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For 62 years, The Times of Trenton has selected a local charity to support through The Times Holiday Appeal. This year, the Appeal has selected two organizations: Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Mercer County and Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Mercer County.

CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF MERCER COUNTY

The mission of the Catholic Youth Organization of Mercer County is to enhance the lives of Greater Mercer County youth and their families by providing affordable, quality educational and recreational services. Rooted in Catholic tradition, CYO provides services in an inclusive, nondiscriminatory manner, respecting the culture and faith of all.

CYO serves more than 1,300 children a day with preschool, before / after school, summer day camp programs, swim lessons, teen programs, and youth athletic leagues. Over the years, its services have expanded to formal tutoring programs, special educational services, and operating a food pantry at the CYO Bromley Center through a partnership with Hamilton Township. CYO has served Mercer County for nearly 67 years and supports the community with sites in Trenton, Hamilton, and Ewing.

CYO's operations are headquartered at its Broad St. Center in Trenton, housed in the former RKO Theatre. This iconic building is approaching the 100th anniversary of its opening in 1920. Some of the funds raised from The Times Holiday Appeal will be used for ongoing improvements to this large facility, which continues to serve as a safe haven for a few hundred children each day.

In these times of government funding cut backs coupled with costly, new requirements for all businesses, it is more challenging than ever for nonprofit agencies such as the CYO to continue serving the community. "The Catholic Youth Organization of Mercer County is honored to be one of the recipients of this year's Times Holiday Appeal" said Tom Mladenetz, Executive Director. "On behalf of our Board President, the Most Rev. David O'Connell, C.M., our Board Chairman, Arthur J. Caola, and our entire CYO Board of Trustees, we are most appreciative of this opportunity for recognition and monetary support for our agency. We are confident the 2018 Times Holiday Appeal will help us continue fulfilling the CYO mission."

For more information about the CYO or to make a tax deductible donation, visit cyomercer.org, or mail it to: 920 South Broad St., Trenton, NJ 08611 with "Holiday Appeal" on the memo line.



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CYO BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME AWARDS DINNER DRAWS 275 ATTENDEES



The ninth CYO Basketball Hall of Fame Awards Dinner was held Sunday, November 18 at the Nottingham Ballroom in Hamilton. 275 guests attended the dinner on a wonderful night for those who were inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. The following is a list of those inducted by categories: Coaches; Lou DeMille, *Jim Haggerty Sr., Don Walsh Sr., Dawn Wolfsgruber, Referees; Fred Dumont, *Herman English, Players; Ralph Chiarello, Rashawn Glenn, Peter Kelly, Steve MacZinko, Debra Zsenak Hart, Kristin Voorhees Jacobs, Alexa Millas, Special Contributors; *Joe Hejda, Rosemary LaMachia. (*entered posthumously.) Also honored were Mr. and Ms. CYO Basketball from 2016-2017 and 2017-2018; Donavin Crawford, Nicole Rende, Zion Cruz, and Grace Jakim.

A fun night was had by all as families and friends gathered to see their loved ones acknowledged. Many guests had an opportunity to re-connect with old CYO friends and reminisce about days gone by and catch up on favorite teams, coaches, and referees. Inductees shared special stories of their CYO days. It was hard not to think about Lou DeMille speak of his 51 years of involvement with the CYO as a player with Blessed Sacrament and being coached by Hall of Fame inductee, the late Judge David Schroth, and then as a coach with Blessed Sacrament, St. Anthony's, and St. Mary's of Bordentown, and wonder how many of his players lives he influenced. It was hard not to think about Steve MacZinko speak about his basketball career as a player and coach that brought him to all 50 states, and overseas, and played in iconic venues such as The Palestra and Madison Square Garden, and say that the most fun he ever had was playing at the CYO Center! It was hard not to think about how great the teams were that Debra Zsenak Hart led St. Raphael's to in 1984 at 30-1 and Ralph Chiarello led St. Joachim's to in 1978 at 17-0, and how great they were! It was hard to think about how much those inducted posthumously are missed when their loved ones spoke on their behalf, including Jim Haggerty Sr., Joe Hejda, and Herman English. All these stories were truly touching to the crowd.

The next CYO Basketball Hall of Fame Awards Dinner will be held in the Fall of 2020, for questions, nominations, or sponsorships, please contact Patrick Hardiman at 609-585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at phardiman@cyomercer.org



CYO ATHLETICS

CYO Basketball

This year, the Mercer County CYO is celebrating its 66th season of CYO Basketball here in Mercer County. The 2018-19 CYO Basketball season started on Saturday, November 3rd with the Annual Opening Day Mass at the CYO Monsignor Toomey Annex in Yardville celebrated by Rev. Michael Wallack, Pastor of St. John's Parish in Allentown, followed by a full slate of weekend games. This year there are a total of 53 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 400 games. The schools and parishes that are represented in the CYO Basketball leagues include: OLS / St. Anthony's, Princeton Academy, St. Ann's, St. Gregory's, St. James (Pennington), St. Paul's, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels, Stuart Country Day School and 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 13th, the Mercer County CYO held their 13th Annual Cross Country Meet at Mercer County Park. This year there were over 50 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 1.1 miles and the length for the Varsity Meet was expanded to 2.2 miles this year. Trophies were handed out to the top 3 finishers in each division.

GIRLS JV (1.1 Miles)

- 1) Meave Chambers, St. Paul's 7:44
- 2) Sofia Romanelli, St. Paul's 7:56
- 3) Isabella Augustine, St. Paul's 7:58

BOYS JV (1.1 Miles)

- 1) Tarun Kovoov, St. Gregory's 7:08
- 2) Anthony Sefa, St. Paul's 7:12
- 3) Dylan Napoleon, TCA 7:19

GIRLS VARSITY (2.2 Miles)

- 1) Audrey Lillie Bing, TCA 12:53
- 2) Olivia Mooney, St. Gregory's 19:41
- 3) Esther Johnson, TCA 20:58

BOYS VARSITY (2.2 Miles)

- 1) Sean Geherty, St. Ann's 14:59
- 2) Matthew Juliano, St. Greg's 15:00
- 3) Brandon Napoleon, TCA 15:48

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

At the Opening Day Basketball Mass on November 3rd, 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 2017-18 school year. This year's participants were: Josephine Abraham (TCA), Anthony Aririguzoh (TCA), William Cooper (St. Paul's), Christina Figueroa (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels), Grace Jakim (OLS/St. Antony's), Samantha John (St. Gregory's), Tyler Kostin (St. Gregory's), Alessandra Morabito (St. Paul's), Jim Primerano (OLS / St. Anthony's) and Nicole Villalta (St. Raphael's / Holy Angels). In addition, the CYO also honored Grace Jakim (OLS / St. Anthony's) and Zion Cruz (TCA) as the Female and Male Athletes of the year for their athletic success during the 2017-18 season. Also, Romeo Laurente from OLS / St. Anthony's was honored as the 2017-18 CYO Volunteer Coach of the Year for all of his hard work, time & dedication that he put into the OLS Athletic Program as their parish athletic director.



CYO YARDVILLE PRE-SCHOOL GAINS NAEYC RE-ACCREDITATION



The CYO Yardville Pre-School recently achieved the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) re-accreditation in August, therefore keeping the Pre-School accredited with NAEYC through August, 2023.

NAEYC accredited programs have demonstrated a commitment to providing a high quality program for young children and their families. Scoring categories include health and safety, staffing, staff qualifications, physical environment, administration, and the nature of the child experience.

Pictured left to right is Patrick Hardiman, CYO Yardville Director, four Pre-School students, Kate Monroe, Pre-School Supervisor, and Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director.

CYO RECEIVES GRANT FROM BERKSHIRE BANK

The CYO South Broad Street Center recently received a grant from Berkshire Bank for the After School Tutoring Program. Pictured from left to right at the check presentation are John Soss, After School Program Director, Christine Spinelli, from Berkshire Bank, Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director and Bambina Szarka, from Berkshire Bank.



EWING CYO PRE-SCHOOL PARTNERS WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ARTISTS TO BRING ENTERTAINMENT TO THE CENTER

Mrs. Pat Staltari, Education Director at Ewing CYO Pre-School @Hollowbrook, has an amazing knack for finding community residents who have special talents they can share with our children. Better yet, these wonderful people provide their services free of charge! It's clear every time they visit our center, that the delight they see on the faces of the children when they sing, dance, teach yoga or tell stories is all the payment they need!

As a result of Pat's diligent work, we are able to provide our children with once a month yoga instruction courtesy of Marsha Wiley. Jane Pellidi, a member of the New Jersey League of Storytellers also comes in and tells seasonal and holiday stories once a month in each of our pre-school classrooms. Other members of the League come on a less frequent basis to offer special storytelling programs centering on a variety of fun themes. In addition, Karl Dentino, who voluntarily sings and plays guitar for the Ewing Seniors, came to our center and did a sing-along with our children. And, speaking of the Ewing Seniors, the lovely ladies of the Ewing Seniors dance group also invite our classes to dress rehearsals of the dance programs they perform at the monthly Ewing Senior luncheons here at Hollowbrook and the Ewing Senior & Community Center. This is a wonderful intergenerational program!

Pat has also partnered with the Music Department at The College of New Jersey to bring their talented instrumental and vocal students into the center to expose the children to live musical performances and music education at least twice a year.

All in all, thanks to the efforts of our wonderful Education Director, it looks like it's going to be an exhilarating, musical, magical school year at Ewing CYO Pre-School!



YARDVILLE CYO PRE-SCHOOL HOSTED ITS 3RD ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT!

It may have been a blustery fall Sunday afternoon but that did not stop the students and families from putting on their best smiles and costumes and coming out to have fun at the Trunk or Treat. We had a great turnout this year with over half of our preschool families participating. The Preschool staff dressed as characters from Dr. Seuss story books and the CYO bus was decorated with character faces and truffula trees. The families did a great job with their trucks and the children enjoyed playing games, listening to music and experiencing all the interesting things each trunk had to offer. The school was open for the children to do crafts and play a few Halloween games. A great time was had by all.

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CYO EAST STATE STREET CENTER



The CYO East State Street Center now has 2 self contained classes! This Special Education Pre School Program is operated in partnership with the Trenton Public School District. We've welcomed our new friends and families to our program and we've been busy ever since. Take a look at our Back to school Night, our visit to Terhune Orchard, our friendly firefighters, and our Spanish Heritage Day Celebration. The CYO has employed two Dynamic Duo Certified Teachers and experienced Teacher Assistants and they've accomplished so much in just two months. CYO is making things happen!

SUMMER SPENT GIVING BACK



Summer is usually a time of care-free fun for kids. With no homework or tests for a couple months, most youth spend the warmer months hanging out with friends or away on vacation. But for the young ladies in Group 8 that attended the S. Broad St. Summer Camp, this summer was a time to give back to those in need. Thanks to a grant through the Juvenile Justice Commission, Group 8, with the help of their counselors and instructors from Camp Fire, chose a cause that they wanted to help and then came up with a detailed plan on how to do just that. After selecting Anchor House as their focus, the girls made and sold frozen drinks during the camp's snack time. The proceeds from those sales were then spent on items from Anchor House's wish list. On the last week of camp, the young do-gooders delivered their care package in person and learned more about the good Anchor House does in the community. During their reflection period afterwards, the participants stated how much they enjoyed participating in the project. We are hoping to expand on this project next summer.



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Grants Awarded since last Marquee 5/4/18 – 10/22/18

Berkshire Bank: for Broad ASP tutoring
 Bishop Ahr Endowment Fund: for ESSC fridge & food program
 Dombal-Vogel Foundation: for ESSC camp field trips
 Good Sports: soccer equipment for Broad Street World Cup program
 I Am Trenton Community Foundation: for Broad ASP Book Club
 Kerney Foundation: for Broad Street Centennial Rejuvenation project
 Mercer County Childcare Services: for Broad ASP



**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year To All
 Our CYO Families, Friends & Supporters!**

