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wishes you and all  
those close to you  
a joyous Christmas  
season and a new  
year filled with  
peace and happiness.*

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# CYO GOLF CLASSIC HONORS MARTY FLYNN AS MAN OF THE YEAR

The CYO held their 21<sup>st</sup> Golf Classic on October 5<sup>th</sup> at Mountain View Golf Course in West Trenton. 105 people participated in the tournament and another 30 attended for the dinner in honor of the CYO Man of the Year Marty Flynn. Marty spoke of being honored and humbled for his award and his lifelong affiliation with the CYO which included him as a camper at the Yardville camp as a very young boy, and a staff member in the Aquatics Department, a CYO basketball official, his children participating in CYO Athletics, and a member of the Board of Trustees.

Kevin Tylus was the 2017 Fahey Cup Champion. The Fahey Cup is named after longtime CYO Accountant and avid golfer Mike Fahey, and his legacy is kept alive through his sister, Trudy.



Golf Tournament participants and dinner guests give Marty Flynn a standing ovation when he is introduced.



(L to R) CYO Executive Director Tom Mladentz, 2017 MOTY Marty Flynn, 2007 MOTY Art Caola, and 2011 MOTY Tony Nami.



2017 CYO Man of the Year Marty Flynn speaks at the Golf Tournament.



(L to R) CYO Executive Director Tom Mladentz, Trudy Fahey, and Kevin Tylus the 2017 Fahey Cup Champion pose for a picture.



(L to R) Mike Zangrilli, Art Caola CYO Board Chairman, Chris Caola, and Phil Caola pose for a picture as they enjoy some fun at the Golf Tournament.



## BRENDA RASCHER NAMED TO CYO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brenda Rascher, MSW, JD, was recently selected by Bishop David M. O'Connell to serve as the Diocese's new Executive Director of Catholic Social Services, and with that comes a spot as the Bishop's Delegate to the CYO Board of Trustees. Rascher succeeds Daughter of Charity Sister Joanne Dress, who relocated to take a similar assignment for the Daughters of Charity in St. Louis, Mo. Rascher comes to the Diocese after nearly 23 years with nonprofit South Jersey Legal Services Inc., where she represented low - income clients in areas of housing, domestic violence, custody and visitation disputes, debt collection and budgeting plans. Brenda holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Mount St. Joseph University, Cincinnati, Ohio; a Master of Social Work from Saint Louis University School of Social Service, St. Louis, Mo. and a Juris Doctor degree from Temple University Law School, Philadelphia, Pa. She also has experience helping low - income and homebound seniors with mental health, medical, protective and legal services in North Philadelphia. Welcome to the CYO, Brenda!

## YARDVILLE DAY CAMP GAINS AMERICAN CAMP ASSOCIATION RE-ACCREDITATION

The CYO Yardville Day Camp recently received the prestigious honor of their American Camp Association re-accreditation and now will remain accredited through August 31, 2022! The ACA accreditation is considered the gold seal in the camping industry and the Yardville Day Camp has been accredited since 1998. The CYO was visited in early July by a group of Camp Directors, and was scored on and met over 300 standards in Transportation, Food Service, Health and Wellness, Aquatics, Human Resources, Operation Management, Program Design, and Program Challenge Course, scoring 100% for the second consecutive cycle. The standards scored ensure that all aspects of the camp are happening in a safe and healthy environment and that the staff working have been properly trained for their duties.



## CYO RECEIVES HAMILTON TOWNSHIP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede and the Hamilton Township Economic Development Advisory Commission recently honored the CYO as the Township's Distinguished Achievement Award recipient for dedication to Community Service at their 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Dinner held October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pictured left to right at the Township Awards Dinner are: Board member Ed Petranto, Board member Dr. Kathie Prihoda, Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede, CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz, Hamilton Township Director of Economic Development Marty Flynn, Board Member Scott Krasny and his wife Michelle, CYO Grant Writer Nancy Podeszwa, and CYO Board Member Tom Griffith and his wife Danielle.



## EWING CYO REOPENS!

After 16 months of extensive renovations to the Hollowbrook Community Center, which forced Ewing CYO Pre-School and Summer Camp to cease operations from June 1, 2016 through August, 2017, our program has now reopened! We officially opened our doors on Monday, September 11, 2017 with two classrooms and to date, we have nearly 30 children registered with new families applying nearly every week!

We are thrilled to be back at the Hollowbrook Community Center and are moving full speed ahead with the high quality pre-school program we have traditionally offered. On Thursday, October 19 we had our first field trip to Windsor Farm in West Windsor, NJ for a morning of hayrides and pumpkin picking. While our center was closed, many of our staff members were reassigned to the East State Street and South Broad Street locations. This forged a bond between our center and our sister centers which has resulted in our children having the opportunity to participate in 2 other field trips with the East State Street Center.

On Thursday, October 26, we joined our friends from East State Street at a special Halloween Party given by the students at Stuart Country Day School in Princeton. Everyone had a terrific time and the children and staff from both centers were happy to see old friends once again! On Monday, October 30, our older class had the opportunity to join their friends at East State Street once again for the PNC Grow Up Great Planetarium, which teaches pre-school children about the sun, moon and stars and features several of the characters from Sesame Street.

It's great to be back home again! We're looking forward to the ongoing growth of our pre-school program and the re-establishment of our summer camp for children ages 6-10 this coming June. Children who attend the summer camp will have the chance to enjoy our upgraded pool facility which features a splash pad for the younger children and increased shallow area in the main pool area, making it much more user friendly for the majority of the campers. We are looking forward to the days ahead which promise growth and fun times at our newly renovated Ewing facility. And, on behalf of everyone here at Ewing CYO Pre-School, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

## RUTGERS NURSING PROGRAM STUDENTS VISIT EAST STATE STREET CENTER FOR CHILD SAFETY WORKSHOP



Through the help of Board Member, and Rutgers faculty member, Dr. Kathie Prihoda, a group of Rutgers Camden Nursing students hosted a child safety workshop for East State Street Center parents and staff. An evening of Jeopardy, food, and prizes were presented by the Nursing Students. They covered good and bad touch, good strangers, and stop-drop-and roll procedures. Parents were also given emergency hotline information on poison control! This is a wonderful partnership now in its second year!



## HOME DEPOT VISITS YARVILLE PRE-SCHOOL



During Community Week, three representatives from the Hamilton Home Depot visited the Yardville Pre-School. The students were instructed on proper tool safety and had a choice of making wooden toolboxes or mini wheelbarrows.



## NEW WEBSITE DESIGN

The CYO has launched a new look to their website with easier navigation and more user friendly, new color scheme, and a fresh look! What remains the same is the comprehensive information on all of the quality programs, good services and exciting pictures of everything the CYO offers. Check the website out at [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org). We welcome your input.

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## GRANTS AWARDED SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

**Berkshire Bank** - for Broad ASP tutoring

**Bishop Ahr Endowment Fund** - for Ewing pre-school re-start

**Church & Dwight** - for ESSC summer camp

**Dombal-Vogel Foundation** - for ESSC summer camp field trip

**Good Sports** - sports equipment for CYO programs

**Mission & Ministry, Inc.** - for ESSC private subsidy program

**PSEG Foundation** - for STEM program at Broad Center & Hamilton schools

**Trenton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** - for Broad ASP

**Wawa Foundation** - for Bromley food pantry

## CYO ATHLETICS

### CYO Basketball

This year, the Mercer County CYO is celebrating its 65<sup>th</sup> season of CYO Basketball here in Mercer County. The 2017-18 CYO Basketball season started on Saturday, November 4th with the Annual Opening Day Mass at the CYO Monsignor Toomey Annex in Yardville celebrated by Very Rev. Dennis Apoldite, Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, followed by a full slate of weekend games. This year there are a total of 52 teams competing in the 6 leagues that the CYO offers (Girls Freshmen, Boys Freshmen, Girls Junior Varsity, Boys Junior Varsity, Girls Varsity & Boys Varsity) for a total of nearly 500 games. The schools and parishes that are represented in the CYO Basketball leagues include: OLS / St. Anthony's, Princeton Academy, St. Gregory's, St. James (Pennington), St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels, Stuart Country Day School, Trenton Catholic Academy. Stop by the CYO Center most Saturday & Sunday afternoons throughout the winter for exciting CYO Basketball action. For schedule information, please contact the CYO at (609) 396-8383 x 14.

### Cross Country Meet

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the Mercer County CYO held their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cross Country Meet at Mercer County Park. This year there were over 60 participants that represented the following schools and parishes: St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. Paul's, St. Raphael's and Trenton Catholic Academy. The length of the course for the JV meet was 1.25 miles and the length for the Varsity Meet was expanded to 2.25 miles this year. Trophies were handed out to the top 3 finishers in each division.

**Girls JV (1.25 Miles)**

1) Becky Carey, St. Ann's 8:33  
2) Macue Chambers, St. Paul's 8:45  
3) Charley Demarco, St. Ann's 8:50

**Boys JV (1.25 Miles)**

1) Matthew Juliano, St. Greg's 8:02  
2) Anthony Sefa, St. Paul's 8:08  
3) Charley Loweryo, St. Paul's 8:50

**Girls Varsity (2.25 Mi.)**

1) Audrey Lillie Bing, TCA 12:53  
2) Emma Kolvo, St. Ann's 13:04  
3) Esther Johnson, TCA 14:13

**Boys Varsity (2.25 Mi.)**

1) Tyler Kostin, St. Greg's 10:51  
2) Colton Estilow, TCA 10:52  
3) William Cooper, St. Paul's 10:54

### Scholar-Athletes / Male & Female Athlete & Coach of the Year:

At the Opening Day Basketball Mass on November 4<sup>th</sup>, the CYO recognized the 2016-17 CYO Scholar Athlete Team. The recipients were selected for their athletic success and participation as well as their academic achievements during the 2016-17 school year. This year's participants were: Jordan Anderson (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Anna Ellwood (St. Paul's), Molly Lagay (Stuart), Bryson Laurente (OLS / St. Anthony's), Aiden Loughran (St. Paul's), Robert Mathes (Trenton Catholic Academy), Brooke Morales (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Olivia Rae Okupski (OLS / St. Anthony's), Michelle Perez (Trenton Catholic Academy) and Nicole Rende (St. Gregory's). In addition the CYO also honored Nicole Rende (St. Gregory's) and Donavin Crawford (St. Gregory's) as the Female and Male Athletes of the year for their athletic success during the 2016-17 season. Also, Leslie Stachowski from St. Gregory's was honored as the 2016-17 CYO Volunteer Coach of the Year for all of her hard work, time & dedication that she put into the St. Gregory's Soccer Program as coach.