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## Welcome

Welcome to the Ocean of Love Sock Hop and our 27th Ocean of Love Awards ceremony. Tonight, we celebrate and honor a select group of those who have helped us throughout the years. Please take the time to look through this booklet to learn more about the honorees.

Congratulations and thank you to all our recipients being honored this evening! We are forever grateful for your endless support, which allows us to continue our mission.

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Thank you to the Staff, Board and Volunteers of Ocean of Love for all the hard work they do on behalf of the children and their families. Thank you to the businesses and individuals who graciously donate funds, gifts, and services year after year.

Thank you for joining us for an evening of gratitude, love, and hope. Have fun and enjoy your evening!

Sincerely, Theresa Segui Executive Director

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#### KELLER WILLIAMS SHORE PROPERTIES

Keller Williams Shore Properties has been a longtime supporter of Ocean of Love's mission for many years. Throughout their numerous event sponsorships, including family events such as the Bowl-a-thon they are a leading force in the success of our fundraisers. Their kindness and inspiring presence at all our events is truly a testament to their dedication to Ocean of Love children and families.

Co-owners Michael Little and Robert Cecchini strive to provide the highest standard of excellence, knowledge and professionalism that the real estate industry has to offer. Keller Williams Shore Properties' service is based on trust and performance. These values not only apply to serving real estate clients, but also service to the local community.

We're so thankful to the entire team of realtors and staff! We wish you all continued success in the many years to come.



#### EXECUTIVE CHEF MICHAEL JURUSZ

It's been that art is everywhere, except it has to pass through a creative mind. Following that credo to a culinary end, Executive Chef Mike Jurusz has channeled who he is, where he's been and where he's going onto the plates of thousands of satisfied customers in his 40 years in the industry - earning his rightful place as one of the most renowned chefs at the Jersey Shore and in the state.

Over the years, Chef Mike has transformed several New Jersey restaurants with his own inimitable style as a technician on a mission to serve up something memorable, winning numerous awards for innovative and whimsical dishes that perfectly weave the bold and the subtle, earning plenty of play on the air and in print with his charm and appeal, all while establishing a charitable reputation for delivering to those in need from behind the line.

Chef Mike invites you to come experience the new ABG under his direction and convection - and to remind you that your plate will always be his canvas.



#### THE RUTHVEN FAMILY

The Ruthven family has been involved with Ocean of Love for over a decade. Starting with a kindergarten fundraiser, each fall we would make our way to the Billboard Radiothon to support the cause. Shortly after, Ocean of Love would pair us up with a family in need of some Christmas cheer. It has been our privilege and honor to work with this great organization over the years. The hope is that some day cancer will be gone and no longer a need for Ocean of Love. Until that day comes, the Ruthven family will be there to support Ocean of Love's mission and families.



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Congratulations!

To Our 2023 Ocean of Love Award Honorees: Chef Mike's ABG John and Kerrin Ruthven



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No family should face a childhood diagnosis alone. Ocean of Love gives families a safe place to go for companionship, understanding and support. It provides a way to connect with others who relate to your experience to help cope during a difficult time.

## In the words of our families

"For everything that you do for families like mine. When we hit low points emotionally, physically and financially, Ocean of love was there to pick us up, dust us off and talk our fears away. We will be forever grateful for all of you."

"Thank you so much for all the support you have provided me with since I was first diagnosed with cancer. All of your support has helped me immensely in my daily life and educational career". We will be forever grateful for all of you."





#### **Become Involved** OPPORTUNTIES FOR EVERYONE

You can make an impact right here in your community.

- Make a monetary donation
- Host a fundraiser to benefit our children
- Donate gift cards for gas, food, or shopping.
- Become an event sponsor
- Donate your business or trade services
- Attend an Ocean of Love fundraiser

## **Make a Donation**

SCAN TO DONATE



TAX ID: 222940034 Ocean of Love is a 501(c)3 Nonprofit All donations are tax deductible.

## **How We Help**



#### TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Providing gas cards, parking and toll reimbursement helps ensure families have ease of mind when having to make frequent medical visits during treatment.



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We help give families resources such as grocery gift cards to ensure food insecurity never becomes an additional challenge.



HOUSEHOLD BILL ASSISTANCE We provide our families financial support to help cover rent, utilities, and other essential household services.



#### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

We honor holidays, special days and not so special days in keeping with our mission to maintain "the normal joys of childhood". The whole family is our focus.

- Holiday Checks
- Family adoptions for the holiday season
- Holiday food assistance
- Birthday and graduation gifts
- Seasonal surprises
- "Pick-me-up" gifts during challenging times.





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