

“People In Crisis” Helps Many In Need

Founded by Ocean City resident, Lana Samuels in 2003, People in Crisis continues to save lives by helping those in need obtain the medical assistance they require to survive. Samuels and her Board of Directors have built PICI into a formidable organization.

PICI's co-president is Dr. Sandra Weibel, Director of Respiratory Services at Jefferson Hospital. Physicians, attorneys, religious leaders and sports celebrities such as Phil Martelli, head basketball coach of St. Joseph's University, serve on the outreach committee along with numerous business leaders. A tireless advocate, Lana continues to go door to door to raise funds for the cause.

People in Crisis, Inc. is assisting many patients who fall outside their coverage, who need financial and resource assistance as soon as possible.

Lana met Walter Tuthill, Jr. and Sr. from Linwood, while going door to door. Walter Tuthill, Jr. has severe liver disease which requires transplantation. Through PICI's advocacy they were able to find resources to acquire discretionary funds to keep his insurance going. He said he is ineligible for Obama Care, which doesn't cover prescriptions he needs. PICI assisted him with resources to apply for Medicaid, Charity Care, and Medicare/Social Security Disability benefits. If approved for Medicaid all prescriptions will be covered. If approved by Charity Care at Jefferson Hospital (it can take two months or longer) this will cover all medical procedures including the liver transplant. Aaron Tolliver who has kidney disease and diabetes needed Levimir and NOVA-log, but could not afford these insulins. He could have gone into diabetic shock without a program to assist him immediately. PICI moved quickly to assist him. This is just one of many examples of the work People In Crisis is doing.

For more information about its assistance programs, call (609) 334-8718 or access peopleincrisisinc.weebly.com. People in Crisis have a branch office, 834 Walnut