

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### Sara Ann Rickles Center for Independent Living Ribbon Cutting Ceremony June 5, 2017

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Ribbon Cutting
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Congratulations to Ryan Mango and Lorenzo DiAndrea who were honored at the Denville Sunrise Rotary Student Award ceremony on Tuesday, June 6th. This award recognizes students who volunteer within the Denville area and beyond by demonstrating excellence in the field of community service.

Ryan and Lorenzo both have spent many hours volunteering in various ways. Throughout this past year, Ryan has volunteered at the St. Francis Residential Community in Denville. His mentor, recreation coordinator Jean Kay, describes Ryan as being serious and attentive about completing any task expected of him. He is extremely caring and compassionate when spending time and building relationships with the residents. Ryan has also contributed to building relationships within his school community. Much of this was brought about through his love of art and creating characters for people to give as gifts and acts of kindness. This has gone such a long way by establishing himself as an active school member. He currently is making and sewing small finger puppet characters along with a box as a setting which he will donate to the younger students to use for symbolic play in their classrooms.

Ryan is extremely generous and has made several donations to the 11th Hour Rescue animal adoption center where Ryan has also volunteered. He generated his own idea of selling his card collection at the Celebrate the Children school store to raise money to donate to 11th Hour Rescue. Ryan gives from his heart and expects nothing in return. He is as genuine as they come.

Since January, Lorenzo has volunteered for the Morris County Senior Citizen Nutrition Program at Cook's Pond in Denville. Here he assists with preparing meals and serving. He also enjoys interacting with the volunteers and patrons as a BINGO assistant. Lorenzo has the warmth and presence strong enough to bring about smiles of everyone around him. He goes out of his way to make sure everyone is greeted with a smile and a handshake every morning as he arrives at school. He thoroughly enjoys interacting with teachers, staff, students, and community members. Lorenzo possesses a strong work ethic which he has proven many times over at all of the community internships in which he has participated. He embraces each work project with motivation and determination. There has not been a job yet that he has not been able to learn and perform with a high level of independence. Along with working and volunteering in the community, Lorenzo is involved in several community service group projects.

Lorenzo has demonstrated a great amount of effort when participating in CTC's Young Adult Program OT Community Group, a group run by the Occupational, Speech, and Physical Therapists packaging and delivering Ellagance bags to hospitals. Ellagance bags, which contain toiletries and treats, are distributed to the parents who spend countless hours in hospitals while their children are receiving care. An event, also sponsored by CTC's Related Services team is an annual pancake breakfast served for free to the Denville Fire Department and Police Department as a thank you for all they provide for the community. Proceeds from CTC staff contributions from the most recent breakfast went to support a fund called Keep Ian Mobile, an organization established to raise money for a boy with disabilities in need of a transportation vehicle for his wheelchair.

Lorenzo and Ryan, you make Celebrate the Children proud of all of your accomplishments throughout the years and for being recognized for your service to the community by receiving the Denville Sunrise Rotary Student Award.



# Sibling Day

Friday, May 26th was Sibling Day at CTC. We were thrilled to have had approximately 25 siblings join us for this special day. The teachers planned fun, experienced -based lessons that allowed the siblings to experience a typical school day along with their sibling. In addition, SFSS and the FC department held developmentally appropriate pull-out groups that allowed the siblings to get to know one another, discuss his or her sibling, and to celebrate the unique qualities that make each person special.

## SIBLINGS Make the Best of Friends



## CULTURE FAIR

The students in Sam and Nikki's class have been learning about different cultures around the world. Last Friday they hosted a Culture Fair. The students worked in groups to create projects about a culture of their choice. Projects included fun facts, art work, photo booths with traditional clothing, food, live entertainment, and more!



## A MESSAGE FROM NURSE MARY

As summer is approaching and everyone is spending more time outside, hiking, camping and playing, it is important to keep an eye on ticks. A bite from a deer tick may cause Lyme Disease which can have long term implications if not treated. According to the CDC, you can decrease your risk of getting Lyme disease with some simple precautions: Cover up when in wooded or grassy areas, wear shoes, long pants tucked into your socks, a long-sleeved shirt, a hat and gloves. Try to stick to trails and avoid walking through low bushes and long grass. If you see a bulls eye rash on yourself or your child, report it immediately to your physician for follow up treatment.

Here's how to keep those pesky annoying ticks from stopping your summertime fun with a simple homemade solution! Also, you can use a lint roller right after being in the woods or on a brush walk.

### Repellent for your pets:

For pets, add 1 cup of water to a spray bottle, followed by 2 cups of distilled white vinegar. Ticks hate the smell and taste of vinegar, and will be easily repelled by this ingredient alone. Then, add two spoonfuls of vegetable or almond oil, which both contain sulfur (another natural tick repellent).

To make a repellent that will also deter fleas, mix in a few spoonfuls of lemon juice, citrus oil, or peppermint oil, any of which will repel ticks and fleas while also creating a nicely scented repellent. Spray onto the pet's dry coat, staying away from sensitive areas including eyes, nose, mouth, and genitals. When outdoors for an extended period, spray this solution on two to three times per day.

### For you and your family:

In a spray bottle, mix 2 cups of distilled white vinegar and 1 cup of water. To make a scented solution so you don't smell like bitter vinegar all day, add 20 drops of your favorite essential oil. Eucalyptus oil is a calm, soothing scent that also works as a tick repellent, while peppermint and citrus oils give off a strong crisp scent that also repels ticks.

After mixing the solution, spray onto clothing, skin, and hair before going outdoors. Reapply every four hours to keep ticks at bay, and examine your skin and hair when back inside to make sure no ticks are on the body.



# ADMIT ONE

Celebrate the Children Presents:

## GAME ON!

*A Celebrate the Children Original Production*



Pre>Show Party 5:30 \* Curtain at 6  
**Thursday, June 15, 2017**

The College of St. Elizabeth  
2 Convent Rd. Morristown, NJ 07960  
[CELEBRATETHECHILDREN.ORG](http://CELEBRATETHECHILDREN.ORG)



## Get Ready for Denville's Great Duck Race on June 17

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The bright yellow wooden duck signs have started to populate around town, which means the Denville Sunrise Rotary's Great Duck Race is right around the corner. This year's Great Denville Duck Race is set to take place on June 17 at Gardner Field from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.



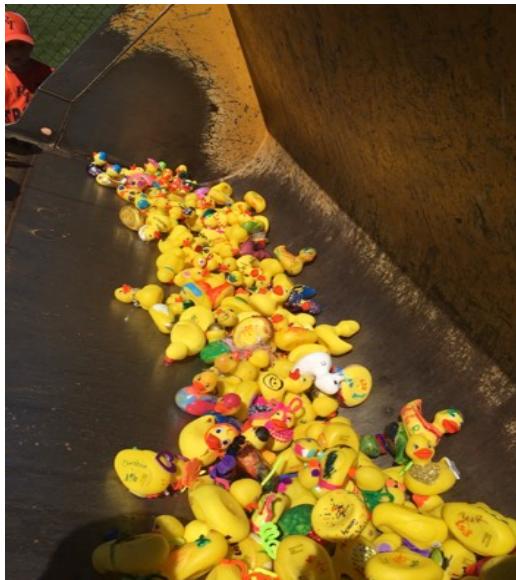
Ducks floating down the river will be entered starting at 10 am. Judging for decorated ducks takes place at 10:45 am.

To signal the start of the race, Mayor Andes will shoot the starting cannon at the River. The Duck Loader will drop the ducks into the Rockaway River at 11:00 am.



As the ducks race down the river to the finish line, prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. At the completion of the race, all the ducks are collected and returned to app the participants.

This fantastic fundraiser is definitely one of my favorite community events of the year. The race is usually at the start of summer break, everyone is excited and enjoying the sunshine together along the river. The kids (and adults) get so into the duck decorating and festivities; it really is such a unique experience. Aside from cheering on all the kids' ducks as they race down the river, I love checking out all the painted and decorated ducks.



Ducks are \$10 each and are available at Write On Gifts, Denville Dairy, Provident Bank, Denville Dawg and Grill, Denville Diner, Town Hall, Pure Barre, and Casa D' Pizza. A 50/50 will be drawn at 12 Noon. 50/50 tickets are currently available from any member of the Denville Sunrise Rotary Club and will also be for sale on the day of the race.

Sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville, this event benefits the various charitable projects. E-mail [nancy0925@aol.com](mailto:nancy0925@aol.com) or [jimlasala@aol.com](mailto:jimlasala@aol.com) with inquiries. Break out the arts and crafts and start painting those ducks! We'll see you at the river for the Duck Race on June 17 at 10 am sharp!





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THE BOGGS CENTER ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

*New Jersey's University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service*

## Training Opportunities

**NEW DATES ADDED!**

### **Workshops for People with Developmental Disabilities and Families**

#### **The Family and Support Coordination Partnership: Making Choices, Becoming Empowered, and Supporting the Life Your Family Member Wants**

As the service delivery system changes, all people with developmental disabilities receiving services through DDD will be able to choose a support coordination agency along with the services they receive. This training will provide families with the information they need about support coordination. Participants will also learn how to help their family members select a support coordination agency that will best meet their needs, work in partnership with the support coordinator throughout the person centered planning process, and identify service providers to help their family member achieve the life he or she wants.

Date	Time	Location
June 9, 2017	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	LRC North, Morris Plains

**For more Training Opportunities, visit The Boggs Center web site at:**  
**<http://rwjms.rutgers.edu/boggscenter>**

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# Training Opportunities

**NEW DATES ADDED!**

**Support Coordination courses**  
**Support Coordination Orientation**

**Support Coordination Orientation:  
 Person-Centered Planning & Connection to Community Supports**

Support Coordinators play an important role in the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families. They are professionals that help to identify the supports the person needs, plan for the life the person wants, and connect the person to services that will help him/her achieve a quality life in the community. In order to do this, support coordinators need to have a working knowledge of the disability system and current models of support, be skilled in person-centered planning, be able to identify a wide array of available community services options, and effectively monitor the quality and effectiveness of supports on an ongoing basis.

As a part of the required support coordination orientation, this two-day training will introduce participants to current disability philosophy, best practices, and the roles of a support coordinator. Through a series of engaging activities participants will learn how to develop the person centered planning tool and NJ Individual Service Plan. Strategies to develop personally defined outcomes and goals will be practiced, and concepts related to connecting the person to community-based supports and services will be presented.

**Note:** This training is open to Support Coordinators, Support Coordinator Supervisors, and related professionals.

**Prerequisite:** All participants MUST complete all 5 Lessons found in Support Coordination Orientation (DDD 1.2015) on the College of Direct Support a week prior to training date.

Date	Time	Location
June 13 & 14, 2017	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	NJACP, Ewing
July 10 & 11, 2017	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	The Boggs Center, New Brunswick
July 24 & 25, 2017	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Arc of Morris, Flanders

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## Support Coordination Workshops

### **Developing Person-Centered Outcomes: Technical Assistance Workshop for Support Coordinators**

The development of personally-defined outcomes is the cornerstone of a quality individual service plan (ISP). Information support coordinators gather throughout the planning process helps to describe what the person would like to achieve and the supports and services needed to make this a reality.

The role support coordinators play in facilitating conversations with people with disabilities and their families is crucial to helping people describe their vision for life, define outcomes, and select the services and supports that will help them to achieve this. Through the use of a presentation and guided practice, this workshop will teach participants techniques useful in the identification of person-centered outcomes.

**Note:** This training is open to Support Coordinators and Support Coordinator Supervisors

**Prerequisite:** Completion of SC Orientation and actively working with a caseload for at least 30 days. Support Coordinators that have taken the SC Orientation fewer than 30 days prior will not be registered and should attend a workshop at a later date.

In order to participate, Support Coordinators need to bring a print out of the PCPT and NJISP of a person she/he is currently working with (names and identifiers blacked out). These documents will be used throughout the workshop.

Date	Time	Location
June 27, 2017	10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Mullica Hill Library, Mullica Hill

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## RIDE FOR AUTISM

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT  
**CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN SCHOOL**

# Saturday, July 22

Registration starts at 10AM. Kickstands up at 11AM.

## 50/50, FOOD, MUSIC & MORE

*CELEBRATE THE CHILDREN (CTC) IS A NOT FOR PROFIT SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN DENVILLE, NJ. CTC CURRENTLY SERVES 130 STUDENTS FROM 70 DIFFERENT DISTRICTS THOUGHOUT NJ & NY.*

RIDERS \$20 \* PASSENGERS/ATTENDEES \$10

FREE CUSTOM T-SHIRT MADE BY CTC STUDENTS FOR THE FIRST 50 REGISTRANTS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### GRADUATION

June 20 @ 10am Pre K & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 June 21 @ 11am 12<sup>th</sup> grade & Young Adult

**Just a reminder, students have ½ days June 19-23 and the last day of school for students is Friday, June 23.**

### Save the Date Family Picnic & Egg Drop

Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 AM



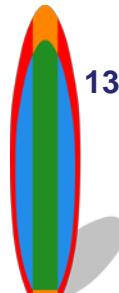
### CTC Spring Concert “Game On”

June 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm  
The College of St Elizabeth



### Ride For Autism

Saturday, July 22  
 Registration 10am  
 Kickstands up 11am  
 50/50, Food, Music & More  
 Riders \$20 Passengers/Attendees \$10  
 Pre-Register at [celebratethechildren.org](http://celebratethechildren.org)  
 973-989-4033 ext 199 or 415  
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[jhammond@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:jhammond@celebratethechildren.org)



### 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Beach Bash

Sept 10 from 9-4  
 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Beach  
 Ocean Ave & 7<sup>th</sup> Ave  
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