power of change directly in their capable hands.

Every year, Kyra, dressed as Santa's Helper, and Kid's Corner bring the joy of Christmas and distribute gifts to young patients hospitalized during the holidays at Unterberg Children's Hospital at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, NJ and K. Hovnanian Children's Hospital at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, NJ.

The Food Bank of Monmouth and Ocean Counties (FBMOC)'s Backpack Program, which provides weekend food to 600 chronically-hungry children through 19 schools in Monmouth and Ocean counties, received a \$20,000 grant, a tenfold increase that reflects the growing need among poor and working poor families. Kid's

Corner also recently awarded FBMOC a \$250,000 five-year grant to ensure that children get the meals they need to grow.

Kyra and Kid's Corner have had the privilege of working with the Bridge of Books Foundation to promote children's literacy. CLF believes that creating a way for children to share books and their ideas will make communities stronger and inspires the next generation of leaders.

We want kids to tell us how we can help. And then, together, let's change the world.”

— KYRA CITRON

The Charles Lafitte Foundation is proud to have Kid's Corner as its flagship initiative to advocate for and support at risk and underserved children and provide children with a venue to discover their role in helping the community.

Spreading the Word

TO INSPIRE FUTURE CHANGEMAKERS



Join CLF Out on the Links for CASA

Now in its 11th year, the Charles Lafitte Foundation's Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held on Monday, June 30 at the beautiful and exclusive Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ. All proceeds from this year's event will benefit Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of New Jersey, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization that assists the court and child welfare systems to ensure the safety and well-being of children who are removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. CASA currently reaches about 3,000 children a year. Their volunteers advocate exclusively on behalf of a child's best interests in court, and work tirelessly to ensure each child has a caring environment where they can thrive.

In keeping with CLF's tradition, every dollar raised by CASA will be matched dollar for dollar by the Foundation. Donations will give CASA the resources they need to implement CASA's Peer Coordinator Model, an organizational change that will exponentially increase the number of

children served. The model uses seasoned volunteers to support, coach and supervise advocate volunteers without having to significantly increase staff and budget.

Win or lose, the spirit of the cause turns golfers into donors. They will go home knowing they spent the day providing invaluable support and advocacy for children in need.

"We look forward to our partnership with the Foundation and the positive, widespread impact it will have on CASA services to foster children across New Jersey."

— RITA GULDEN, MSW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
CASA OF NEW JERSEY

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The Charles Lafitte Foundation works to expand its philanthropic efforts every year. CLF strives to inspire others to help themselves and others through community service and by supporting worthy charities.

Over the past several years, CLF has made a conscience effort to share these outstanding stories with the media and gain publicity for the commendable organizations they have had the pleasure of knowing and supporting. There have been some great stories about the golf outings, grants and Kid's Corner initiatives in national and local media. From a Donor of the Day feature in the *Wall Street Journal* to articles in the *Asbury Park Press*, several New Jersey magazines and dozens of local newspapers on the essay contests, to a

segment on Kyra and her book drive for Bridge of Books on *News12 TV*, CLF continues to spread the word and advocate for individuals and corporations to be changemakers in their communities.

Want to learn more about CLF and the great work our grantees are doing? Send an email through our website or follow us on Facebook to see more news about our grants, beneficiaries and tips for how you can make a difference by helping others.



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Essay Contest

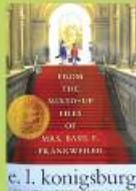
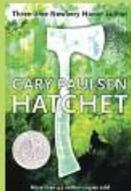
Summer Reading Challenge

Kid's Corner invites you to enter a contest to win \$1,000 for your school library and a Kindle for you! Just read one of the books listed below under your grade level and tell us about a character's strengths and flaws and how they came together to make the entire person. Each applicant may enter one essay per book within their grade level.

The winner of each division will be awarded:

\$1,000 to his/her school library
Kindle Fire

GRADES 3-5
MAX: 650 WORDS



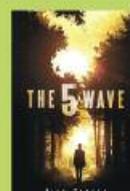
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil
E. Frankweiler by E. L. Konigsburg

GRADES 6-8
MAX: 750 WORDS



Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
Uglies (Uglies #1) by Scott Westerfeld

HIGH SCHOOL
MAX: 850 WORDS



The Catcher In The Rye by J.D. Salinger
The 5th Wave by Rick Yancey

Entries must be typed and emailed to kidscorner@charleslafitte.org by September 15, 2014
Entries must include writer's name, grade, email, school and school address
For more information visit: www.charleslafitte.org/kids-corner