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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE MONSIGNOR TOOMEY ANNEX

The first of two steps on the Monsignor Toomey Annex construction has begun! Part 1 was the relocation of a storm sewer pipe from Yardville-Allentown Rd. that was located directly under where the annex will be. The pipe has been moved and the area made safe and ready for Summer Camp. Part 2, the actual building construction will start right after Labor Day and is expected to be completed by March, 2014. The addition will include a large open area with a divider to allow for separation into two smaller spaces; sections of bleachers; portable basketball hoops; and bathroom facilities. It will provide space for play on hot and/or inclement weather days, performances, graduation ceremonies, parent meetings, staff development workshops, community gatherings, an indoor venue for physical education, and home of the Pee Wee and Intermediate Basketball League.

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, but the vision and perseverance, with the help of Monsignor



Construction begins on the Monsignor Toomey Annex.

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'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 _____

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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

AWESOME AMPHITHEATER BUILT BY SCOUT



At left, Patrick Hardiman, Yardville Branch Director, poses with Danny Woods, right, on the new amphitheatre stage that he recently constructed. Danny, a Junior at Steinert, completed the amphitheatre as part of his Eagle Scout Project. The concrete stage in the CYO woods is 20 x 8 with a vinyl fence behind the stage and 24 benches for seating which will accommodate over 100 spectators. In left photo, Pre-School students pose with Danny at the amphitheatre!

THANK YOU, PBA # 167 MEMBERS



PBA # 167 members present a \$2,000 check to the East State Street Center to refinish the gym floor. On hand to accept the check is CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz, far right, and Robert Donaldson, East State Street Program Director, center.

FLOWER POWER ON EARTH DAY



Students from the Yardville Pre-School plant flowers on the grounds on Earth Day.

CYO AFTERSCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE PART IN PROJECT

On Friday, April 5th, members of the Trenton After School site were invited to participate in Project Come Together a community event hosted by the Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity at The College of New Jersey. Project Come Together is designed to give youth of the City of Trenton an opportunity to learn the importance of education and experience college life firsthand.

As part of the program our kids enjoyed activities that included educational tables with games and questions, a short speech from the Interim Dean of Education, Mark Kiselica on the advantages of education, a tour of the college, as well as, some carnival rides, a dance along and lunch.

The members of Group 7 & 8 who attended the event had a positive experience and fun day thanks to the members of the Delta Epsilon Psi Fraternity.

EWING CYO PRE-K PARTICIPATES IN STUDY TO EXPAND KIDSBRIDGE MUSEUM

On Monday, April 22, the Pre-K classroom led by Ms. Hannah Knight and Mrs. Helen Woodland took a trip to the Kidsbridge Museum at The College of New Jersey. This visit was part of Ewing Pre-School's participation in a study on Anti-Bullying in Pre-School Classrooms that is being conducted by Dr. Blythe Hinitz, a distinguished professor of education at TCNJ. The museum recently added 4 pre-school stations to its Tolerance exhibit and the children had the chance to rotate through each station and participate in a number of activities.

Ms. Knight, Mrs. Woodland and Ewing Education Director, Robyn Fratticcioli observed the children at each station and later offered feedback to museum staff about what was working and what could possibly be improved or expanded upon.

The museum visit was just one component of CYO's participation in Dr Hinitz's efforts. The class is also serving as a control group in her study which requires teachers to



Ms. Hannah Knight and Mrs. Helen Woodland's Pre-K class visit the Kidsbridge Museum.

give surveys to the students on topics such as Telling vs. Tattling, Alike & Different, and Feeling Welcome. Questions were posed to the children before they visited the museum as well as after to determine if exposure to the concepts at the museum would have any impact on their responses.

Participation in this study serves as the perfect segue into an Anti-Bullying curriculum that Mrs. Fratticcioli plans to implement throughout our pre-school this coming fall.

EWING KIDS BREATHE EASY



CYO Ewing staff members Robyn Fratticcioli, left, and Debbie Kirschenbaum, center, proudly show their award acknowledging the Ewing Pre-School as an Asthma Friendly Center, with Teresa Lampman with The Pediatric/Adult Asthma Coalition of New Jersey. Child Care Connection in Trenton was able to work with and support the school during the process of qualifying.

Soccer kicks off

The Soccer Season began on Monday, April 8. This year there are 8 teams in the Girls Soccer League and 7 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 playoffs in early June.

Track & Field Meet

Save the date!!! The 52nd Annual Track and Field Meet will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, NJ. The meet will begin at noon and will feature both running and field events. Come out and support these young athletes!

Diocesan Basketball Tournament results

The Diocesan Basketball Tournament returned to Mercer County in March following the conclusion of the Basketball



Playoffs. Each of the four counties in the Diocese (Mercer, Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean) were represented as 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 10, after an exciting week-long tournament, St. Catharine's (Spring Lake) defended their title by capturing the GJV title by defeating Our Lady of Good Counsel (Moorestown) while St. Mary's (New Monmouth) won the BJV title by defeating Our Lady of Good Counsel (Moorestown). In Varsity action, St. Catharine's also captured the Girls title by defeating Trenton Catholic Academy while the Trenton Catholic Academy boys defeated St. Leo's (Lincroft) in the Boys Championship.

Basketball season ends

The CYO celebrated its 60th season of basketball during the 2012-13 season. This year there were over 50 teams that participated in the 7 CYO Leagues for elementary-aged children and the Boys High School League. Congratulations to

all of this year's winners that were crowned in March.

In 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 St. Paul's Blue won the championship for the Red and White Division. In Junior Varsity playoff action, St. Raphael's / Holy Angels won on the girls side while St. Gregory's captured the boys title. In Varsity playoff action, Trenton Catholic Academy won both the Boys & Girls Championships as both teams completed their undefeated seasons.

Boys B-ball action

This year 6 teams participated in the Boys High School Basketball League. The league started in mid-January and concluded with the playoffs in early March. After going undefeated at 8-0 during the regular season, the team from Our Lady of Sorrows / St. Anthony's completed their undefeated season by winning their two playoff games and defeated St. Ann's in the championship game. Damien Hall was named as the Playoff MVP.



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RECENTLY AWARDED GRANTS

The NJ Office of Faith Based Initiatives awarded a \$25,000 grant to the South Broad St. Summer Camp. PSE&G awarded a \$2,650 grant for Lego program training for staff. Mercer County Childcare Services awarded South Broad Street's After School Program a \$31,000 grant. Satellite Before and After School Programs in Hamilton received \$1,000 from Walmart for tutoring services.

The East State Street Center received the following grants for their Pre-School, Summer Camp, and After School Program: \$2,000 from The Dombal-Vogel Foundation, \$4,000 from Janssen Pharmaceuticals, \$2,500 from the Trenton Thunder, \$1,000 from Provident Bank Foundation, and \$2,000 from Arvesen Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ.

BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB CARES



Employees from Bristol Myers Squibb pose for a picture in front of the CYO sign after doing a Day of Caring in Yardville.



SPECIAL VISIT FROM AN OLD FRIEND

At left, former CYO Executive Director (1974-1994) John Klein, poses with current CYO Executive Director (since 1994), Tom Mladenetz. Klein and his wife, Carol, residing in Illinois, recently stopped by and visited the CYO sites recalling many fond memories. Mr. Klein hired Mr. Mladenetz in 1976 to work as a junior counselor at the Yardville Camp.