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Welcome to our 28th Ocean of Love Awards. These awards are given to those who continue to support our mission year after year.

This evening is a night of celebration and thanks.

Tonight, we celebrate and honor:

**Brian & Kristy Dowd
Heyco Products Employees
Island Heights Grade School**

We are grateful for their continued support and for making a difference in our community. Please take the time to read in this booklet in their own words, how they became involved with Ocean Of Love.

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!

With much gratitude,
Theresa Segui
Executive Director



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Honorees

Brian & Kristy Dowd



In October 2016, as we started planning our Thanksgiving Food Drive, we knew we could make a bigger impact in the lives of Ocean County residents by supporting a local organization. Brian is a cancer survivor and wanted to work with an organization that helps people with cancer. We found Ocean of Love, and the work they were doing to help children with cancer and their families. We emailed Ocean of Love and explained about our food drive, the feast we provide and how we can help their families. That year we helped 50 families to lessen their worry about shopping, food expenses and allow them to use the money they save on higher priorities.

We greatly appreciate Ocean of Love for allowing us to help their families for the last 8 years. The services Ocean of Love provides to families from financial assistance, gift cards, transportation assistance, food, gifts and more make an incredible and positive impact in the lives of the children with cancer and their families.





Honoree



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Heyco has known of Ocean of Love since the beginning and the infamous "Toms River Cancer Cluster." Not much after our Community Service Team was formed. One of our employees informed us of a little girl that had leukemia and wanted to know what we can do to help. She was a part of Ocean of Love. We learned how they have helped her and wanted to get involved with this charity to see what we can do volunteer. Every year since we have participated in the Ocean of Love Billboard Fundraiser.

We continue to support Ocean of Love because it gives back to Ocean County families. The funds raised support families financially and emotionally which is why our employees have chosen Ocean of Love as one of the charities we support on our annual Global Day of Giving. Without any hesitation, the employees reach deep in their pockets to support them.



Honoree

Island Heights Grade School

Island Heights Grade School is truly honored to be named one of the honorees of the 2024 Ocean of Love Award. Ocean of Love has been an organization that our school has supported for many years. For those of you that do not know, IHGS is within walking distance of Ocean of Love. Over the years, our 6th Grade classes have taken the lead on projects to support Ocean of Love. Each year our sixth graders have the opportunity to take walking trips to Ocean of Love. On these trips they will deliver donations, make crafts, and learn more about what Ocean of Love does for local students and families. As a school we have sponsored Ocean of Love families at Christmas. A few years ago we started Pie a Teacher Day where teachers volunteer to get pied in the face by students to raise money for Ocean of Love. We are very grateful to have such a great relationship with Ocean of Love, as our students have learned important lessons of compassion and empathy while helping others in need. Thank you again for this very special honor!



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