

News from... *Peekskill Celebration*

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***Peekskill Celebration* Donates \$300 to Fred's Pantry on Behalf of Volunteer Organizations**

PEEKSKILL, NY - Representatives from *Peekskill Celebration* donated \$300 to Fred's Pantry recently in honor of the volunteers who dedicate countless hours to make Celebration a fun-filled and well-organized family event.

Celebration made the cash donation on behalf of three volunteer organizations, Peekskill Lions Club, the Peekskill Rotary Club, and the Peekskill Yacht Club. Each maintains close ties to Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. and Fred's Pantry and instead of making donations to those individual organizations, Celebration officials decided to pool the money for a single worthwhile cause like Fred's Pantry.

"We simply could not put on an event of this magnitude without our tireless volunteers who work through out the weekend to help us present a successful and safe event. It would cost us thousands of dollars to hire people to do the assignments the organizations' members do for free. We thought it would be nice to recognize their dedicated service and help an important cause at the same time," said Celebration Executive Director Cathy Montaldo.

For hours of operation for Fred's pantry or to make a donation, please contact: Jeanne Blum, Executive Director at 914.736.2636 or by email: jeanneblum@gmail.com.

About the organizations:

Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. Established in 1988 by Peekskill community leaders, clergy members and private citizens, Caring for the Homeless of Peekskill, Inc. (CHOP) has helped thousands to overcome the obstacles of hunger and homelessness through its shelter and food pantry programs.

Peekskill Celebration Now in its 15th year, the annual *Peekskill Celebration* is one of the largest festivals in the Hudson Valley and features an extraordinary weekend of family entertainment, unrivaled fireworks sponsored by Entergy, food, and colorful Dragon Boat Races not seen anywhere else in the Hudson Valley. Visit: www.peekskillcelebration.com for more information.