



Bridgehampton
Child Care
& Recreational
Center

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TOPPING ROSE HOUSE DINNER



Thank you, Topping Rose House, for our third annual holiday dinner. There was an excited buzz as 98 friends and supporters gathered for our gourmet dinner. The delicious food was overseen by the celebrated chef, Jean-Georges, who circulated among the guests in signature toque and white apron. The menu more than lived up to his reputation. The star of the evening, though, was The Center. Bonnie Cannon, the Center's Director, described the educational and recreational programs offered to our underserved local population of African-American and Latino children as well as our desperate need for more space. Thanks to all our revelers for making our holiday benefit so special.

THE DREAM IS NOW

The Center's programs are filled to overflowing, which is wonderful on one hand, but also sad because we've had to turn away children from our fully subscribed After School program. (NY State dictates minimum space per child.) We urgently need to expand our facilities and have architectural plans in hand to renovate and add to our original farmhouse, donated to establish The Center in the 50's, to provide more classrooms, a computer lab, community education space, offices and bathroom facilities. The new building will be attached to the farmhouse and allow the children who are on our wait list to benefit from our educational and enrichment programs. Our architect estimates the cost of the new building to be \$1,500,000. We already have gifts close to \$300,000, but we need to close that gap. The children's hearts would be full if you could help us reach our goal, which would include naming rights.



ATLANTIC GOLF OUTING

Our seventh annual golf outing was held at the prestigious ATLANTIC GOLF CLUB in October. It was a gorgeous day- picture perfect weather and for our first time ever- we had a full house! Good feelings abounded as we took to the course. The Atlantic did an amazing job feeding and pampering all of our golfers. Special thanks and gratitude to our lead sponsor, Megan LaMothe and Foray Golf, who provided goody bags for all our players. It added so much to the outing! We thank all our sponsors- Citarella, Bruce Peterson Irrigation, Recreational Concepts, Sag Harbor Florist, Equinox, Lafayette148, Hampton Classic, The Palm, Bobby Van's, Almond Restaurant, New Light, McCoy Oil, Blue Light Energy and Norsic.



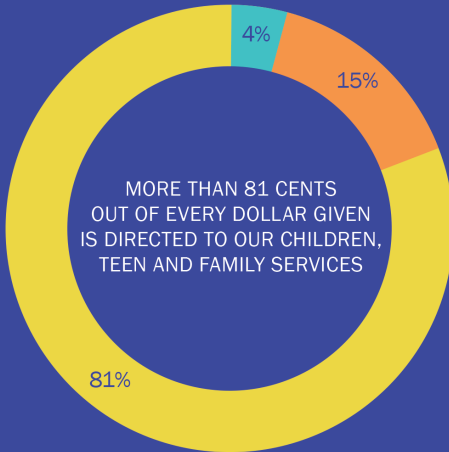
Many thanks to Brandon Ray and AT&T for their donation of \$5,000 at our outing.

OUR HISTORY

Born out of tragedy in 1949 when a fire killed two children in a local migrant camp, The Center rose out of the ashes. We have served the predominately African American and growing immigrant populations ever since. For working families, The Center is a lifeline. Their children flourish in our many programs and play safely on the six-acre farm and fields donated to create The Center in the 50's.

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

- 81% Children, Teen and Family Services
- 15% Administrative
- 4% Fundraising and Public Awareness



HOLIDAY CELEBRATION and the BRIDGEHAMPTON NATIONAL BANK

Over the years The Center has been supported in many ways by Bridgehampton National Bank. Once again, BNB made our holidays brighter. They requested and fulfilled the Santa wish lists for all our After-Schoolers and provided pizzas for the Holiday Party. Thank you.



Another surprise came in December when we were notified that The Center had won the Bridgehampton National Bank- MAKE A PITCH for EDUCATION contest. We were invited to NYC to accept the \$2,500 check. This was sponsored jointly by WFAN and the Yankees. Star Yankee Rookie, Tyler Austin, was there for the presentations. Nine other not-for-profits also received a \$2,500 check. Thank you BNB for encouraging The Center to submit an entry!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Happy New Year!



Bonnie Michelle Cannon

The past year has really opened my eyes to what is most important in life. Spending time with your loved ones is a must over the holidays. Family is important here at The Center. We have a wonderful family which encompasses children, teens, parents, staff, board and advisory board members. We are a community of loving people, here to promote good character and integrity in our kids. We want our children to be equipped with all of the essential tools that will aid them in being successful in their adulthood. I am so pleased to say that I can see the fruit of our labors and tremendous growth in programming and improvements to our campus in the past year. This place truly is magical and I am thankful to be a part of it.

Join our family. Be part of our team.

*Peace and Blessings,
Bonnie*

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

All of us at The Center live in gratitude for the programs we are able to offer to our children. We thank God for all our friends and supporters. The monies raised have allowed us to grow our programs and make the dream of renovating and expanding our main building a possibility. The core and heart of The Center remain strong and we are looking to the future. We are asking for everyone's blessing and generosity to make our dream come true.



Paul Jeffers, Jr

*Love, peace and harmony,
PJ*

TEEN PROGRAM



Our teen programs include SAT and College Prep Courses. These classes helped eight of our Center kids to get into college this year, the first in their families. We are expanding to a 5-year program beginning with HS freshmen and following the students through the first year of college. Charles Connolly, Director of Admissions at Suffolk Community College gave a lively and informative presentation to the teens in October. He talked about the idea of "backward planning." "Pick a goal," he told the

teens. "Identify your passion and plot the course to reach that goal." Our teen director, Tammy Coffey, continues to work closely with our teens, mentoring and guiding them as they try to plan a path for future success. Visioning is an often-used technique. To help prepare and educate the teens for their college experience, college panels and visits are being planned for the spring. Thanks once again to AT&T and the Leo Rosner Foundation for their generous support for our college prep program.



HALLOWEEN FUN



As part of our Halloween festivities, the After-School kids visited Hank's Pumpkin Town. They picked pumpkins, ate candy apples and apple cider donuts, got lost in the corn maze and played on the slides. It was a picture perfect autumn day! Our teens participated in Fright Night at the Southampton Youth Services facility. They used their creativity and camaraderie to create a very scary scare booth.

THANKFUL CELEBRATION

Our annual gathering to give thanks took place just before Thanksgiving. Our families, kids, teens, teachers, and board members gathered to feast together and share our gratitude just before the holiday break. There were songs and presentations by our kids.



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM



Our popular After School program is in full swing. We offer tutoring and supervised homework, swimming lessons at the Y, cooking classes, In-Kind dining, music, karate, scrabble and chess, among other activities. Our Young Artists-in-Residence Project meets weekly at the Watermill Center and we take many field trips. The Latino Celebration by our kids for their families was a lot of fun and informative. The studio was packed and the children worked hard to prepare. Congratulations to our After-School director Shanae Pritchard on the birth of her son Elijah. Thanks to Ms. Susan for stepping in to help during her maternity leave.

THINKING FORWARD LECTURE SERIES

Our very popular community lecture series added another segment last fall -- Equality Matters in the Hamptons. Theresa Sanders, President and CEO of the Urban League of Long Island, was our guest in November. She presented a fascinating paper on Black Equity on Long Island and discussed ways to make the East End a more equitable place to live.

JAZZ FOR JENNINGS

Our fourth annual Jazz for Jennings luncheon will be Sunday June 24th at the beautiful Watermill Center. Evan Sherman will be our Bandleader again. We are SO excited. This luncheon and concert has become a Godsend for progress at The Center. Following in the tradition of the late Peter Jennings and his wife, Kayce, who hosted Jazz@Jennings at their home for 8 years, Jazz for Jennings brings together world class musicians, delicious food and old and new friends to support our kids and families. Thank you to all our past supporters. You have made a huge difference in the lives of our kids. Hope to see you at Jazz for Jennings 2018! Please contact Debra McEneaney for sponsorships and underwriting- 917-741-6257 mcsanzo@hopeworksltd.com

THE GATHERING

The Center hosted the first Gathering on Sunday October 29th. It was free to the community and offered games, pumpkin decorating and face-painting for all ages. This event was organized by Center alum Willie Jenkins and followed the success of last summer's Bridgehampton Day celebration. The second Gathering took place on Sunday December 17th and included vendors and holiday cookie decorating. It is wonderful to have the Center open to the community on weekends.

CHARITY BUZZ AUCTION

The Center was part of the Charity Buzz Entrepreneur's Auction in December. Thanks to our friends who agreed to have lunches and dinners with bidders across the country: Alan & Arlene Alda, Suzan Johnson- Cook, Jean-Georges, Susan Lacy, Reggie Van Lee, Pam Liebman, Anna Quindlen and Susan Taylor. Thanks to the Mets, Jets and Jeff Loria for donating Yankee legend tickets. The Center raised over \$20,000!



UPCOMING EVENTS

THINKING FORWARD LECTURE SERIES	Friday Jan 17th at 7PM Screening and discussion of the movie WHITE LIKE ME Saturday Jan 27th at 5PM Screening of the KILLER BEES documentary 2018 Topic areas will be Equality Matters in the Hamptons; Straight Talk, Real People; Well, Well, Well and The Politics of It All. Speakers will include Khalil Gibran Muhammed.
CHESS CLUB FOR ALL AGES	FREE every Wednesday from 6-7PM for kids under 15, Adults and older teens 6-8 PM. Learn to Play or Improve your Game. Refreshments served.
COLLEGE PREP SAT DATES	Sundays, 5pm. March 11, 18, 25. April 8, 15, 22, 19
MUSIC CLASSES	East End Arts continues to offer lessons in voice and most musical instruments on Saturdays during the school year at the Center. Contact EDUCATION@EASTENDARTS.ORG or 631-369-2171
DANCE CLASSES	The Venette's Cultural Workshop began offering dance classes open to the community at The Center in September. They are offered every Friday evening in the Studio with instruction in hip hop and jazz techniques. Dance classes are 7pm-8pm for kids 5-12, Adults and Teens 8pm-9pm. Contact info@bhccrc.org
JAZZ FOR JENNINGS	June 24, 2018 will be our fourth annual Jazz for Jennings Brunch and Concert at The Watermill Center. band leader Evan Sherman. Please contact Debra McEneaney for sponsorships and tables mcsanzo@hopeworksltd.com 917-741-6257.

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