

Orion Communities

**Together We Are Creating
a Better Community**

For 44 years, a local nonprofit, Orion Communities has addressed the unmet needs of our most vulnerable neighbors through direct aid, resources, and innovative programming. Orion's staff and volunteers work with community leaders and businesses to creatively address the needs of folks who are struggling and might fall through gaps in the social service safety net. When asked about Orion, Mayor Peter Urscheler said, "Here in the Phoenixville community, we are so very fortunate to have incredible partners like Orion who really ensure everybody in our community is able to live with dignity and that Phoenixville continues to be a place where everyone is safe, loved and celebrated.

Terry Brett, owner of Kimberton Whole Foods, elaborated on the importance of non-profit/business partnership, "I have been a champion of Orion for many, many years. It is critical for us to come together during these challenging times, so I encourage any and all of you, businesses, and individuals, to be generous and support Orion so they can continue to meet the needs of community members."

Orion believes every person deserves access to basic needs, such as shelter, food, transportation, etc. Never receiving government funding, Orion relies on community support from foundations, businesses and private donors who have a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. In 2020, Orion worked with over 1,400 local households (4,000+ unique individuals) providing help with basic needs from bus tokens to rent assistance. Their emergency fund distribution increased from pre-pandemic levels of \$7,500/month to \$15,000/month to help stabilize our neighbors! Orion continues to work at the street level and updates community leaders of ongoing needs for vulnerable residents.

To learn more, please visit www.orioncommunities.org



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donate or refer
someone in need, go to:

OrionCommunities.org or call 610.415.1140



Working together to make our community a better place for all our neighbors - Terry Brett - owner Kimberton Whole Foods, Peter Urscheler – Phoenixville Mayor, Kris Keller – Executive Director Orion Communities, Keith Burrese – President Orion's Board of Directors.