

NEWCOMERS' DONATIONS

\$15,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

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The Newcomers Club of Central Chester County (NCCCC) presented donations to local charities at its May meeting. They were able to raise and donate \$15,000 this year — \$1,000 to each of 15 charities. The major fundraiser was a Designer Bag and Basket Bingo that was held at the end of March at Kimberton Fire Hall. Merrie Walter chaired the fundraising efforts. She was assisted by a committee including Maureen Decker, Shelia Mullett, Marcy Rohall, and Chris Wieser, as well as many other members of NCCCC. The meeting combined this Give Back with a Cook Off. Newcomers prepared dinner for the charity representatives and other Newcomers. Prizes were awarded to the two favorites in each of five categories - appetizer, salad, main course, side dish and dessert. Pictured, from left, are Friends Association Catherine Friedman, St. Joseph's House Donna Kurtz, Home of the Sparrow Nicole Hall, Downingtown Senior Center Janice Tehie, The House Phoenixville Women's Outreach Cheryl Messere or Karen Dodson, The Lordís Pantry Judy McVitty, Handi-Crafters April Pierson, Wings for Success LeeAnn Riloff, Community Volunteers in Medicine Maureen Tomoschuk, Adult Care of Chester County Kathleen Purcell, Bridge of Hope Francesca Crane, Maternal and Child Health Consortium Alain Oliver, Good Works Larry Lukas, Fundraising Chair Merrie Walter and Co-President Susan Bell. Also receiving donation, but not pictured, were Repair Angel and Meals on Wheels of Chester County.