

Michelle Byrnes

Michelle Byrnes, a longtime resident of River Edge, NJ, was an extraordinary volunteer. Michelle and her three daughters: Lindsay-11, Samantha-9 ½, and Olivia-5 ½ helped to distribute bulbs during the enormous River Edge blitz that delivered over 1,400 bulbs. She was incredibly supportive in her efforts to assist in recruiting over 200 volunteers for the River Edge Blitz.

Michelle is extremely busy as she leads 3 different Girl Scout Troops in River Edge. She has been a Girl Scout Leader for over 7 years. She actively involves herself in volunteering as an active PTO member at the school (Cherry Hill) and with River Edge Girl Scouts. Her oldest troop, 6th Grade Juniors, just earned their Bronze Award thanks to Project Porchlight. Michelle's efforts prove how much one person can do.



Dianne Clark

Voorhees, New Jersey 08043

Dianne Clark was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA, attending high school and college in that city. Approximately 18 years ago, Dianne moved from Philadelphia to Voorhees, NJ, where she currently resides. Dianne recently retired from federal service after an extremely successful and rewarding career. Her public service began with the Naval Hospital, culminating with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), where she held varied managerial positions.

While at IRS, Dianne held additional responsibilities including instructing newly hired employees, recruiting minorities with above-average grade points, visiting with and speaking to inter-city high school students about the importance of continued education, and serving as member of the Equal Employment Advisory Board.

Upon retirement, Dianne realized a long term desire by working full-time, in Philadelphia and Cherry Hill, on a presidential primary and national campaign for President Barrack Obama.

Dianne is currently a Board Member for her condominium association and loves to do whatever is necessary through her volunteer efforts to making this world a better place. In her spare time, Dianne loves to travel, cook and entertain her family and friends. She also concentrates on staying fit by walking and participating in aqua aerobics, Pilates, and yoga classes.



Joe DeRado

Joe is an 8th grade honor student at All Saints Regional Catholic School in Manahawkin, NJ. He is the editor of the school newspaper and is involved in the school's Performing Arts program. He is an active member in his local Boy Scout Troop. Joe is passionate about serving his local community and is a steward of the environment. He can often be found volunteering at his town's food bank, assisting in beach cleanups and helping in the distribution of energy efficient light bulbs for Project Porchlight.

Joe has attended the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference Program for the past two years in Washington, DC and Boston. He is also a regional award winner of the Ecybermission Academic Challenge for his team's efforts in showing the harmful effects that geese droppings have on our environment.

Joe enjoys hunting, fishing, boating, camping and the outdoors.



VALERIE R. FRICK

Valerie Frick, and her husband Mike Devlin, co-founded and co-developed the Camden Children's Garden, which opened in 1999 in Camden, NJ, one of the poorest and most dangerous communities in the country. Through the Camden City Garden Club, which they also co-founded in 1986, the couple participated in every major aspect of the \$8-million Camden Children's Garden, from concept and design to fundraising and promotion. That includes designing and creating 10 award-winning major exhibits at the prestigious Philadelphia Flower Show.

Valerie Frick is Director of Education at the Camden Children's Garden, has a BA degree in Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University and an M.A. in Vocational Education of Special Populations from Rowan University. She is a certified teacher of the Handicapped and Vocational Evaluator. She provides the overall plan for the program and develops the educational components including field trips and vocational testing and advising. She has served as a Vocational Evaluator at the Camden County Technical School from 1978 to the present and has worked at the Camden City Summer Youth Employment Program and teacher of the handicapped at St. John of God School. She also serves as Treasurer of the Camden City Garden Club. Ms. Frick is a lifetime Camden resident.



Christina Notas

Christina Notas is Drew University's campus sustainability coordinator. She is a NJ native who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental studies, from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY-ESF).

Christina has worked with Project Porchlight numerous times to organize teams for events and blitzes. In August of 2009, she assisted in Drew University's freshman class of 13's bulb distribution to the towns of Madison and Morris Plains. She has also been involved in other bulb distributions on campus. Notas promotes sustainability and believes that, "it starts off with changing a light bulb." Her energy and enthusiasm is evident through her ongoing involvement with Project Porchlight. Christina enjoys that Project Porchlight incorporates the fun of learning into environmental awareness.



Joe Rosendale

Joe Rosendale is a current resident and active member of Greenbriar II, an adult community located in Brick Township, Ocean County, NJ. Joe is a graduate of The College of William & Mary, located in Williamsburg, VA and also received his Masters in Education from Wagner College in Staten Island, NY.

Joe is a retiree of the New York City (NYC) Board of Education, where he began his career as a teacher. Over the course of his career with the NYC Board of Education, he was promoted several times from teacher to Assistant Principal and again from Assistant Principal to Acting Principal.

Joe is a very active member of the Greenbriar II community. He enjoys helping his neighbors by watching their homes while they are away, watering their plants, and helping with their recycling bins. He also delivers the monthly Greenbriar II newsletter to each of the residents in the community. Joe was extremely instrumental in organizing the Greenbriar II blitz in September of this year.



