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**WHITE PLAINS, NY** – On Thursday, September 23rd, the Westchester non-profit 914-Cares hosted its inaugural fundraising gala at the Westchester Country Club Beach Club in Rye. In attendance were CEO Jessica Reinmann, Gala Chairs Jess & Mark Anfang and Jillian & Michael Pohly, Assemblyman Christopher Burdick, and 230+ of the organization's donors, volunteers, and community partners.

The Gala celebrated 914Cares' success in caring for neighbors in need, particularly throughout the course of the pandemic. "Since March of 2020, we have created three new programs to combat the rise of poverty in our community," Reinmann shared in her presentation. In addition to its existing roster of programs that distribute clothing, books, and personal care products, 914Cares established a Diaper Bank (distributing close to 1 million diapers), Period Project (distributing 100,000+ tampons and pads), and most recently, a Hygiene Bank (distributing 3,300 hygiene products since its inception in May). "None of these successes would have been accomplished without the collaboration of our community partners," Reinmann added, acknowledging the 80+ organizations served by 914Cares.

914Cares recognized the contributions of its Board Treasurer, Linda Nash, and Volunteer Honoree, Miriam Minor, in addition to four of its dedicated teen volunteers.

Next up, 914Cares will host its annual Westchester Poverty Symposium at the Capitol Theatre on January 27, 2022. The Symposium is an opportunity for thought leaders including community members, nonprofit leaders, elected officials, policymakers, funders, and others join to share innovative ideas about community-driven partnerships.

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**ABOUT 914CARES:** Our vision is for everyone in Westchester to live a full, healthy, and happy life free from the hardship of poverty. 914Cares works to ensure our neighbors in need are cared for by collaborating, supporting and providing resources

to local organizations, educating the community about poverty and encouraging actionable generosity. We carry out our primary mission by: Distributing tangible resources, Educating the community, Engaging the next generation, and Collaborating with Community Partners. For more information, visit [914cares.org](http://914cares.org).

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