

NEWS LETTER

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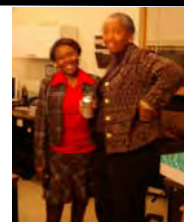
HOPES "FRC" CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF SERVICE

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On Thursday, January 7, 2010 the HOPES CAP, Inc. Family Resource Center (FRC) celebrated their 10th Anniversary by sponsoring an Open House. The Open House allowed HOPES to showcase the facility improvements made at the FRC (located at 532 Jackson Street) as well highlight all of the services provided at the Center.



Both the Hoboken Housing Authority and HOPES CAP, Inc. Board of Directors CAP, Inc. were among the many guests invited to participate in this function. Clients as well as community partners such as Visiting Homemakers of Hudson County, the STY Foundation, and the Jubilee Center also partook in the celebration of the Family Resource Center's ten years of educational, social and community services provided to the community.



MIKE COHEN RECOGNIZED FOR POLICY COUNCIL SERVICE

Mike Cohen, father of Devon and Mason, was recognized on January 25, 2010, for three years of continuous service to the HOPES CAP, Inc. Head Start Policy Council. Mike was elected by the Parent Committee to serve as a Parent Alternate for the 2006-2007 school year. During his first meeting, Mike became a regular Parent Representative due to the resignation of another Policy Council parent representative, and was also elected as the Policy Council Alternate Officer. After being re-elected for the 2007-2008 school year by the Parent Committee, he was voted in as Chairperson. Mike served as Policy Council Chair for two consecutive years until his term expired in December 2010. During his third term, he also served as the Policy Council Liaison to the HOPES CAP, Inc. Board of Directors. Mike served on the Policy Council Personnel Committee and represented the Policy Council during the Head Start Risk Management meeting with the Regional Office. Mike now serves as a member of the HOPES CAP, Inc. Board of Directors. His son, Mason, transitioned from Head Start in 2007 and his daughter, Devon, is currently enrolled in the Head Start program at the Brandt site in Hoboken.



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TD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FUNDS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM



TD Bank, through its charitable giving arm the TD Charitable Foundation, provided HOPES CAP, Inc. with funding which will be utilized to build upon its Adult Education Program. Thanks to the TD Charitable Foundation, new educational materials and resources will be utilized to assist adult learners achieve their educational and professional goals. HOPES CAP, Inc. staff will take an even greater role in combating adult learning deficiencies prevalent among Hudson County’s low income population by tailoring instruction in reading, grammar and mathematics based upon an individual’s needs. “The funding received through this grant will go towards obtaining the necessary materials and supplies to run the program as well as promote it. We are honored to have been chosen as a recipient,” explained HOPES CAP, Inc. Family Resource Center Manager, Evelyn Mercado.

HOBOKEN PARENTS – IT’S CLASSROOM CONFERENCE TIME!

This month Hoboken teachers will be reaching out to parents to schedule their winter classroom conferences. At this point in the school year students have received 2 formal assessments with the Creative Curriculum’s Assessment tool. While parents and teachers should be in communication regularly this opportunity affords both the chance to really look at specific areas of learning and their development. Parents and teachers have a chance to examine these areas and determine where additional supports are required for children and how they can best collaborate to obtain these goals. So be on the look- out for those classroom conference sign up sheets!



CLASSROOM NEWS – WATCHUNG ROOM 8

This has been a “beary” busy month for the children of Classroom 8 along with their teachers Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Mildred and Ms. Lourdes. They have been learning all about bears! The children had fun making a bear cave out of a big cardboard box and learning all about how bears hibernate. Children learned that bears live in the woods and love all kinds of food! Finally the children had their own hibernation celebration during pajama day!



Roar!

ILA LOCAL 1804-1 DONATE TOYS TO HEAD START CHILDREN

The International Longshoremen’s Association Local #1804-1 in North Bergen, NJ, donated nearly 600 toys to the children of HOPES CAP, Inc. Head Start in Hoboken and Plainfield. The generous men and women of the ILA Local have been donating toys to the HOPES CAP, Inc. Head Start program in Hoboken for nearly two decades. When informed that HOPES had been awarded the Head Start grant for Plainfield, they rallied together to increase their annual budget to provide a toy for every child in both Hoboken and Plainfield. Parents were very grateful for the generosity of the Longshoremen Union for assisting them in providing a joyful holiday for their children.





PUBLIC STORAGE D0147 PARTNERS WITH HOPES FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Kelly Borghese, Senior District Manager for Public Storage, along with her 10 properties from D0147, partnered with HOPES CAP, Inc. Head Start serving the community of Plainfield, NJ, to help make some Head Start families' holidays a lot brighter and more festive during these tough economic times.

Public Storage donated 15 gigantic public storage boxes filled with canned goods, turkeys, and chickens, as well as a wide variety of food to trim out the Thanksgiving meals of several Head Start families in Plainfield. In addition to the food boxes, Public Storage also donated toys for the children and gift cards for the families for the December holidays.

The friendly staff of Public Storage greeted Deena Davenport-Beasley, HOPES CAP, Inc. Family & Community Partnerships Specialist, and Wayne Myers Facilities/Maintenance Specialist, with a warm welcome and a helping hand during the pick-up of the food boxes. The December holiday toys were delivered to the New Horizons Head Start site, located at 110-128 W. Front St., Plainfield, by a Public Storage employee.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The HOPES CAP Early Childhood Program in Hoboken is having its Annual Children's Art Auction on March 18, 2010. The Parent Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in reaching out to local businesses and corporations for donations to be raffled. If you are interested in helping or work in an organization that would make donations, please contact Brian Murray at brian.murray@hobokenhomefinder.com or Yvette Ypelaar at (201) 795-1576 ext. 14.



PARK & SIXTH
Hops for Hoboken's Kids!

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
Monday, May 17, 2010
White Beeches Golf & Country Club
70 Haworth Drive, Haworth, N.J.

BREAKFAST . GOLF . SILENT AUCTION . RAFFLE . COCKTAIL RECEPTION . AWARDS DINNER
Sponsorship Opportunities are Available!
Reserve your spot now as the outing will sell out!

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO




To register for the outing and for more information:
Josie Di Chiara 201.208.4540 or email dichiamktg@msn.com



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GET YOUR TAXES PREPARED AT AN IRS CERTIFIED VITA SITE

Find out if you qualify for the
Earned Income Tax Credit



Tax preparations will begin
February 1, 2010 through April 15, 2010.



PLEASE CALL AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.
Walk Ins not accepted!

FOR MORE DETAILS AND AN APPOINTMENT, CALL US!!!

HOPES CAP, Inc.

(201) 876-2935 or (201) 876-2938

EXCEL IN THE NEW YEAR AT YOUR CONVENIENCE

HOPES CAP, Inc. Family Resource Center is offering
FREE ESL, ADULT BASIC ED & COMPUTER classes.

Basic Comp: Tuesdays & Thursdays 1:00-2:30PM

Intermediate Comp: Mondays & Wednesdays 1:00-2:30PM

Evening Intermediate Comp: Monday 5:30-7:30PM

Evening ESL: Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30PM-7:30 PM

Evening Adult Basic Ed: Wednesday 5:30-7:30 PM

* Evening Classes are held at the Rue Site-301 Garden Street *



Classes Conducted in English and Spanish
Day Classes Begin Monday, January 25, 2010

For more information please call us at (201) 876-2935.

Start the new year off right and begin your journey to a new & improved you!