



Members of Community Medical Center Foundation's Young Professional Advisory Council (from left to right) John Murray, Dr. Scott Beck, Erica Ward, David York, Esq., and Rudy Daunno at the Wave the Summer Goodbye event held at Chef Mike's ABG in Seaside Park.

NETWORKING FOR GOOD

EMERGING COMMUNITY LEADERS WORK TOGETHER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CMC AS PART OF THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Steven Green and Erica Ward have their hands full. The Toms River residents are both business owners. Steven is the president of Green Label Title, a real estate title company, while Erica operates two businesses, BE CLEAN cleaning company and Aire-Master odor-control services. Busy parents of growing families, the two entrepreneurs also make time to volunteer for the Community Medical Center Foundation as part of the Young Professional Advisory Council.

Both Steven and Erica feel a strong pull to Community Medical Center (CMC). "The hospital has always been the backbone of our town," says Steven, who was born and raised in Toms River. Erica, delivering her second child at CMC this fall, says volunteerism has led her to a greater understanding of the medical center. "It makes me happy to know that my hospital is trying so hard to help its community," she says.

CONNECTING YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Advisory Council was created to appeal to a burgeoning group of young leaders in Ocean County's business community. "We host after-work networking events for professionals to mingle and learn about the hospital," says Allison Clemente, director of development. Members get an up-close look at the inner workings of CMC with tours of the hospital and presentations by medical staff.

Erica says she joined the Advisory Council to help raise

money for the hospital and to "connect with a great group of people." After Steven's involvement with the Advisory Council, he was asked to serve on the Foundation's Board of Trustees. "My goal is to introduce potential donors to the hospital and raise awareness," he says.

FUN WITH PURPOSE

The Advisory Council hosts several fundraising events throughout the year. "Bowl Your Heart Out," held at Ocean Lanes in Lakewood, benefited Cardiac Services. In September, "Wave the Summer Goodbye" was held at Chef Mike's ABG in Seaside Park. "It's always a fun night," says Clemente of the beachside event, which raised funds for Women's Health Services. Executive Chef/Owner Mike Jurusz prepared and donated food as well as hosting the event in his restaurant.

Erica and Steven say it's a "win-win" when business professionals join CMC fundraising efforts. "One person can do a lot, but together we can accomplish so much more," says Erica.

To learn more about the CMC Foundation's Young Professional Advisory Council, call 732-557-8131.