

Gullotta House Aims to Help Westchester Residents in Need

By Evan Lefkowitz

The Gullotta House is on a mission ---to aid Westchester residents facing financial woes or other hardships. The Gullotta House provides struggling local residents with food vouchers, scholarships to aid with the payment for education, holiday assistance, and support to community organizations.

Over the years, Matthew Gullotta, the eponymous founder and president of the newly formed charitable corporation, has developed strong ties throughout the Westchester community. As a survivor of many hardships throughout his life, Gullotta is devoted to bringing relief to families in difficult times.

"In 1974 a fire wiped out my family's house and all of our personal belongings," Gullotta said. "My mother made her way to numerous family service offices, but was rejected because the representative said to her, 'your family made too much money last year; sorry you don't qualify.'"

Currently stable and secure, Gullotta appreciates his success and wants to help others. "The reason I started the Gullotta House," explained Gullotta, "was that I wanted people to know that it doesn't matter how much money you make. You can't make too little and you can't make too much, a hardship is a hardship. There are and always will be people to help you



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The Gullotta House presented a \$600 check to a Sleepy Hollow woman whose father in drowned in the Hudson River.

in a time of need."

Relying solely on public sector donations and fundraising, the Gullotta House is a nonprofit 501(c)3 charity. According to Gullotta, "the great part about the Gullotta House is that it's 100 percent volunteer. We all devote our time to this organization with no monetary gain."

Rich in fundraising experience with numerous nonprofit organizations, Gullotta is able to support his organization.

According to Gullotta, "within the first three months, Gullotta House Inc. has completed and been involved in a grass roots effort consisting of nine events. Some events have included the Ossining and Tarrytown Street Fairs, the Ossining Community Fireworks show, and the Hawaiian Kick-off Luau Fundraiser."

Gathering much support around Westchester, the Gullotta House has attained over 35 sponsors such as the

Westchester Knicks, Cortlandt School of Performing Arts, Palisades Fuel, and the Landmark Diner. "I'm truly blessed that we have 32 community advisors that offer much of their time and assistance in our cause," Gullotta said.

Gullotta's devotion is currently bringing hope and relief to three families in their darkest hours. One family going through a hardship is the family of Ossining High School student, Logan Ippoliti, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. According to Gullotta, "We raised \$1,100 for Logan and he had his operation last week."

A second fund raised and donated by the Gullotta House was \$1,000 to Jessica Seikovsky's college fund, whose father Robert unexpectedly passed away. A third fund was established for the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. Cabrera, 43, who accidentally drowned in the Hudson River. \$1,650 was raised for his daughter.

"I want people to know," said Gullotta, "that I've been in their shoes and have gone through numerous hardships. Everyone needs a boost once in a while and the Gullotta House will provide just that."

For more information, contact the Gullotta House at: www.gullottahouse.org, email: gullottahouse@gmail.com, phone number: (914) 525-0744.

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