

LOVE NOTES

A Note from the Executive Director and President

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support of all of our loyal donors, past and present board members, and dedicated friends and family members. With summer now upon us, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the meaningful impact all of you have had on our community this past year and share some of our newly formed events and expectations for the year ahead!

The Annual Spring Luncheon held at the Country Club of Buffalo raised record donations through both luncheon reservations and sponsorship opportunities. It was a beautiful day with extraordinary raffle and silent auction offerings. We are extremely thankful to our co-chairs, Patti Lawley and Amy Carnevale, as well as their talented committee, for their dedication and creativity!

In 1903, Maria Love organized a group of thirty-one prominent Buffalo women to raise funds and implement a program of convalescent respite care for mothers and their children. The beginning of the Fund as it is known today. Now almost fifty strong, we are continually discussing ways to engage with our former members. New this year we hosted a Past President's Luncheon at the home of Mary and Wayne Bacon. The afternoon was filled with laughter and insight, understanding that we will only become stronger as an organization if we understand the work of the past. This spring we welcomed new members Jessica Baird, Jennifer Bernacki Smith, Ann Mikols, Julie Plata, and Dana Stoffman. A sincere and heart-felt thank you to Mindy Shine and Beth Golebiewski, our resigning board members, for their twenty combined years of remarkable service.

We are proud of the historical success of both the Charity Ball and Annual Luncheon. When considering ways to expand the footprint of Maria Love's legacy and message, we felt it essential to develop an outreach event which would appeal to a more diverse cross section of our community. We are thrilled to announce the **First Annual Maria M. Love FUNd Run** scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Hoyt Lake in Buffalo, NY!

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The FUNd Run is targeted to both serious 5K runners as well as those of us who prefer to support the Fund walking a 1K stroll around Hoyt Lake! Registration is now open at

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Buffalo/MariaMLoveFUNdRun!>



If you or someone you know is interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sarah Williams at williamsbojdak@roadrunner.com or 716.860.3908. It is our hope that all current and past board members will continue to be engaged with our mission even as their official term expires. We invite you to come run, walk, or hang out and enjoy the day with music, food, and fun! The official walk/run will begin at 9 AM with entertainment provided by DJ Yes!

Through your generosity, this year we awarded over \$65,000 to eleven agencies for Special Grants and met over 600 individual requests. As we continue this beautiful and essential legacy of hope and caring, we thank you for helping us spread The Fund's mission of providing a reliable source of support for those in need of temporary financial assistance.

You continue to touch and make a difference in the lives of thousands of individuals in our community.

With grateful hearts,
Nancy Stevens and Mary Bacon

**2019
Special Grant Award
Recipients**

- Buffalo Therapeutic Riding Center
- Canopy of Neighbors
- Catholic Health System Continuing Care Foundation
- Child Advocacy Center
- City Year Buffalo
- Heritage Christian Services
- Kevin Guest House
- Olmsted Center for Sight
- Oishei Children's Hospital
- People Inc. Elmwood Health Center
- Rural Outreach Center

Yearly Grants Awarded

- Haven House
- WNY Food Bank

The Maria M. Love Convalescent Fund supports the following Agencies
Benefitting Individuals in need of Convalescent Care

