



Bridgehampton
Child Care
& Recreational
Center

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JAZZ FOR JENNINGS

Our fourth annual Jazz for Jennings is Sunday June 24th- a fabulous afternoon of food, wine and extraordinary jazz on the grounds of the glorious Watermill Center. Jazz for Jennings is named for the late legendary news anchor Peter Jennings, and honors his commitment to our community and especially, the Bridgehampton Child Care & Recreational Center. The benefit has raised critical funds to support The Center's all-important educational, recreational and enrichment programs.



Evan Sherman will again be the band leader. A 25-year-old drummer, bandleader, composer and arranger who has played all over the world with the likes of James Moody, Wynton Marsalis, Roy Hargrove, Cyrus Chestnut, Jimmy Heath (all 5 alumni of J@J or J4J), Jon Batiste and Dizzy Gillespie All-Stars. In 2014, Evan formed the Evan Sherman Entourage and 16-piece Big Band, which consists of up-and-coming

musicians playing alongside a rotating cast of legendary veterans. Sherman and his band play at Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing, Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola, Caramoor Jazz Festival, and The Rainbow Room. Our young "lion" is putting together our band for the second year.

"Jazz for Jennings is the reincarnation of Jazz at Jennings, the benefit for The Center that Peter and I hosted for many years at our home," said Kayce Freed Jennings. "I know Peter would be thrilled that the tradition continues and that the community continues to support this vital gem in our midst and its mission of hope."

GUILD HALL PARTNERSHIP

We are excited to be partnering again with Guild Hall in East Hampton for our July lecture series- Equality Matters in the Hamptons. Last year's Misty Copeland presentation was amazing and we filled the house. This year, renowned scholar Khalil Gibran Muhammad, will present a conversation about race and segregation- "Burying our heads in the Sand?" moderated by long time advisory board member Ken Miller.

Khalil is a professor of History, Race and Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School and the Suzanne Young Murray Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies. He is the former Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, a Harlem-based branch of the New York Public Library system and one of the world's leading research facilities dedicated to the history of the African diaspora.

Khalil appeared in the Oscar nominated documentary "13th" and is the author of the *The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America*. All our lectures are free. Tickets are required www.guildhall.org or call the box office 631-324-4050.



SONGWRITER'S CONCERT

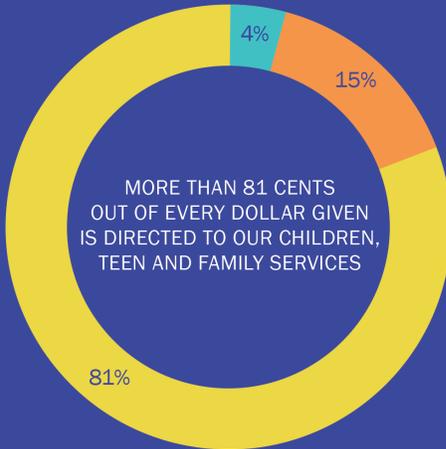
Once again, we were blessed to be the beneficiary of the Songwriters Concert. Thank you Caroline Doctorow for caring about The Center and sharing your talent with our friends and supporters.

OUR HISTORY

Born out of tragedy in 1949 after a migrant camp fire killed two children of seasonal workers, The Center continues to serve the predominantly African American, Latino and Native American families of the Bridgehampton area. For many working parents, The Center is a lifeline. Their children flourish in our many programs and play safely on the farm and fields donated to create The Center in the 50s.

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO

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



SCRABBLE

We are in our second year of Scrabble Club at The Center. Thank you, Ms. Kathy, for helping our kids hone their skills in spelling and competitions. Our After-School kids will once again compete in the New England Regionals and then the National in Philadelphia. Fingers crossed. Last year we had two 1st timers receive first place, in their age category, at the Regionals! Please contact us if you would like to contribute to the travel expenses. lisa@bhccrc.org

CHESS CLUB

Our instructor, Ullyses Tapley, took our Chess Club to the Marshall Chess Club competition for the 1st time this Winter. We hope to make it an annual excursion- such a wonderful learning experience.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER



Bonnie Michelle Cannon

The Center is moving along. Our kids are antsy to get out in the fresh air. Winter wants to hold on to us. NOT SO! The sun will shine. Our Soul Garden will begin to grow. The clouds will roll away. This is the same in all of our lives.

Something is always there to try and hold us back but sometimes it is a way to make us focus more, to make us work harder, and to challenge our commitment to our desired goals. Many of our children face a variety of day to day challenges. In spite of these challenges, our kids push on and are determined to make it. Their eyes are focused on working hard and being the best that they can be. So as we at The Center spring forward and transition into a new season, our kids are transitioning too. We are moving into new territory with the goal for a much needed new building that will provide more space for our youth, individualized tutoring rooms, a computer lab, another bathroom and more. We want to ensure that along with our love and support, we can provide all the necessities that will enable our kids to reach their goals- offering them the best possible educational and enrichment programs. We can't do it without you and your continued support. These are exciting times at The Center.

*Peace and Blessings,
Bonnie*

NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Spring is here and we are always moved by the joy shown by our children for their increased time outdoors and the beginning of work on our Soul Garden. It is this rebirth of Springtime that reminds us how tight our spaces are when all our children and teens are cramped inside. The core and heart of The Center is always strong but we are looking to a future with a renovation and expansion. We are asking for everyone's blessing and generosity to make that dream come true.



Paul Jeffers, Jr

*Love, peace and harmony,
PJ*

TEEN PROGRAM



Our Teen Program has made a shift this Winter with a much stronger emphasis on educational enrichment. Our teens girls are participating in the Angela Yee book club this year. They are reading *PIECING ME TOGETHER* by author Rene Watson. Our college prep program is offered to teens starting in ninth grade and follows our students into their first year of college. Eight of our teens went off to colleges last Fall. The first in their families to do so. College visits are being planned for the Spring. We now have two one on one guidance counselors. The SAT/ACT program is in full swing meeting every Sunday from 4:30-7:30PM. Our girls attended the “Girlz Talk” conference once again this year at Hofstra University. It was an inspirational day for all of them. Our boys will also travel to Hofstra this Spring, for the first time, to be part of the “Boyz to Men” conference. We are hoping that some of our teens will be able to go to the “Global Kids Conference” again this year. It was an amazing experience for them two years ago.

YOUNG ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE PROJECT AT THE WATERMILL CENTER

Our After-School kids go once a week to the amazing Watermill Center to have experiences in performance art. There are three separate semesters each school year. This past semester they worked with artist Jayoung Chung. The kids activated Jayoung’s multimedia installation. When they stepped into the shoes of a male refugee from Syria and held the hands of the artist, his story was triggered and his voice filled the room, speaking of loss. The piece is about empathy and Jasmine, one of The Center’s kids, said “it felt like his voice was inside of me.”

The children also had the opportunity to work with Boris Willis, a choreographer and dancer, working with video gaming. The kids enjoyed activating his pieces and dancing together, showing off their moves. Thanks again to the Watermill Center for enriching the lives of our After-School kids.

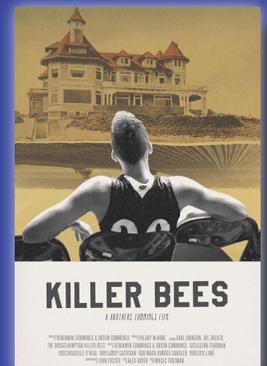
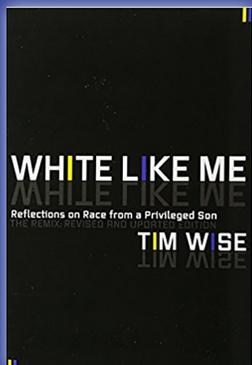
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Center started off the new year with the monthly theme of Health and Wellness. Our kids had weekly nutrition education with Ms. Marta and healthy cooking classes with Mr. Doug. We moved on to the next month’s theme of “All around the World”. Our kids learned about many different countries and their customs. They even made their own “fake” passports. There were weekly trips to the Y for swimming lessons and lots of creative indoor games and activities to keep our kids moving and healthy. Scrabble and Chess clubs kept our kids challenged and engaged. Our In-Kind dining program taught some important life skills in etiquette and social behavior. Thank you DOPO la Spiaggia, in Sag Harbor for your generosity! Inviting a few of our kids each week to dine with one of their teachers allowed them to experience an otherwise unobtainable experience. We were also grateful to partner with the Hayground School and share in their Soul Food night in celebration of Black History month.



THINKING FORWARD LECTURE SERIES

Our “Equality Matters in the Hamptons” segment included two movies in January. The Center held a movie screening and discussion of the movie *WHITE LIKE ME* by Tim Wise. We were also honored to be able to screen the acclaimed documentary *KILLER BEES* by Ben and Orson Cummings. It is the story of the Bridgehampton championship basketball team and their long-time coach and Center alum Carl Johnson. Parts were filmed at The Center and it is a rather poignant tale of the rapid gentrification of the Bridgehampton community. The screening was very well attended. Coach Carl retired last year and has devoted quite a bit of time to the kids at The Center- offering basketball clinics during our Summer Camp and last Fall. We look forward to starting again with the coming warmer weather! Thank you, Coach!



COMMUNITY BENEFIT PARTNERSHIPS

Our African American friends and neighbors are disproportionately suffering from cancer, especially women, and it has become a serious concern at The Center. According to the American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts and Figures for African Americans 2016-2018, African American women die of breast cancer 42% more than Caucasian women do. Our initial meeting this Spring was an attempt to develop a strategy to bring the African American women of this community together to learn lifesaving information about breast cancer early detection and mammography. Collaborating in the program with The Center are the Coalition for Women's Cancers at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, the Suffolk County Department of Health's Office of Minority Health, Cancer Services Program of Suffolk County and the Witness Project of Long Island. For more information contact Susan Barry Roden at 631-726-8715 or Susan.Barryroden@stonybrookmedicine.edu. Tammy Coffey has become our community advocate and liason. She will be attending town meetings for the community and with legislators to ensure that The Center has a sharp focus on all important health issues and services to help our families.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips have always been a special part of life at The Center. This Winter was very busy. Our trips included the Vanderbilt Planetarium to see "STARS: The Powerhouses of the Universe" followed by bowling at Larkfield Lanes; the Harlem Globe Trotters; beautiful sand art performance and ice skating - always a Winter favorite!



UPCOMING EVENTS

DANCE CLASSES	Dance classes in Hip Hop by Venette's Dance Studio continue every other Friday night at 7-8PM for under 12/ 8-9PM for teens and adults. For info contact lisa@bhccrc.org
JAZZ FOR JENNINGS	at the Watermill Center, Sunday June 24th 12:30-4. Tickets www.bhccrc.org
THINKING FORWARD LEARNING SERIES	"Burying our heads in the Sand?"-an open dialog about race and segregation with Khalil Gibran Muhammad Friday July 13th at 6PM at Guild Hall -Free but tickets required www.guildhall.org or call 631-324-4050
THE TOPPING ROSE HOUSE SUMMER LUNCHEON	Hosted by Gia dePicciotto Thursday August 2nd at Topping Rose House at 12:30PM. For info contact Deb McEneaney mcsanzo@hopeworksltd.com or 917-741-6257
ANNUAL GOLF OUTING	Monday, October 1st, at the Bridge

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