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23rd Annual Golf Classic Was a Huge Success

The 23rd Annual CYO Golf Classic was held May 18th at Mountainview Golf Course honoring CYO Board of Trustees member, Tom Griffith. The turnout was tremendous with 120 golfers participating and another 40 attending the dinner to honor Tom. A fun day was had by all of the participants, and the Fahey Cup was awarded to Jim Parvesse!

Tom Griffith was honored as the 2022 CYO Man of the Year for his many years of service to the organization. Tom has been a Board Member since 2009 and serves on the CYO Finance Committee. Tom has been an ardent supporter of the CYO for many years going back to the early 1980's when he worked at the Yardville CYO Camp as a lifeguard / swim instructor. He is a partner with the professional services firm Ernst & Young, holding various leadership positions in the firm's Health Services practice.

Tom is a graduate of Notre Dame High School and was inducted into the Notre Dame High School, Hall of Fame in 2011. Tom graduated from Villanova University in 1985 with a BS in Accounting. Tom lives in Chesterfield, NJ with his wife Danielle, they have three adult children. Congratulations to our 2022 CYO Man of the Year, and thanks for all that you do for the CYO, Tom!



Left to right, Jim Parvesse, Fahey Cup Winner, Trudy Fahey representing her brother, the late Mike Fahey which the award is named after, and Tom Mladenetz, CYO Executive Director pose for a picture.



Tom Griffith, CYO Man of the Year is presented his plaque from CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz.



Golfers pose for a picture on a beautiful day for golf!



Left to right CYO Executive Director, Tom Mladenetz with former CYO Men / Women of the Year including, Kathie Prihoda, Marty Flynn, 2022 Man of the Year Tom Griffith, Tony Nami, and Golf Chairman, Nick Gregorio. Missing from photo was Art Caola



Art Caola, CYO Board Chairman, 2nd from right, poses for a picture with his family and friends prior to the golf tournament.



Tom Griffith and wife Danielle pose for a picture.



CYO golfers enjoy lunch prior to the shotgun start!

Tanya Beckman, From Volunteer to CFO

What do indoor snowball fights, book fairs, and water balloon baseball have in common? They are all activities students in our ASP & Summer Camp get to participate in because of a wonderful volunteer at our South Broad Street Center. Although we are breaking our promise of keeping her work a secret, Tanya Beckman is a vital part of our programs. What started as an offer to do occasional Book Clubs with a small group of students has turned into a role of Chief Fun Officer (CFO) for our kids. With a large percentage of activities purchased from her own funds or donations from friends, Tanya creates laughter and life-long memories each holiday and sometimes on random “just-because” days. Anyone curious as to why someone would spend some much of their free time volunteering simply needs to see the joy that comes to Tanya’s face when a child wins one of her contests or asks to give her a hug. Our programs are a happier place because of Tanya’s presence. Thank you, Tanya!



Bristol Myers Squibb recently did a Day of Caring at CYO Yardville, volunteers pose for a picture.



10th Annual Bromley Neighborhood Clean Up Day

Volunteers pose for pictures after planting flowers, painting park benches and cleaning streets.



CYO Renee Keister & Jack Cryan Award Winners



CYO recently awarded the Renee Keister and Jack Cryan awards, left is Nicole Villanata Barrantes from Notre Dame with the perpetual Renee Keister plaque. Right is Jeremy Ellis (pictured center) from Hamilton hoisting the perpetual Jack Cryan Award above his head flanked by Hamilton High West basketball coaches.



CYO EWING

Spring is full of exciting happenings at Ewing CYO Preschool. For starters, through a wonderful collaboration with The College of New Jersey's Nursing Department, forged by our Education Director, Pat Staltari, we were able to have a group of nursing students, led by Professor Tami Jakubowski, come to our center to perform dental, hearing and vision screenings on our children. The Nursing students also held Teddy Bear Clinics at the center where each child was able to perform a physical examination on a stuffed animal of his or her choice and try out a real stethoscope. The purpose of this was to make a visit to the doctor just a little less scary for the children.

Also, just before COVID-19 forced us to close our doors in March 2020, Professor Louise Ammentorp, of The College of New Jersey's Department of Early Childhood Education, set up hydroponic gardens in two of our classrooms so the children could learn how plants can grow without soil. Naturally, when we closed, our gardens withered away but Professor Ammentorp has returned and is helping our staff set up the gardens once again. And, as an added bonus, a group of Professor Ammentorp's honor students held a fundraiser for our program and have purchased gardening equipment for use on our outdoor playground garden. These students also came to our center to help the staff get our garden ready for the spring and summer months. Furthermore, now that the Hollowbrook Library is open once again, our classes have resumed visits with Librarian, Ms. Christine, for story time twice a month. The children are also enjoying yoga sessions once a month with Ms. Marsha Wiley.

Finally, on Monday, April 25, two groups of students from The Lawrenceville School came to our center to spruce up our playground and gardens for the warmer months ahead. Many thanks to the students and staff of The Lawrenceville School for helping us to complete this monumental task! In short, Ewing CYO Pre-School is slowly but surely emerging from the COVID-19 restrictions of the past two years and we look forward to further expansion of our activities as time goes on.



Dental, hearing, and vision screenings at CYO Ewing.

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**Congratulations to CYO Bromley
Teen Director Tom Valyo**

Tom Valyo, left, CYO Bromley Teen Center Director was recently awarded the Hamilton Township Dr. Martin Luther King Spirit of the Community Service Award. Pictured to his right is Patrick Hardiman, CYO Bromley Director representing the Hamilton Township Dr. King Tribute Committee.



Youngsters pose for a picture with the Easter Bunny at the CYO Bromley Easter party.

**GRANTS AWARDED SINCE LAST MARQUEE
12/15/21 - 5/31/22**

- **Arvesen Fund of Community Foundation of NJ: \$3K award for vehicle replacement program, 12/21.**
- **Borden Foundation: \$15K award for Broad school-age programs, 12/21.**
- **FEMA Emergency Food & Shelter Program: \$10K award for Bromley Food Pantry, 4/22.**
- **Hamilton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): \$5,070 award for Bromley Center flooring, 10/21.**
- **Kiwanis of Trenton: \$2,650 award for Broad & ESSC camp scholarships, 12/21.**
- **NJ Homeland Security: \$50K award for Broad Center target hardening equipment, 1/22.**
- **Roma Foundation: \$3,500 award for Broad tutoring program, 3/22.**
- **Rummel Foundation: \$5K award for Broad tutoring program, 12/21.**