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TOPPING ROSE HOUSE DINNER

Thank you, Topping Rose House, for our 4th annual holiday dinner and thank you JPMorgan Chase for your sponsorship. There was an excited buzz as A RECORD 112 friends and supporters gathered for our gourmet dinner four-course 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 the Jean-Georges reputation.

The star of the evening, though, was The Center. Bonnie Michelle Cannon, our executive director, described the enrichment and educational programs offered to the children of our community. She brought along our teen DREAM TEAM, which stands for Dedication, Responsibility, Education, Attitude and Motivation. Eight of our teens enjoyed the amazing meal of citrus salad, salmon, beef and dessert with ice cream. They asked so many questions and networked with our guests. Bonnie also explained our desperate need for more space and the reality of our new building becoming a reality-hopefully able to break ground in 2019!



Thanks to all our revelers, Jean-Georges and Topping Rose House for making the evening 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. We urgently need to expand our facilities. We have the plans, construction drawings, a project manager and are on our way to the bidding process for construction to begin in 2019. We need to provide more classrooms, a computer lab, community education space, offices and bathroom facilities.

We are so grateful to all our friends and donors- especially Barbara Slifka, Fred Thiele, Carol Konner, Dorothy Lichtenstein, Sivia Loria, the Leo Rosner Foundation and Barbara and Donald Zucker. Our children's hearts would be full if you could help us, which could include naming rights. We have the "Rosner Reading Room" already.

COLLEGE PREP

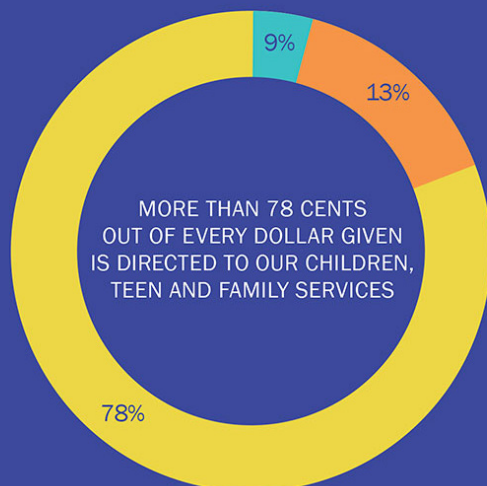
The third semester of 2018 for our SAT, college prep classes was very well attended. The Center received many testimonials from parents and students about improved scores and test taking skills. Classes will resume in March on Sunday evenings. We thank the Leo Rosner Foundation for their continued support for our college prep program.

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 continued to served the community's children with educational and enrichment programs. 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 1950's.

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

- 78% Children, Teen and Family Services
- 9% Administrative
- 13% Fundraising and Public Awareness



BRIDGEHAMPTON NATIONAL BANK

A wonderful surprise came in October 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 the WFAN studios in December to accept the \$5,000 check, sponsored jointly by WFAN, BNB and the NY Yankees. Thank you to our After-School Director, Shanae Pritchard, for writing the winning essay. And thank you, BNB for inviting us to compete. The Center was the only competitor to win two years in a row! Over the years The Center has been supported in many ways by Bridgehampton National Bank. Once again, BNB made our holidays brighter. This year they sent gift cards to help The Center fulfill our children's Santa wish lists.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Bonnie Michelle Cannon

Happy New Year!

The Center is honored to welcome the Rev. Tisha Dixon Williams as our newest board member. Tisha is the first ever female Pastor at 1st Baptist Church and the Bridgehampton community welcomes her with full hearts.

We are especially grateful and indebted to Assemblyman Fred Thiele for his caring support and assistance. A grant of \$125,000 has been pledged to The Center and BHCCRC was awarded \$300,000 in December, from Governor Cuomo as part of his NYS Regional Development Fund, for our new building. Our kids were richly blessed during the Christmas Season. We thank ALL who made their Christmas shiny and bright with all of the donations of gifts and winter coats. Thank you all.

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*Peace and Blessings,
Bonnie*

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Paul Jeffers, Jr

We live in gratitude for the educational and enrichment programs we are able to offer to our children. We thank God for all our friends and supporters. The monies raised over the past few years have allowed us to grow our programs and make the dream of expanding our facilities a possibility. We are asking for everyone's blessing and generosity to make all our dreams come true in 2019.

*Love, peace and harmony,
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CHARITY BUZZ AUCTION

The Center was part of the Charity Buzz Holiday Auction in December. Thanks to our friends who agreed to donate: Jeffrey Loria with his Yankee and Knicks tickets and renowned sculptor Hans Van de Boenkamp who donated a bronze sculpture, book and an afternoon at his studio in Sagaponack. Feeling blessed!

POWER OF 3:00-LIGHTS ON AFTER-SCHOOL

"The advantages of more education are clear...we need more learning time... if we are serious about improving education." Governor Andrew M. Cuomo 2013

In November, The Center hosted our first ever "Lights on After-School" celebration. Our own Mr. Doug has become an ambassador for the "POWER of 3:00," a NYS Network for Youth Services program. The initiative was developed to shine a light on the importance and benefits of after school education for all youth.

Why AFTER-SCHOOL programs?

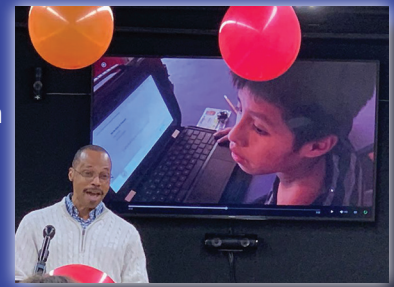
The initiative posits that After-School programs give parents PEACE OF MIND from 3-6:30 pm knowing that their young ones are with caring and professional adults; knowing that After-School programs foster engagement; learning and fun; include physical activity; and that their children are receiving homework help and inspiration for future career paths.

Why AFTER-SCHOOL programs are needed...

- 65% of our workforce jobs in 2018 require postsecondary education
- 50% of students in AFTER-CARE programs are more likely to finish high school
- 89% of parents with a child in an AFTER-SCHOOL program are satisfied with: Quality of Care, Safety, Excitement about Learning, Critical Thinking Exercises

AFTER-SCHOOL participants are:

- 2.5 times more likely to pursue higher education
- 7 out of 10 elementary students in AFTER-SCHOOL increase math and ELA scores



OUR OWN AFTER-SCHOOL

Our well-honed After-School program is in full swing after Holiday break. Our monthly themes last Fall included a month for ALL ABOUT BOOKS. The monthly words were Kindness, Giving and Being Thankful, underscored by the slogan "Flip your attitude. Show your gratitude."



We continue to 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. We once again have a wait list. It breaks our hearts to turn away children that need and want our programs.

HALLOWEEN FUN

As part of our Halloween festivities, the After-School kids visited the Corwith Farm for a hayride and pumpkin picking. They ate candy apples and apple cider donuts. They walked Main Street in costume in Sag Harbor for the annual pumpkin walk, collecting lots of candy from the local stores. It was a picture-perfect autumn day!

Our teens particularly enjoyed creating a purged construction site for their participation at Fright Night for their Halloween fun at SYS. This was their 2nd year participating in this event.



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.

#GIVING TUESDAY

We participated in the Social Media Campaign on Tuesday Nov 27th to raise awareness for The Center and our needs.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

In December, The Center had a mammography clinic one Saturday that was open to all in the community to learn about FREE Breast Cancer screening.

JAZZ FOR JENNINGS 5

Our 5th annual Jazz for Jennings luncheon will be Sunday June 23rd at the beautiful Watermill Center. Evan Sherman will be our bandleader again. We are so grateful. The benefit luncheon and concert raise critical funds 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 2019! Reservations can be made at www.bhccrc.org Please contact Debra McEneaney to join the committee or for sponsorships and underwriting- 917-741-6257 mcsanzo@hopeworksltd.com

THINKING FORWARD LECTURE SERIES

Our very popular community lecture series has a real star coming up at Guild Hall on Saturday, March 23rd: Charnele Brown, actress, producer, fashion designer and singer, perhaps best known for role as Kimberly Reese on the NBC comedy sitcom, A Different World, from 1988 until 1993. Charnele is originally from East Hampton. The lecture will be at 3:00 pm moderated by journalist and former ABC 20/20 anchor, Lynn Sherr. It will be free to the public, as are all our lectures, but reservations are required at www.guildhall.org. We will be announcing our July 2019 speaker soon.

COMMUNITY DANCE CLASSES AT THE CENTER

The Venette's Cultural Workshop offers dance classes to the community at The Center. They take place every other Monday evening in the Studio with instruction in hip hop and jazz techniques. Our younger group ages 5-12 are from 7-8 PM; Adults and teens 8-9 PM. Join us! Contact info@bhccrc.org



UPCOMING EVENTS

THINKING FORWARD LECTURE SERIES	Saturday March 23rd 3PM "Straight Talk. Real People" with Charnele Brown at Guild Hall. All our lectures are free. Reservations needed www.guildhall.org
CHESS CLUB	Wednesdays- contact lisa@bhccrc.org
JAZZ FOR JENNINGS 5	Sunday June 23rd JAZZ for JENNINGS lunch and concert at 12:30 at the Watermill Center – band leader Evan Sherman. Reservations www.bhccrc.org or Contact Deb McEneaney mcsanzo@hopeworksltd.com 917-741-6257

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