

Party in the Park Recap

The second annual Party in the Park, held April 20th, was another successful fundraiser for the Nutley Family Service Bureau. Over 250 guests were entertained with food, drinks, raffle prizes, silent auctions, and the suspense of the highly-anticipated live auction! Many guests were in awe at the food alone, which was no surprise to last year's attendees- Nanina's always delivers. A sea of friendly, familiar faces were in attendance, making mingling fun for everyone.

In addition, NFSB was proud to introduce its new Director, Felicia Gardner. Ms. Gardner has spend the past decade as a clinical coordinator and supervisor at SERV's out-patient department in Clifton. Trained by the Salvador Minuchin Family Therapy Center in NYC as a family therapist, Ms. Gardner has managed a varied caseload of couples, individuals, children, adults and families. She also ran several long-term psychotherapy groups for seniors, women and children. Ms. Gardner graduated from New York University's School of Social Work in 1995 and moved to Nutley, where she resides with her husband, daughter and son. NFSB is thrilled to have Ms. Gardner join the agency as Director.

This year's Party in the Park also included a silent and live auction. Some of the highlights of the auction were a vacation in Vermont and a private dinner and garden tour. The auction also showcased one-of-a-kind outings, gift baskets, special services, and sports memorabilia.

NFSB is grateful for the generous donations of all participants which made the Party in the Park a success. This year's function raised over \$15,000 for the NFSB. It is NFSB's largest fundraiser of the year. Donations from and participation by the community help NFSB continue to operate, providing quality mental health services for Nutley and the surrounding communities.

The Nutley Family Service Bureau would also like to extend an invitation to all to attend its annual Lollipop Party on Saturday, June 4th. This casual backyard affair is a great way to learn more about the NFSB and relax and have fun! The Lollipop Party is free to attend and open to everyone- so come and bring a friend! The Lollipop Party, held at the home of Ruth Bedford located at 232 Highfield Lane, begins at 5 p.m. on June 4th. For more information, please visit www.nutleyfamily.com.