



# Women of Irish Heritage Jersey Shore, Inc.

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WOIHJS Inc., is the fundraising arm of The Foundation of the Women of Irish Heritage – Jersey Shore, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit supporting health, education, and community programs. We also provide scholarships and have contributed more than \$225,000 to local causes.

Since our founding, we have donated more than **\$250,000** to local charitable organizations, in addition to sustaining our annual Scholarship Program.

We are now collecting donations for our **2026 Annual Gift Auction**, which will be held on **Sunday, November 8, 2026**, at the **Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, NJ**. This signature event features gift baskets ranging in value from **\$100 to \$500**, all generously donated by our members, community supporters, local merchants, and corporate partners.

We invite you to join us in our mission to help those in need by contributing a gift or monetary donation. Your support has a meaningful and lasting impact on the individuals and organizations we serve. This event would not be the success it is today without the continued generosity of valued community businesses and partners like you. All donors will be recognized in our event program.

All contributions are tax-deductible. Please ask the solicitor or email [WOIHJerseyShore@gmail.com](mailto:WOIHJerseyShore@gmail.com) for our tax ID number.

If you have any questions, we welcome you to contact us at the information below. Thank you in advance for your kindness and support.

### WOIHJS 2026 Gift Auction Chairpersons

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### A few of the organizations we have supported include:

Mary's Place by the Sea, Oceans of Love, Allaire Community Farm, Rebuilding Warriors, 180 Turning Lives Around, Carmie Brady Foundation, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Just Us Girls, CASA of Ocean County, Madonna House, Mercy Center, and Fulfill Foodbank.

### WOIHJS PAST PRESIDENTS

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