

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.

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