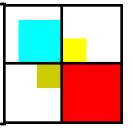


CYO of Mercer County 2014 Annual Report



Catholic Youth Organization of Mercer County

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) of Mercer County is an independently incorporated 501(c) (3), community organization, whose mission is to enhance the lives of Greater Mercer County youth and their families, by providing affordable, quality educational and recreational services, which include pre-schools, before and after school programs, summer camps, swim lessons, and youth athletic leagues. Rooted in Catholic Tradition, CYO provides services in an inclusive, non-discriminatory manner, respecting the culture and faith of all. Initiated in 1952 primarily to provide recreational activities for Catholic youth, CYO was formally incorporated in 1961, and has evolved into a full service childcare, youth development program provider, and social service agency.



South Broad St. Center 920 So. Broad St.



Yardville Branch 453 Yardville-Allentown Road Hamilton



Ewing CYO 320 Hollowbrook Dr **Ewing**



Center 794 East State St.





CYO Bromley Center 1801 East State St. Hamilton

Before and After School Programs located at 4 Hamilton Twp. Schools: Klockner, Greenwood, Wilson and Lalor

The CYO has 60+ years experience in childcare and youth programs and serves over 1,200 children daily during the school year and nearly 1,300 daily during the summer! The CYO also serves approximately 1,200 children (ages 8-14), from Catholic schools and parishes, in seasonal athletic leagues.

The CYO is led by a dynamic volunteer Board of Trustees which includes professional and community members with experience in diverse areas. The CYO currently has 40 full-time, 90 part-time and 100+ seasonal employees. Volunteers play vital roles at CYO, from sports coaches to students acting as aides in our childcare programs, to employee groups who maintain and beautify our facilities and grounds.

2014 CYO HIGHLIGHTS

- The grand opening of the Msgr. Toomey Annex in Yardville was held on August 1st. Rev. Dennis Apoldite, Pastor of Sacred Heart and Divine Mercy Parishes in Trenton (and CYO Board member) blessed this beautiful new 4,600 square foot addition of a multi purpose room/gym. Other CYO Board members, Diocesan officials, local officials, donors and friends gathered to celebrate at a luncheon capped off by a performance by the CYO Camp Dance Team!
- The grand opening of the Northstar New Jersey computer lab at the CYO Broad Street Center was held on January 28th. Northstar is the ◊ management services company that works with the NJ Lottery. They provided the funding for 14 Dell flat screen computers along with new printers, desks, speakers/headphones, educational software, flooring, lighting, banners, and a fresh coat of paint—totaling \$30,000!
- 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. This request was endorsed by Daughter of Charity, Sister Joanne Dress, Executive Director of Catholic School Services in the Diocese of Trenton and member of the CYO Board of Trustees.
- The CYO reached a formal agreement with the Children's Home Society of New Jersey to partner with them at the CYO East State Street Center. CHS will use several classrooms (and a couple offices) to operate the Head Start Program there. CHS was awarded a 5 year federal grant to run the Head Start program in Trenton and the CYO is proud to work with them in providing this valuable service to the community.
- After two years of operating the former Martin House Learning Center, the enrollment in CYO Programs continues to grow at that site. There are almost 40 children in the CYO East State Street Pre School, 70 in the After School Program (more than double from last year), over 100 in the Summer Camp, and 240 in the Basketball League there!
- CYO has completed a full year of managing the Bromley Neighborhood Center—under a contract with the Township of Hamilton. Tutoring, a Teen Program, Summer Camp, Senior Citizen Programs, the food pantry, comp<mark>uter classes, community celebrations , field trips, a Head Start</mark> Program, hall rentals, and so much more, make this a very busy community center!
- The CYO continues to serve the Ewing community very well at the Hollowbrook Community Center. Besides the year-round Pre School, the Summer Camp there had a record of over 80 youngsters enrolled this past Summer! This space there is leased from Ewing Township—which continues to be a great partner and very supportive of our programs.
- The 6th CYO Basketball Hall of Fame Banquet was one of our best ever—filling the Nottingham Ballroom with over 300 guests. This was indeed a special night for our 19 new inductees—bringing the total Hall of Fame group up to 124 members! This event very well reflects the rich diversity of the CYO Programs. Inductees were from all walks of life, various ethnic backgrounds, and came from inner city Trenton neighborhoods to the lanes of Princeton—and everywhere in between!
- There are a record number of students (over 180) enrolled in the CYO's Before & After School Programs operated in four of the Hamilton Township public schools (Wilson, Lalor, Klockner and Greenwood Schools). The CYO continues to implement high quality and creative programming at these satellite sites
- A fundraising campaign for the purchase of a new school bus was launched. The James Kerney Foundation provided a generous \$20,000 grant to jump start this effort. CYO recently retired (per state regulations) an old 54 passenger school bus, so we are hoping to replace it in the upcoming months. We appreciate the continued support from the community!

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