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EAST STATE STREET CENTER ADDED IN TRENTON, AS CYO EXPANDS AGAIN AT FORMER MARTIN HOUSE LEARNING CENTER!

The CYO is proud to announce the addition of its East State Street Center at 794 East State Street (formerly the Martin House Learning Center) in the Wilbur section of Trenton. On August 27th the CYO took over the operations of East State Street and after a non stop, two week preparatory period, opened its doors on September 10th. The center will house Pre-School and After School Programs, ESL Classes, a Summer Camp, basketball programs, and Boys and Girls Scouts Programs.

The change is part of an overall transition currently in process for Martin House which began with the announced May retirement of the agency's long-time President and Founder, Father Brian McCormick and the mutual decision by the Diocese and the Martin House Foundation Board of Trustees for their agency to continue independent of Diocesan sponsorship. The Martin House Trustees determined their future primary focus would be their housing rehabilitation and thrift store programs. CYO assumed control of the Learning Center to continue the essential youth services provided there, at one time which was over 1,300 kids visiting the sprawling building weekly.

After the retirement of Father Brian, the Martin House registration numbers began to dwindle, the environment changed,



CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz speaks to the crowd gathered at the Opening of the East State Street Center.

and the center faced many challenges. The Martin House Foundation Board approached the CYO given that the CYO operates similar programs for communities it serves. "CYO is uniquely qualified to undertake this transition," said John Slapp, Martin House Foundation Board Chair. "Both Martin House and CYO were originally established by the Catholic Diocese of Trenton and the similarity of our missions, programs, and make-up of the population served is an obvious choice." As for the CYO it was an opportunity not to be turned down. "The CYO is thrilled for the opportunity to expand our services in the City of Trenton and we are committed to serving the people of the Wilbur section. Our mission is so similar. It's really a match made in heaven. The CYO and Martin House - it fits," said CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz.

The CYO is pleased to have hired past Martin House employees Robert Donaldson, who will serve as the Program Director, and Debora Grier, who will serve as the Pre-School Director. Adding programs is on the horizon including group mentoring, sports leagues, and a Teen program called STARS (Students Together Achieving Real Success.)

The CYO is extremely thankful to the Martin House Foundation Board for establishing a \$20,000 scholarship fund in the name of Father Brian McCormick. This money is restricted to Wilbur area residents to attend the Pre-School.



The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony! From left to right CYO Board Member Katherine Soss Prihoda; Pre-School Director, Debora Grier; CYO Board Member Donna Davidson; CYO Board Member Sister Joanne Dress, D.C.; CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz; CYO Board Member, Tom Griffith; and After School Program Director, Robert Donaldson. Standing in front holding the ribbon are two After School Program members.

KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE 2012

The CYO recently took over the operations of the Child Care Center located at 794 East State Street (formerly known as Martin House Learning Center.) This Center, located in the Wilbur section of Trenton was opened in 1995 by Martin House Founder, Father Brian McCormick. Father Brian had a dream to provide educational enrichment and recreation programs for the residents and families of the Wilbur Section. His dream was fulfilled and the Center boomed with Pre-School, After School, Camp, and Athletic Programs serving hundreds of children yearly. Along the way many generous supporters donated to Father Brian's programs to help make them successful and to keep the Center a safe haven and staple in the impoverished Wilbur Section of Trenton. Shortly after Father Brian's retirement, the

Martin House Foundation Board was faced with many challenging decisions and decided to focus on their housing program and other initiatives. The CYO was approached to run the Learning Center and did just that. In a short period of time, a seamless transition was made, and on September 10, 2012 – 794 East State Street opened their doors once again and those who walked in, walked into the CYO! The CYO expended a lot

of start up funds to bring the center up to code, spruce up the inside and outside of the building, purchased many supplies to furnish the center and offices, and provide for the students enrolling. Plans are in place for an eventual new state of the art playground, refurbishing of the gym floor, and a first class center to come to.



This CYO expansion seems very appropriate in the 60th anniversary year of our founding by Monsignor Leonard Toomey. This move is also consistent with the strategic planning done by the current CYO Board of Trustees to re-commit to serving the very needy people in the City of Trenton.

Please help preserve Father Brian's dream to provide for the Wilbur section residents and the CYO to carry this dream out and fulfill our mission, to enhance the lives of

Greater Mercer County youth and their families, by providing affordable, quality educational and recreational services. Visit our website at www.cyomercer.org and click on the "Donations" link on the top toolbar, or clip, complete, and send the coupon below with your donation. If you have any questions please contact CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz, at tom@cyomercer.org or at (609) 989-8143, ext. 205.

CYO EAST STATE STREET DONATION FORM KEEP THE DREAM ALIVE!

Donor Name _____

E-mail Address _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

- ___ \$5,000
- ___ \$1,000
- ___ \$500
- ___ \$250
- ___ \$100
- ___ \$50

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR “MONSIGNOR TOOMEY ANNEX”

The Catholic Youth Organization hopes to break ground next Spring on a 4,600 square foot addition to the main building of its Yardville childcare site and camp in Hamilton Township. The “Monsignor Toomey Annex,” will be named in honor of Monsignor Leonard R. Toomey, founder and first Director of the CYO. It will add critically needed indoor space to the site that currently serves more than 850 children annually.

The CYO is working with the Diocesan Building Commission to finalize plans for the addition, which is estimated to cost approximately \$940,000. CYO has already succeeded in procuring several financial commitments toward the project, and is now launching a capital campaign to complete project funding. CYO families, friends and supporters can be a part of this effort by visiting CYO’s website (www.cyomercer.org) or using the donation form printed below.

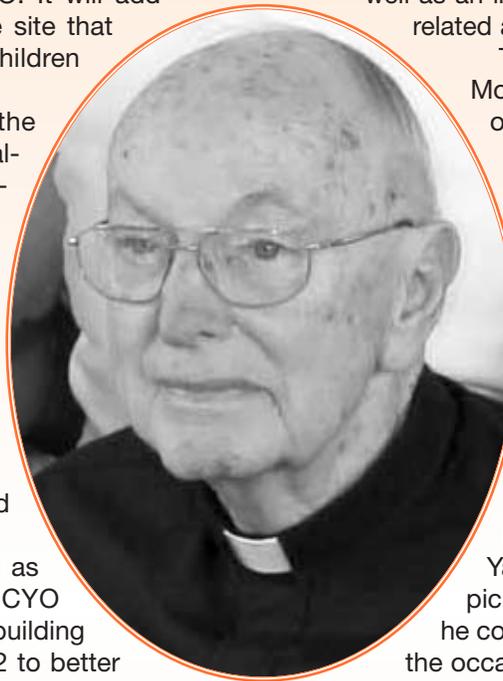
Originally built in 1958 and used as the main indoor structure for CYO Yardville’s summer day camp, the building was expanded and renovated in 2002 to better serve the growing camp. In September 2004, classrooms were constructed in the building, and CYO Yardville became a year-round licensed childcare center, initiating a pre-school and school age after school program at the site, in addition to the popular summer day camp. CYO Yardville currently serves more than 850 children, ages 3-15, in pre-school, after school, summer day camp, teen travel camp, swim lessons, and peewee sports programs, including T-ball, soccer and basketball.

The addition will include a large open area with a divider to allow for separation into two smaller spaces;

sections of retractable bleachers; portable basketball hoops; bathroom facilities; and a storage area. It will provide space for play on hot and/or inclement weather days, performances, graduation ceremonies, parent meetings, staff development workshops, community gatherings, as well as an indoor venue for physical education and related activities.

The annex is being named in honor of Monsignor Leonard R. Toomey, who not only had the foresight to convince the Diocese of Trenton to purchase the 23-acre site of the old Springdale Park in the Yardville section of Hamilton Township, but the vision and perseverance, with the help of Monsignor Michael McCorristin and a group of tireless volunteers, to build the original CYO camp facility, that continues to provide essential childcare services today for children and families. One of Monsignor Toomey’s last public appearances before his death in September 2008 was at the CYO Yardville Day Camp’s 50th anniversary picnic. Though not feeling well at the time, he couldn’t miss the opportunity to celebrate the occasion with friends and share fond memories of camp activities and campers.

Help CYO preserve Monsignor Toomey’s wonderful legacy, and fulfill our mission, to enhance the lives of Greater Mercer County youth and their families, by providing affordable, quality educational and recreational services. Visit our website at www.cyomercer.org and click on the “Donations” link on the top toolbar, or clip, complete, and send the coupon below with your donation. If you have questions, please contact CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz, at tom@cyomercer.org or 609-585-4280 x 107.



MONSIGNOR TOOMEY ANNEX DONATION FORM

Donor Name _____

E-mail address _____

Mailing address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Donation Amount:	Msgr. Toomey Founder Club	_____ \$5,000
	Top of the Class	_____ \$1,000
	Most Valuable Player	_____ \$500
	Camper of the Week	_____ \$250
	Student of the Month	_____ \$100
	Friend of the CYO	_____ \$50

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CYO PROGRAM OVERVIEW

YARDVILLE

- Summer Day Camp
- Pre-School
- After School Program
- Satellite Before/After School Program at selected Hamilton Township Schools
- Teen Travel Camp
- Evening Swim Lessons
- Winter/Spring Holiday Camps
- Picnic/Birthday Party rentals
- T-Ball
- Pee Wee/Intermediate Soccer and Basketball

SOUTH BROAD STREET

- Pre-School
- Summer Recreation/Education Camp
- After School Program
- Tutoring
- Traditional CYO Grammar School Athletic Leagues

EWING

- Pre-School
- Summer Camp

EAST STATE STREET

- Pre-School
- After School Program
- Summer Camp
- Youth Basketball Program
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- ESL Classes

Plus many exciting CYO special events each year at various locations!

For information on any of these programs visit our web site at www.cyomercer.org



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