

MAY NEWSLETTER

Join Us at the 2026 Hunterdon Polo Classic

HOME is excited to once again take part in the Hunterdon Polo Classic which has become a beloved day in the country that brings together neighbors and local nonprofits for a shared purpose. This annual event offers a fun, family-friendly afternoon while raising vital support for organizations like HOME.

One past attendee shared, "I had never been to a polo match before and was thrilled at the opportunity to attend, as I like experiencing new things! I very much enjoyed the family atmosphere, the horses, and the good company of those who support the mission of HOME." That spirit of discovery, connection, and community is exactly what makes this event so special.

The event flyer and ticket link are attached for easy sharing with friends, family, and anyone who might enjoy a great day for a great cause.

Whether you're a longtime supporter or joining us for the first time, the Polo Classic is a wonderful way to enjoy the outdoors, connect with community, and help strengthen housing stability for families across Somerset County. We hope to see you there for an afternoon of fresh air, excitement, and impact!

Saturday, June 13, 2026 (Rain date: Sunday, June 14) **Gates open at 12 PM • Match begins at 2 PM • Fieldview Farm 342 Quakertown Road, Pittstown, NJ**

To purchase tickets, call HOME at 908-704-1920 or email Karen@homescnj.org. **Please note: Only tickets purchased directly through HOME will benefit our programs.**



Sound Minds Supports Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and it reminds us how closely emotional wellbeing is tied to safety and stability. For families facing homelessness, the stress can be overwhelming. Uncertainty about where to sleep, caring for children without steady resources, and the trauma of displacement all create serious mental health challenges.

HOME's Sound Minds program helps families navigate these pressures with care and dignity. Sound Minds provides clients, children and adults, with evaluation, advocacy, mental health counseling, referral and crisis intervention. All HOME families have access to Sound Minds. Last year, eight families participated in family therapy, strengthening communication and emotional resilience.

By offering mental health support alongside housing services, Sound Minds gives families a safe place to talk, build coping skills, and begin healing. This integrated approach supports long term stability by caring for the whole person, not just the immediate crisis.

We are grateful to the Somerset County Board of County Commissioners, Johnson and Johnson Somerset County Companies Fund, and the Church and Dwight Employee Giving Fund for making this essential program possible. Their partnership ensures that every family we serve has the support they need to heal, rebuild, and move forward with confidence.

Camp Ruach Brings Summer Smiles

We are thrilled to share that the Shimon and Sara Birnbaum Jewish Community Center has awarded six Camp Ruach scholarships to children in HOME programs, ensuring they enjoy a joyful and enriching summer. These scholarships give our kids the chance to play, learn, make friends, and experience the simple happiness every child deserves.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the generous donors who provided camp supplies such as goggles, water bottles, towels, bathing suits, and everything our kids need to feel confident and ready for the best summer ever.

"I have friends at camp. The trips are really fun. I get to swim every day!" Manny, age 13

Thank you **Art of Living** for donating special Mother's Day bags with thoughtfully decorated cards of appreciation. This gesture put smiles on the faces of our amazing HOME moms!

