



Citizen Advocacy

Annual Report 2025

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"Jack gives back 1000%. It makes you think: How can I help this person live their best life?"



"She's like an extension of my family."



"We are friends that now have a purpose. Since the beginning of last year, we've been working on developing and creating our own non-profit."



"It was me and then it became WE."

Every Citizen Advocacy relationship is different, unique, and powerful. These long-term relationships provide connection, protection, and opportunity for community members who would otherwise be isolated and vulnerable due to society's response to disability.

Advocates take on many different roles and often involve their own family and friends. With and for their partners, citizen advocates have: accessed and stabilized basic needs, addressed food insecurity, fostered community engagement,

provided medical representation, identified employment opportunities, accessed transportation, managed finances, found safe and stable housing, and much more. As you will hear in our video, through these Citizen Advocacy relationships, people become important to one another. They become like family to each other.

These one-to-one long-term relationships not only change individual lives; they help build a stronger and safer community for us all.

Scan to hear these partners and advocates tell their stories.





Dear Friends of Citizen Advocacy,

I find myself pausing to reflect on what it truly means to show up for someone, not in a grand or headline-grabbing way, but in the **committed, consistent, deeply human way that defines every Citizen Advocacy relationship**. My gratitude for this community and everyone in it has never been greater.

Because of your support, Citizen Advocacy continued to initiate and support powerful and lasting relationships in 2025. These relationships are **built between two individuals, but the ripple effect of change extends well into the surrounding community**. The power of human connection and a deep commitment to one another, is a captivating and transformative force that can **overcome barriers and create opportunities**.

I am thrilled to share that Citizen Advocacy was honored as **Nonprofit of the Year in 2025 by the Phoenixville Regional Chamber of Commerce**. For those of you who have watched this organization quietly change lives year after year, it was a joy to see that work celebrated so publicly. We are grateful beyond measure.

We also want to **honor Sarah Thompson**, who cycled off of the Citizen Advocacy board of directors after many years of dedicated service, including time as our Board President. Her leadership shaped this organization in lasting ways, and we are so fortunate she continues to be an active presence through our Advisory Committee. **Thank you, Miss Sarah!**

2026 marks our 45th anniversary as an organization! To honor that past and plan for the future, we are so excited to be partnering with Jenna Armato on a new Strategic Plan. We were fortunate to connect with her through the TriCounty Community Network, and we are so glad we did! A sincere thank you to the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation for making this work possible through their Capacity Building Mini Grant.

We'd love to connect! Please join us for the **Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, September 27th, the 40th Annual Phoenixville Run on Saturday, October 24th, and our 24th annual "A Play with a Purpose" on February 9th, 2027**. All of these events are wonderful opportunities to connect, engage, and have a wonderful time!

If you have been thinking about deepening your support, **there is no better time**. A monthly gift at any level, whether \$5 or \$50, gives Citizen Advocacy the steady foundation it needs to keep making matches, nurturing relationships, and growing in this community we love.

Thank you for being someone who shows up! We would not be who we are without you.

With deepest appreciation,

Kerry Cook

Kerry Cook, President, Citizen Advocacy Board of Directors

**Citizen Advocacy was a proud recipient of
Kimberton Whole Foods, Rounding up the Register
for July 2026.**

Thank you, Kimberton Whole Foods!



Citizen Advocacy Board & Staff September 2025

Not pictured: Valarie Pearson



Again This Year: Online Donor List & Financials

To save funds and reduce paper use, we're no longer printing our donor list and financials. Instead, you can view them online by scanning the QR code to the right. We're incredibly grateful to our generous donors and volunteers. You make this work possible!

Thank you!



2024-2025 Board of Directors

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**JOIN US AT THE 2026
SPAGHETTI DINNER**



**REGISTER FOR THE 40TH
ANNUAL PHOENIXVILLE RUN**



**BECOME A SUSTAINING SUPPORTER!
MONTHLY GIVING CAN BE LESS THAN
A LATTE, AND MAKE A REAL IMPACT**



**WIN A TRIP TO FRANCE IN OUR
RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA!**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR -
24TH ANNUAL A PLAY WITH
A PURPOSE FEBRUARY 9,
2027 "LITTLE WOMEN" AT
PEOPLE'S LIGHT**

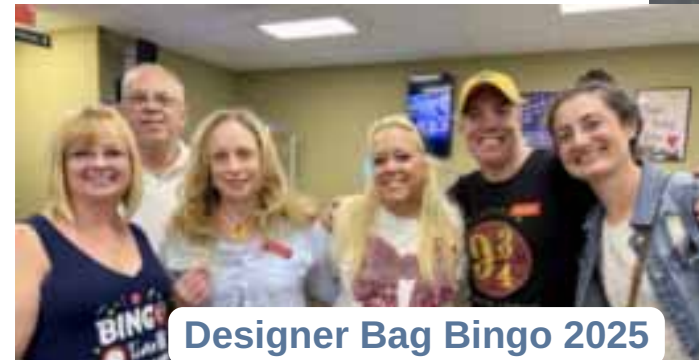
A look back at 2025



A Play with a Purpose 2025



Spaghetti Dinner 2025



Designer Bag Bingo 2025



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what's in
store for
2026:



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Citizen Advocacy's 2026 Raffle Extravaganza

FIRST PRIZE

**A week for six in the heart
of Provence, France**

Spring or Fall of 2027



**\$100
PER RAFFLE
TICKET**

Enjoy a week for six people in beautiful St. Remy de Provence in this recently renovated, air-conditioned, three-bedroom villa. The gated villa has an inviting garden, pool & two outdoor eating areas in front of a fountain and under a fragrant trellis of jasmine. Located just one mile from the center of town, the villa offers a variety of entertainment possibilities. St. Remy is a chic, magical town with fantastic restaurants, antique stores, sporting activities and weekly food & antique markets. Available January - April & October - December 2027 at a mutually chosen date.

First Prize also includes \$2000 in cash for travel expenses!



Second Prize: Limo ride & dinner for two
at a top restaurant in NYC

Third Prize: Limo ride & dinner for two
at a top restaurant in Philadelphia

Fourth - Tenth Prize: exciting prizes!

Reservations must be made at a mutually convenient time with the owners between January-April or October-December 2027. Trip does not include airfare or ground transportation. A copy of the official registration and financial information of Citizen Advocacy of Chester County, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free within PA 1.800.732.0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Need not be present to win. Further info: 610.933.1299.



**Near Historic
Town of
St. Remy de
Provence**

**Private Villa
Accommodations**



In October 2026

Ten Finalists will be drawn & they will
enjoy a cocktail party, courtesy of
Citizen Advocacy of Chester County,
in December, where the winners
will be chosen.

More Info: **610.933.1299**

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please enclose a check for \$100 per ticket, payable to: Citizen Advocacy of Chester County
239 Church Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 — 610-933-1299 for information or additional tickets.

You're Invited!



Citizen Advocacy's Annual
Spaghetti Dinner

**Sunday September 27th,
4pm until 7pm**

**Royersford Baptist Church
452 S Lewis Road,
Royersford**

NEW THIS YEAR

**Enjoy dinner prepared by Antonio
Pizzo,
Chef de Cuisine at Emmett -
James Beard Nominated
Restaurant in 2026!**



**PLEASE purchase your tickets in advance by
scanning the QR code or visiting our website at
www.CitizenAdvocacyCC.org
Tickets will also be available at the door**

Become a Sustaining Impact Supporter!

Monthly giving sustains our
community impact year-round. For
less than a weekly latte, your recurring
support provides the steady,
predictable funding we need to create
lasting relationships.

Small consistent gifts make
extraordinary differences.



**Thank you for
your support!**