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BROAD STREET COMPUTER LAB RECEIVES MAJOR UPGRADES

With the assistance of Northstar New Jersey, the management services company that provides sales and marketing support to the New Jersey Lottery, through a Growth Services Agreement with the New Jersey Department of Treasury, the computer lab on Broad Street got a complete makeover! Volunteers replaced old computers with 14 Dell flat screen computers and added new printers, desks, speakers, headphones, educational software, flooring, lighting, banners, and a fresh coat of paint, totaling \$30,000.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held January 28th with executives from Northstar joining State Senator Shirley Turner, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Sheriff Jack Kemler, Freeholder Andrew Koontz, CYO Board and staff members, and about a dozen students. More than 100 students from 12 Mercer County schools make their way to the CYO on Broad Street every day to participate in arts and crafts classes, play on the outside playground, in the gym, and get homework help through the after school program. "The state lottery has a slogan: 'Give Your Dreams a Chance' and now Northstar is giving a chance for these kids to succeed and do better academically", CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz said "We are very pleased to be a beneficiary of their generosity." The old computers in the lab were more than 12 years old which prompted the CYO to apply for a grant. "The transformation of this (computer lab) in our 90-year-old building is truly impressive!" said Mladenetz. "It will serve hundreds of Trenton school students who attend the CYO After School Program and Summer REC Camp....Many of these families do not have computers in their homes. This project sends such a strong, positive message to these young people. It tells them that socially responsible companies want them to have a safe place to succeed." He added that the CYO is blessed to have many partnerships in the public and private sectors, as well as individual donors that help make accomplishments like this possible. Northstar NJ's CEO, Gordon Medenica, shared his gratitude for this opportunity. "Northstar NJ appreciates the help and cooperation we received from local officials, State Legislators, business people and community leaders who share the common goal of bringing computer technology to our students," he said.

Northstar NJ's After School Advantage Program, which began in 1999, is a global community investment program which provides qualifying non-profit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. These computer centers are designed to provide urban children ages five to 15 with meaningful, yet fun, learning experience during the critical after-school hours, in a safe environment. "By applying our knowledge and expertise to this type of program Northstar NJ hopes to increase children's interests in careers in computers and provide them with the necessary tools to help them become more competitive in school and in today's job market," said Sarah Brennan, Northstars Director of Corporate Affairs. The lab is the first After School Advantage computer lab built by Northstar NJ, which provides sales and marketing support to the New Jersey Lottery, an affiliate of GTECH Corporation, a technology provider. Mladenetz expressed special gratitude to Brennan and Bob Kersey who both did a stellar job in leading the Northstar team.



BROMLEY HAPPENINGS



CYO Bromley neighborhood residents pose for a picture during the recent neighborhood clean up day.



CYO Bromley Senior Citizen Club participates work on Patriotic Project.

Things remain busy at the Bromley Center. In addition to the daily activity of the Drop in Tutoring and Evening Teen Program, and the twice a week Food Pantry, a Seniors Citizens Program is taking place the first and third Wednesday of each month for Hamilton residents ages 60 and older. A Neighborhood Clean-up day took place Saturday, March 22 and about 35 area residents participated in the effort to clean and beautify the streets, alleys, and local parks. Women's History Month took place Friday, March 21. This tribute to Women included singing, dancing, and women's History trivia. About 40 people attended.

Job Training and Education Day took place April 30. Mercer County Community College, Hamilton Adult School, and Mercer County One Stop attended to help participants with career planning, resume writing, and High School Equivalency. A seven week Summer Camp for 5-8 year olds and a five week evening basketball clinic for 5-8 graders at Farmingdale Park lead by Chris Raba, head boys basketball coach at Nottingham High School are in the works. For more information on any of the Bromley Programs, contact the Center at 587-8100 or visit the website www.cyobromley.org



Participants from a recent CYO Bus Trip to Yankee Stadium pose for a picture.



From left to right, Patrick Hardiman, CYO Yardville Director, Ben Zola, Danny Woods, and Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director. Ben and Danny are proudly showing signs to go on their completed Eagle Scout Projects (road sign and landscaping and amphitheatre) that they did at the CYO Yardville. Ben and Danny are part of Boy Scout troop 91.



CYO Yardville t-ball field receives new sod courteous of Longford Landscapes.

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2014 ANNOUNCED

The 6th Basketball Hall of Fame Dinner and Awards Banquet will take place Sunday, November 16, 2014 at The Nottingham Ballroom in Hamilton. Established in 2004, after 50 plus years of basketball in Greater Mercer County, the Hall of Fame will be adding 20 new members in five categories. The list includes Special Contributors: Bob Kelliher and John Wandishin. Coaches: Joe Holsman, Eileen McManimon, John Tandy, and Peter Yull. Referees: Paul Galayda and Dave Jacobus, Female Players: Danielle Mital-Bottoni, Arielle Collins, Colleen Flynn, Kelly Hutchinson and Kim Lacken. Male Players: Reggie Coleman, Julian Diaz, Charlie Didun, Bob Hernandez, Frank Konstantynowicz, Frantz Massenat, and John Samonsky.

Over 61 years of basketball, the CYO estimates of 47,000 player graduates, 5,500 volunteer coaches, 900 referees, and countless special contributors to make our program one of the most successful in the Mid-Atlantic Region and magnifies the prestige of this induction. For more information, including tickets and sponsorship opportunities contact Patrick Hardiman at (609) 585-4280 x 102, or via e-mail at phardiman@cyomercer.org. For a complete listing of CYO Basketball Hall of Fame inductees, visit our website at www.cyomercer.org and click on the Basketball Hall of Fame link on the bottom left.

CYO Soccer:

The Mercer County CYO Soccer Season began on Monday, April 7th. This year there are 7 teams in the Girls Soccer League and 6 teams in the Boys 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. Mary's of Bordentown, 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 53rd Annual CYO Track and Field Meet was held on Sunday, May 18th at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ with 6 teams participating. Trenton Catholic Academy won 1st Place, St. Paul's 2nd Place, St. Ann's 3rd Place.



Diocesan Basketball Tournament:

The Diocesan Basketball Tournament returned to Mercer County in March following the conclusion of the CYO Basketball Playoffs. 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 9th, after an exciting week-long tournament, St. Gregory's (Hamilton) captured the GJV title by defeating St. Catharine's (Spring



Lake) while St. Leo's (Lincroft) won the BJV title by defeating St. Mary's (Bordentown). In Varsity action, St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) captured the Girls title by defeating Trenton Catholic Academy while OLG (Moorestown) won the BV title by defeating St. Leo's (Lincroft).

CYO Basketball:

The Mercer County CYO celebrated its 61st season of CYO Basketball during the 2013-14 season. This year there were over 50 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. Paul's Gold captured the title for the Girls Freshmen Playoffs. In the Boys Freshmen League, Trenton Catholic Academy defended their title by going capturing the championship for the Blue Division while Gregory's Blue won the championship for the Red and White Division. In Junior Varsity playoff action, St. Gregory's won both the Girls & Boys Championship! In Varsity playoff action, Trenton Catholic Academy defended their title by capturing the GV Championship while St. Ann's won the Boys Championship in a thrilling game!



CYO Boys High School League:

This year 9 teams participated in the CYO Boys High School Basketball League. The league started in mid-January and concluded with the playoffs in early March. The team from Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's defended their title by defeating St. Gregory's in the championship game. Damien Hall was named as the Playoff MVP for the 2nd straight season.

YARDVILLE PRE-SCHOOL TAKING STEPS TOWARDS HEALTHY SUCCESS

The preschoolers and teachers at the Yardville CYO are taking giant strides towards building healthy futures this year. They began this journey by taking part of a collaborative with Nemeors & the CDC titled "Taking Steps Towards Healthy Success." During this collaborative the teachers have received more than ten free training hours and gained a new health & wellness curriculum. The staff have embraced this collaborative by planning healthier snacks and cooking in the classroom activities, teaching my plate, doing yoga in their classrooms and much more. The children have loved playing with the new music and movement prop boxes we received from the collaborative. The parents have shown a positive response to this new curriculum; they enjoy getting healthy recipes and seeing their children engaged in making healthy choices for themselves. At the end of this collaborative the Yardville Pre-School will receive \$1,500 in merchandise from Becker's & Kaplan for taking part.



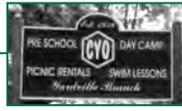
Mrs. Linda Hoffman, Yardville Pre-School Teacher leads the class in Yoga as part of the Steps Towards Healthy Success.



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\$25,000 GRANT RECEIVED FROM MISSION & MINISTRY, INC.

In February, the CYO received a \$25,000 grant for the East State Street Center for its school-age enrichment programs, after school and summer camp from Mission and Ministry, Inc., a ministry of the Daughters of Charity St. Louise Province.

The CYO request was endorsed by Daughter of Charity, Sister Joanne Dress, Executive Director of Catholic Social Services in the Diocese of Trenton and Bishop David M. O'Connell's designee on the CYO Board of Trustees. In her recommendation, Sister Joanne said, "Having affordable childcare allows parents to pursue education/employment to better support their family and help them out of poverty and dependence on the welfare system."

"We are very proud of all our programs, and thrilled that Mission and Ministry, Inc. has made this award," said Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director. "There are many Trenton families who don't qualify for publicly supported childcare programs. Through private partnerships like this one, CYO programs can help all children, regardless of public funding limitations. We thank Mission and Ministry for stepping up and encourage other entities to do likewise."

OTHER GRANTS RECENTLY AWARDED

\$30,000 award from Northstar (GTECH) for Broad St. computer lab upgrade.

\$5,000 from Mercer Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ for ESSC after school program.

\$5,000 from Roma Bank Foundation for The Monsignor Toomey Annex.

\$3,500 from Staples Foundation for Broad St. ASP tutoring program.

\$3,400 from Kiwanis of Trenton for Broad St. & ESSC summer camp scholarships.

\$2,000 from Arvesen Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ for Broad St. ASP tutoring program.

\$1,000 from MAXIMUS Foundation for Broad St. pre-school music program.

EAST STATE STREET CENTER RECEIVES NAEYC RE-ACCREDITATION



The East State Street Center Pre-School recently earned re-accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children – the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. To earn the re-accreditation, the Pre-School went through an extensive self study process, measuring the program and its' services against 10 NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation criteria. The program received NAEYC accreditation after an on site visit by NAEYC Assessors to ensure that the program meets each of the 10 program standards. The re-accreditation is good until July 1, 2019, and less than 8% of all pre-schools have the NAEYC stamp of approval. All four of the preschools operated by the CYO are NAEYC accredited!