

# CYO Marquee

"Serving Mercer County Youth Since 1952"

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*A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, and  
Healthy New Year Wish from the CYO!*



## Support The CYO This Holiday Season

**Help Us Better Provide For All Of The Families Of Mercer County We  
Serve On A Daily Basis With A Christmas Donation.**

Check our website at [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org) to see all that we do. To make a donation on line go to the donation link across the top of the website and click Make A Donation Now, or fill out the form below and mail with a check to CYO Center, 920 South Broad St. Trenton, NJ 08611.

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If you have any questions about a donation, contact Tom Mladenetz at  
(609) 396-8383 x 15, or via e-mail at [tom@cyomercer.org](mailto:tom@cyomercer.org)

## GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE MONSIGNOR TOOMEY ANNEX!



From left to right, Sister Joanne Dress (Executive Director of Catholic Social Services), CYO Pre-School students, Bishop David M. O'Connell, Hamilton Mayor Kelly Yaede, and Hamilton Councilwoman Ileana Schirmer do the ceremonial first dig and the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Monsignor Toomey Annex.

On Friday, September 20th, the CYO held the official Groundbreaking Ceremony in Yardville for the Monsignor Toomey Annex, 4,600 square foot addition, named after the CYO Founder and first Director, Monsignor Leonard Toomey. Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M. and Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede attended and participated in the program, which was led by CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz. Also in attendance were many CYO friends, staff, students, parents, supporters and Board Members.

Sister Joanne Dress, D.C. (Executive Director for Catholic Social Services and the Bishop's Delegate to the CYO Board) led the opening prayer. CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz followed, recalling many fond memories of Monsignor Toomey, the foresight and vision that he had to convince the Diocese to purchase the old Springdale Park over 55 years ago and turn it into the thriving camp and child care center that it is today, and how proud Monsignor would be of the CYO today! Mladenetz spoke of the critical need for the addition with the tremendous growth that has taken place with the Yardville programs, and most importantly a safe and dry place during inclement weather. The annex will be complete with baskets, a divider curtain to separate usage, bathrooms, bleachers,



Bishop O'Connell with CYO students

and will allow us to conduct staff trainings, parents nights, concerts and special events, in addition to all of the program usage it will house.

Hamilton Mayor Kelly Yaede spoke of the true asset that the CYO is to the Hamilton Township community. She talked about the care that we provide for working parents through our Pre-School, After-School, and Summer Day Camp and the recreational opportunities for everyone in the township, and now being able to do it better with our addition! Bishop O'Connell spoke of his love for children and how the CYO is providing wonderful opportunities for them through this project. O'Connell then blessed the land where the addition will be and he, Mladenetz, Mayor Yaede, and Hamilton Township Councilwoman, Elena Schirmer made the ceremonial first dig.

The completion date is scheduled for Spring 2014. Donations are still being accepted, and for more information on the project, to view pictures of the progress, or to make donations visit our website [www.cyomercer.org](http://www.cyomercer.org) and go to the donation link. For questions contact the CYO Yardville at (609) 585-4280.

## GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER SUCCESSFUL



Pictured from left to right are Nick Gregorio (CYO Golf Tournament Chairman), Tom Mladenetz (CYO Executive Director), Ken Jacobs, winner of the 2013 CYO Golf Tournament, proudly showing his trophy (the Michael Fahey Cup), Mike Larkin, Joe O'Gorman, and Lou Bruni, Golf Committee Members.

The 19th CYO Golf Classic, held Thursday, September 26th, at the beautiful Mountainview Golf Course in Ewing, on a gorgeous Fall day, was a huge success! Over 100 golfers came out to support the CYO and their fundraising effort, earmarked for the Yardville building addition, a 4,600 square foot addition named the Monsignor Toomey Annex. This event raised over \$13,000.

A fun day was had by all and they enjoyed lunch, dinner, cocktails, and prizes. This year's, low net champion was Ken Jacobs. Ken was awarded the Michael Fahey Cup, the award given to the champion in memory of former longtime CYO auditor, supporter, and avid golfer, Michael Fahey. The tournament and cash prize associated with the Fahey award is funded by Trudy Fahey, Mike's sister.

Special thanks to the CYO Golf Committee for their help in securing sponsors, and organizing the tournament, including: Tom Mladenetz, (CYO Executive Director), Nick Gregorio, Golf Chairman, Patrick Hardiman, Joe O'Gorman, Mike Larkin, Tony Nami, Art Caola, Ken Jacobs, Lou Bruni, and Marty Flynn.





Pictured from left to right are Marty Flynn (Hamilton Township Director of Recreation Health, Senior & Veteran Services), Patrick Hardiman (CYO Bromley Director), and Hamilton Township Mayor Kelly Yaede, posing for a picture with winners of the scariest, funniest, and cutest Halloween costumes at the CYO Bromley Center Halloween parade and party.



Parade participants, police officers, and Mayor Kelly Yaede pose for a picture in front of the Bromley Center after the Halloween parade.

## CYO PARTNERS WITH HAMILTON TOWNSHIP TO MANAGE THE BROMLEY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

On September 18th, Hamilton Township Council approved a contract for the CYO taking over the management of the Bromley Neighborhood Center which is located on East State Street, in Hamilton. An RFP was released in the Summer for the contract, and after careful review, and interviews with prospective organizations by a Committee comprised of Hamilton Township employees, the CYO was awarded the three year \$345,000 contract to professionally operate the Bromley Neighborhood Center, which is owned by Hamilton Township. The CYO is thrilled to partner with Hamilton Township.

The CYO officially took over management on November 12, however kicked things off with a Halloween parade and party for neighborhood

residents on October 28, in which over 150 students participated! In addition to managing the facility which houses Head Start Pre-School, the CYO will offer evening Teen (ages 13-17) and Pre-Teen Program (ages 9-13), a drop in tutoring program for students in grades 4-8, Senior Citizen programs, Food Pantry, Community Hall Rental, t-ball and pee wee soccer leagues, computer classes, and much, much more.

For more information on the Bromley Neighborhood Center visit the website at [www.cyobromley.org](http://www.cyobromley.org), contact the Center at 581-8700, or e-mail CYO Bromley Director, Patrick Hardiman at [phardiman@cyomercer.org](mailto:phardiman@cyomercer.org)



## YARDVILLE PRE-SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMP EARN NATIONAL ACCREDITATIONS



The CYO is proud to announce that the Yardville Pre-School recently earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children – the nations leading organization of early childhood professionals. “ We’re proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards,” said Kara DeBonis, Pre-School Supervisor. To earn 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 accreditation is good for five years, and less than 8% of all pre-schools have the NAEYC stamp of approval. All four preschools operated by the CYO are now NAEYC accredited.

The Yardville Summer Day camp was re-accredited by the American Camp Association this past July. The accreditation is good until August 2016. A team of Camp Directors from throughout the State visited and toured the camp and reviewed over 400 standards to ensure the CYO is in compliance and meets ACA standards. For the second straight cycle the camp scored 100% in the over 400 standards!



Students from the Yardville Pre-School pose for a picture after the Pre-School earned NAEYC accreditation. CYO staff from left to right, Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz, Pre-School Supervisor, Kara DeBonis, and Branch Director, Patrick Hardiman.



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**FULL TIME STAFF LISTING**



Volunteers from Ernst & Young pose for a picture during a recent Day of Caring at the CYO Yardville. The group assisted tremendously in painting, cleaning the grounds and winterizing the property. CYO Board Member, Tom Griffith, did an outstanding job in coordinating this event.

**INVESTORS BANK FOUNDATION AWARDS  
CYO \$15,000 GRANT**



The Investors Foundation Board of Directors recently approved a \$15,000, three year grant to the CYO! The grant will support the CYO's Monsignor Toomey Annex building addition. The CYO will receive \$5,000 over a three year period. "For more than eight years, the Investors Foundation has supported nonprofit organizations that enrich the diverse communities served by Investors Bank," said President and CEO Kevin Cummings. "We wish the CYO continued success with this important expansion initiative." CYO Executive Director Tom Mladenetz added, "We are extremely grateful for the friendship of the Investors Foundation, and all our donors,"

Other recently awarded grants include: \$26,000 from City of Trenton Community Development Block Grant, \$5,000 from Mercer Foundation Fund of the Community Foundation of NJ, \$3,000 from Bristol Myers Squibb, \$2,000 from Bishop Ahr Endowment Fund, \$2,000 from Dombal-Vogel Foundation, and \$500 from I Am Trenton Foundation. Thanks to all of our supporters!

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**WELCOME BACK FATHER DENNIS!**

The CYO is pleased to announce the return of Father Dennis Apoldite to their Board of Trustees. Father Dennis, served on the CYO Board in the mid to late 1990's and was recently re-appointed to the position of Secretary. He replaces Father Stan Krzyston who served the CYO very well for many years. Father Dennis is the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Trenton and the CYO is extremely happy to have him back.