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# Smart Board Purchased at South Broad Street Center Through Technology Fund



The preschool at CYO's South Broad Street Center has a new teaching tool that has everyone excited! From the moment the interactive projector was installed, ideas started forming in the minds of teachers. This projector turns a regular whiteboard into an interactive space for our young students. Whether it's by a teacher drawing a flower with an interactive pen, the students writing what they know about flowers, or showing videos and pictures from the internet of the different types of flowers, it can all be done in one place. The CYO understands that improving technologies opens up a whole new world of learning to our students; this is only our first step into that world.

## The CYO Technology Fundraising Campaign Continues

The CYO has launched a Technology Fundraising Campaign to enhance the opportunities for all of the children in our programs. Through increased technology purchases, we will be able to better serve the thousands of children registered in CYO Programs. Items such as "Smart Boards" for our pre-school classrooms, (see above) tablets for our satellite Before and After School Programs, iPads for our Teens and on-site After School Programs, Power Point presentations for our parents and trainings, and increased staff technology are on our wish list. Please consider a a donation to our CYO TECHNOLOGY FUND so that we can continue to educate and shape the minds of all of the young children we serve. To make an online donation, visit our website at [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org) and go to the donation link on the top of the page, or fill out the form below and mail with a check to **CYO Center, 920 South Broad St., Trenton, NJ 08611**. If you have any questions about the donation, contact **Tom Mladenetz at (609) 396-8383 x 15**, or via e-mail at [tom@cyomercer.org](mailto:tom@cyomercer.org).



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- \$50 Monitors, Keyboard & Mouse
- \$75 Tablet
- \$100 Staff Technolgy Training
- \$250 Laptops
- \$500 Smart Boards
- \$1,000 Tech. Ed. Leader
- Other Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CYO Gets Third Grant from Mission & Ministry, Inc. for East State St. Center

CYO recently received a \$50,000 grant award for its' East State St. Center pre-school, after school and summer day camp programs, from Mission and Ministry, Inc. (MMI), a ministry of the Daughters of Charity St. Louise Province. This is a follow-up grant award to the \$25,000 awarded by Mission and Ministry to CYO in 2014 and the \$50,000 awarded in 2016. All CYO programs are operated through a combination of public and private funding sources, relying heavily on public subsidies where possible. In the first years of operation at ESSC, CYO learned many area families could not meet public subsidy income/employment eligibility standards, so CYO designed a private subsidy program with less stringent requirements, to keep these essential programs affordable for neighborhood families. As with the 2014 & 2015 grants, Mission and Ministry grant monies will be used to support that subsidy program.

CYO's request was endorsed by Daughter of Charity Sister Joanne Dress, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services in the Diocese of Trenton. In her recommendation, Sister Joanne said, "CYO Mercer is committed to serving the children and families of Trenton. They provide a quality non-school hour program with certified professionals that include both educational and recreational activities. Through the subsidy program, CYO helps families by providing essential programs affordable for neighborhood families while freeing parents to pursue employment and educational opportunities in support of their families."

"This third grant award from Mission and Ministry, Inc. continues to provide critically needed private subsidy funds for our East State St. Center families," stated Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director. "Currently, of the 105 children in pre-school and after school programs at that site, 36 of them (more than 1/3) would not be there but for the private subsidy funds from MMI. "Their help is not only financial," continued Mr. Mladenetz. "A CYO staff member and I were privileged recently to attend MMI's national conference in Georgia. It was an amazing opportunity to network with other MMI grantees and share information on a variety of topics, including 'Effecting Systemic Change' and 'Having a Collective Impact.' MMI is doing extraordinary work and we are privileged to be a part of it. CYO's partnership with MMI is truly a blessing that is having a huge positive impact on Trenton families and our organization!"

### Other Grants recently received include:

- Janssen Pharmaceuticals in November 2015, for CYO's Broad St. Trenton Center after school program tutoring services.
- Arvesen Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ in December 2015, for CYO's Broad St. Trenton Center after school program tutoring services.
- Rummel Foundation in December 2015, for CYO's Broad St. Trenton Center after school program tutoring services.
- Kiwanis Club of Trenton & Times Charities awarded in January 2016, for CYO's Broad St. & East State St. Trenton Centers summer camp scholarships.

## Basketball Hall of Fame Class Announced

The selections for the 7<sup>th</sup> CYO Basketball Hall of Fame Class have been made and the Dinner and Awards Banquet will take place on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Nottingham Ballroom in Hamilton.

### This year's inductees include:

**Coaches Division:** Carl Chianese Jr., Vince Peroni, Vince Radice, and Diane Trail.

**Referees Division:** Chris Chianese and Larry Ivan. **Special Contributors Division:** Charlie Pihoken, and Bob Ryan Sr.

**Female Player Division:** Susan Antosiewicz – Iorio, Kelly Roche, Beth Ryfinski, Monica Staniec, Christine Salinas.

**Male Player Division:** Bart Carr, Jerry Eure, Jack Gallagher, Jeff Migliaccio, Frank Korchick.

CYO Basketball will be starting its 64<sup>th</sup> season in Mercer County in November and remains the premier youth basketball organization in the State of New Jersey and the Delaware Valley. Since its inception there have been an estimated 48,000 players, 5,500 volunteer coaches, and 900 officials that have made the basketball league so great! For more information concerning the Awards Banquet including sponsorship opportunities and tickets contact Patrick Hardiman at (609) 585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at [phardiman@cyomercer.org](mailto:phardiman@cyomercer.org)

## East State Street Center Spring Basketball League

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual CYO East State Street Center "Future Stars" Basketball League is underway. The league for boys and girls 7-17 year olds started March 19 and will run until June 18. This year over 260 kids and 26 teams are participating in the following age brackets: 7-9,10-12,13-15, and 16-17. In addition to the basketball instruction and games, an educational component is included that every child must participate in. Pictured below are some very recognizable local basketball stars helping in the educational component including Greg Grant, Malachi Richardson, and Frantz Massenat - all of whom are graduates of this league when it was sponsored by Martin House.



## South Broad Street Pee-Wee Soccer League

Following the success of Yardville's Pee-Wee Soccer League, the South Broad Street Center decided to follow suit. Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> was the first weekend of the Inaugural Trenton Spring Pee-Wee Indoor Soccer League. After weeks of paperwork and planning, 40 players, four volunteer coaches, and four sponsors (Children's Futures, Italian People's Bakery, Selecto Supermarket, and Belen Lawn Services) later - a six week soccer league was created. As can be expected of any pee-wee league, there were lots of smiles, tears, and handball penalties. With a focus on keeping children active, teaching some fundamental soccer skills, and creating a sense of community for the families involved, the new league in Trenton will sure to be a highlight of the Spring.



## CYO ATHLETICS

### CYO Soccer:

The Mercer County CYO Soccer Season began on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. This year there are 5 teams in the Girls Soccer League, 6 teams in the Boys Soccer League and 5 teams in the Freshmen Soccer League. Catholic schools and parishes that are represented in the leagues include: Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels and Trenton Catholic Academy. The regular season is scheduled to conclude at the end of May with the playoffs taking place in early June.

### CYO Track & Field Meet:

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual CYO Track and Field Meet was held on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ. Five parishes participated and pictured to the right is the Trenton Catholic Academy team which won their 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive track & field meet.



### Diocesan Basketball Tournament:

The Diocesan Basketball Tournament returned to Mercer County in March. Each of the four counties in the Diocese (Mercer, Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean) were represented as a total of 8 teams (2 from each county) qualified for this year's tournament in each of the four divisions (GJV, BJV, GV & BV). On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, after an exciting week-long tournament, OLG (Moorestown) captured the GJV title by defeating St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) while St. Gregory's won the BJV title by defeating St. Leo's (Lincroft). In Varsity action, St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) won the girls title by defeating St. Gregory's while St. Gregory's won the Boys Championship by defeating St. Catharine's (Spring Lake)

### CYO Basketball:

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its 63<sup>rd</sup> season of CYO Basketball during the 2015-16 season. This year there were over 60 teams that participated in the 7 CYO Leagues for elementary school-aged children and the Boys High School League. Congratulations to all of this year's winners that were crowned in March. In CYO playoff action, St. Gregory's Blue captured the title for the Girls Freshmen Playoffs. In the Boys Freshmen League, TCA won the championship for the Blue Division while OLS White captured the championship for the Red and White Division. In Junior Varsity playoff action, St. Gregory's won the Girls Championship and St. Gregory's Blue captured the BJV title. In Varsity playoff action, St. Paul's Gold won the GV Championship while TCA Blue captured the BV title after a remarkable comeback in the final minutes.

### Outdoor Improvements:

CYO facility improvements continue with the repaving of the full size outdoor court at the Yardville CYO Camp. This job was last done about 35 years ago. The work is being done by a longtime CYO sponsor - Gres Paving Company.



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# Ewing CYO Programs Temporary Relocation

Earlier this year, Ewing Township received a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for an extensive renovation project on the Hollowbrook Community Center, which has been home to Ewing CYO Preschool and Summer Camp since March 2008 and prior to that to Mercer Child Care, which was part of the Mercer County Head Start Child Development Program. While we thought that we could work around the renovation process and continue to provide service in these programs for the duration of the project, we were informed on March 29, 2016 that engineers on the project found asbestos under the roof as well as in floor, ceiling tiles and window caulking throughout the building. As such, Ewing Township Mayor, Bert Steinmann, decided that the building would be closing as of June 1 for asbestos remediation and then for the actual renovations. The township estimated that the building would be closed for approximately 6 months.

After performing an extensive search of alternate sites for both the preschool and summer camp, it was determined that none of the sites we considered would meet the requirements of the New Jersey Office of Child Care Licensing without extensive external and internal environmental testing that could take up to 6 months to complete. As such, it was decided that for the summer, we would use vacant classrooms at our 920 South Broad St. and 794 East State Street locations for our preschool and would offer slots in the summer camps of each of these locations as well as at the Bromley Center. In the fall, the preschool program has tentative approval from the Office of Licensing to move to the Lawrence Community Center at 295 Eggerts Crossing Road, in Lawrenceville where we hope to remain until we can return to Hollowbrook.

While this will be a difficult process and while it will inconvenience both our families and our staff, we hope that our families will bear with us and stay with our program until we are able to move back home again. On behalf of the Ewing staff and families, I would like to thank all of the Trenton CYO locations for welcoming us into your facilities and your hearts for the summer months and a great big "THANK YOU" to Connie Mercer, Brian Helmuth and the staff of the Lawrence Community Center (managed by HomeFront) for providing us with a home for the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

## CYO Bromley

On April 16<sup>th</sup> CYO Bromley had their annual Bromley Neighborhood Clean-up Day. The beautiful weather brought out 30 volunteers to clean up the area streets, Bromley Park, and Farmingdale Park. Flowers were planted in the new planters outside of the front entrance to the CYO Bromley Center. We received donations rakes, shovels, paint, brushes, rollers, work gloves, contractor garbage bags and more from Hamilton businesses. Each volunteer received a t-shirt and lunch to thank them for their service. To the right Tom Valyo, Bromley Teen Center director, and his wife Donna, pose for a picture after helping out with the Clean-up Day.

