

June 3, 2016

Celebrate the Children

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**This week on New Jersey Viewpoint:
May 29, 2016**

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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- Around Campus
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We bring you Celebrate the Children, also known as CTC. It is a state-approved private school located in Denville, and it serves a diverse range of students with autism, and other challenges in relating and communicating. The students range in age from 3 to 21.

Joining us in the studio from Celebrate the Children are Monica Osgood, the Co-Founder and, Cuong Do, the Retired Board Chair. Also with them is Dr. Serena Wieder, Clinical Director of the Profectum Foundation.

Segment One: Celebrate the Children

MONICA G. OSGOOD
Co-Founder, Celebrate the Children

CUONG DO
Retired Board Chair, CTC

SERENA WIEDER, Ph.D.
Clinical Dir., Profectum Foundation

Go to: <http://abc7ny.com/society/new-jersey-viewpoint/37850/> to watch the video.

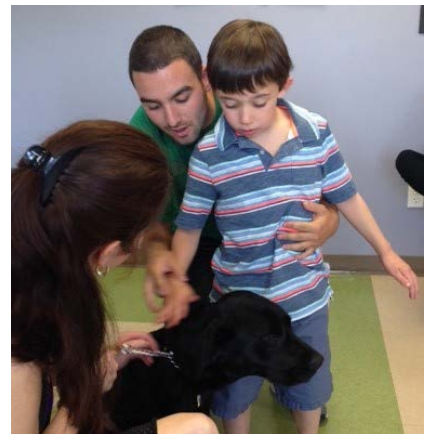
Spring Concert June 16th @ The College of St. Elizabeth @ 5:30PM
Contact Kristin Polster with any questions
kpolster@celebratethechildren.org 973-989-4033 Ext. 199

A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM

JACKIE D & SAM'S CLASS

Samantha and Jackie D.'s class Philanthropy Project:

Throughout the year, Samantha and Jackie D.'s class raised money to sponsor a seeing eye dog through the Pennies for Pups program at the Seeing Eye program in Morristown. We collected donations from a bake sale at Celebrate the Children, friends, and family as well as participating in chores around the community and at home. The Seeing Eye breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs, trains Seeing Eye dogs to guide blind people, instructs blind people in the proper use, handling, and care of the dogs and conducts and supports research on canine health and development. Together our classes raised \$175.00! For our participation and donation, we received a picture of "Yanna" the golden retriever pup and a certificate of sponsorship! On May 25th, 2016, we were visited by the Pennies for Pups representatives Don, Kathy, and her 2-year old working dog "Mac"! The students attended a presentation and participated in a Q & A session about the program. They were very interested in learning about "Mac's" daily routine and job responsibilities. Time was set aside at the end of the presentation for the students to individually meet "Mac" and pet him. It was an enjoyable visit! We are very proud of the student's efforts to fundraise and give back to help others! Thank you to the Seeing Eye program in Morristown and to all the families for their participation and support in our project!



Denville Sunrise Rotary Club donated 50 ducks to CTC for our students to decorate. Join them on June 18th and show your support of "The Great Denville Duck Race".



Denville Sunrise Rotary Club



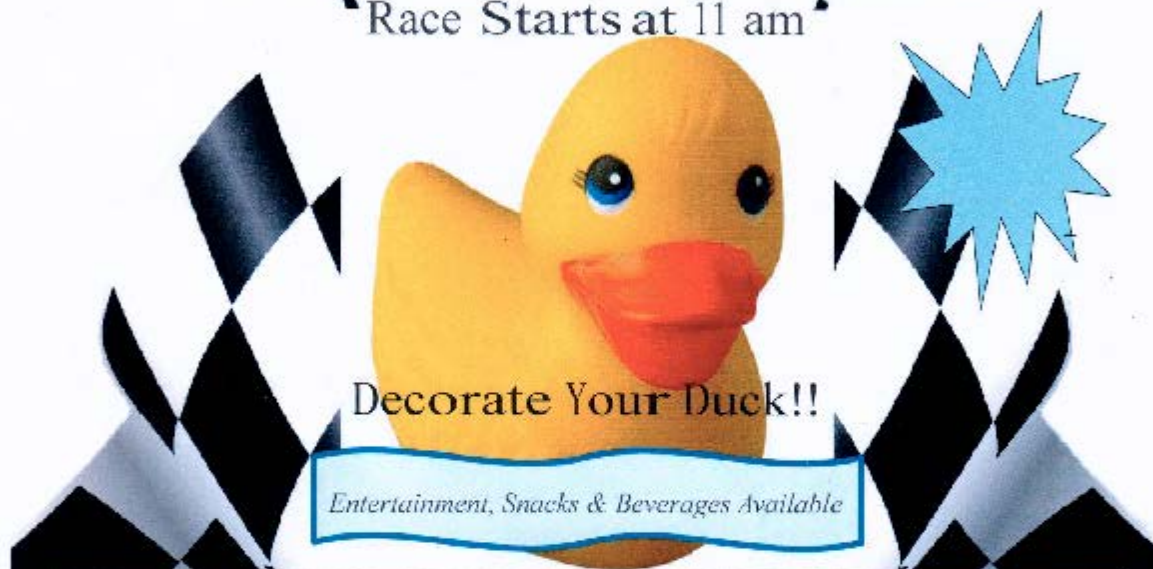
Fundraiser

"The Great Denville Duck Race"

June 18th 2016 Gardner Field check in 10:00am

decorated duck judging 10am - 10:45am

• Race Starts at 11 am •



Decorate Your Duck!!

Entertainment, Snacks & Beverages Available

Buy a Duck for \$10.00 at....

Denville Dairy Provident Bank Denville Town Hall

***** Or at the RACE *****

dhoughtaling@.com
908-403-6535

Merlin's KIDS Temple Grandin Achievement Award

“They said I couldn't but I did!”

Nominate someone with autism who has achieved!

We are seeking nominations of students & adults with autism or related developmental differences who have embraced their strengths and achieved beyond expectations.

We think you may know someone! Please nominate and share!

Nominations accepted through June!

Voting is open - Nominate and share early!

Two age categories (under 21 and 21+).

Dr. Temple Grandin judges the finalists!

Win \$1000 prize package & meet Dr. Grandin!

Visit MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com!

Inspired by [Dr. Temple Grandin's book, *Different, Not Less*](#), Merlin's KIDS is partnering with **Dr. Grandin** to celebrate these individuals with the [Merlin's KIDS Temple Grandin Achievement Award](#).

Merlin's KIDS will award a \$1,000 prize package to each of the two winning candidates, and will arrange an opportunity to meet with [Dr. Temple Grandin](#).

Go to MerlinsKIDS.strutta.com to find out more information and to submit your story by June. The earlier you submit and share, the more votes you can get to move you into the final judging round, where Dr. Grandin may choose your story as the winner!

Thank you so much!

Janice Wolfe, Founder/Executive Director at Merlin's KIDS

View the contest: MerlinsKIDS.Strutta.com

The St. Luke Parish Special Needs Ministry
presents
TWO-TIME GRAMMY NOMINEE FOR BEST CHILDREN'S ALBUM
**BRADY RYMER AND THE
LITTLE BAND THAT COULD**

"Might just be the
best-sounding band in
children's music"
says NPR's All Things Considered

OPEN TO EVERYONE!
BRING THE FAMILY!

POPCORN
& DRINKS
& LOADS OF
FUN!

JOYFUL, ROOTSY
ROCK 'N' ROLL
FOR KIDS & FAMILIES



JUNE 5 at 3:00pm

MASS FOLLOWED BY LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

FREE! (FREE-WILL OFFERING APPRECIATED)



Songs from their latest hit
recording "JUST SAY HI!"



St. Luke Parish
Special Needs Ministry
That All May Be One

265 West Mill Road
P.O. Box 416, Long Valley, NJ 07853

CTC CONNECTIONS - RESOURCE WEBSITE

...everything you need to navigate the journey!!

On this site you will find access to a vast array of Local, State, & National Resources and Organizations dedicated to supporting children, families, and professionals. You can sign up for newsletters & publications, locate workshops, seminars and conferences, access webinars, find publishers, connect to other families, get homework help, and the list goes on!

We encourage you to explore, connect, and utilize the vast resources that are available to you through these organizations. The knowledge you will gain, the confidence it will afford you in your journey, and the community connections you will secure are invaluable!

Look for the "CTC Connections" logo on the home page of the CTC School website
<https://sites.google.com/a/celebratethechildren.org/national-and-state-organizations/>

Planning for Adult Life Parent Forum & Opportunity Expo

Hosted by "Planning for Adult Life"
for Students & Families in Special
Education Ages 14-21

Saturday June 4, 9:00-1:00

At Celebrate the Children

230 Diamond Spring Road Denville

Workshop Sessions Include:

- *Parents Perspective on Planning
- *Employment Options
- *Guardianship *Understanding
SSI/Medicaid * Accessing Services &
Natural Supports in Your Community
- * College Opportunities

TO REGISTER:

www.PlanningForAdultLife.org

This site can also be accessed through
CTC Connections "Transition" Tab

It may be when we no longer know what to do, we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey.

— Wendell Berry

Morris County HOW

Our "HOW" Series for family planning/education for Life After School provided in coordination with Planning for Adult Life has ended for this year. We will resume workshops in the 2016-2017 School Year and meetings will be scheduled during the school day.

Look for more info in the near future.

For More Info on This and Other Opportunities

email Caroline: cmclaughlin@arcnj.org

CTC MAPs Club

Making Action Plans for Life and Career

Transition Navigators meet with older students twice monthly completing activities based on transition curriculum. Small group activities, peer to peer discussions, formal presentation, and individual activities allow students opportunities to learn how to identify their strengths/challenges and set life goals for the future.

CTC Parent Support Groups

We have a few Parent run Support Groups that meet on and off premise. Contact your SFSS Case Manager for more details!

We also strongly encourage families to reach out to their home communities for support and recreation opportunities!

Upcoming Events

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Hosting Opportunity: A professional from CTC UK will visit for two weeks this summer and is looking for a host family. Please contact Kmccolligan@celebratethechildren.org for more information.

Planning for Adult Life will host
SPRING OPPORTUNITY EXPO
CTC Host Site – **Saturday, June 4, 9-1**
FREE Parent Forum and Opportunity Expo!
To register: www.PlanningForAdultLife.org

Early Dismissal
June 20th & 21st

Last Day of School
June 21st

Denville Rotary Street Festival
When: Sunday, June 5, 11-6 (no rain date)
Where: Main St/Broadway, Denville
The Denville Rotary Street Festival event will have live music, a chili cook-off, beer garden, 50/50 ticket sales, rides, gourmet foods such as roasted spit-fired BBQ beef and fresh seafood served at an outdoor café, and many other crowd-drawing activities for the whole family. Come and join the fun!



Denville Sunrise Rotary Club
The Great Denville Duck Race
June 18th Gardner Field
Check in 10 am
Decorated duck judging 10-10:45 am
Race Starts at 11 am
Fun activities throughout the morning.
Entertainment, Snacks & Beverages
Available



Celebrate the Children

A School for Children with Alternative Learning Styles

Phone: 973.989.4033
www.celebratethechildren.org

Graduations
June 20 @ 10 am
Pre K & 8th grade
June 21st @ 10 am
12th grade & the Adult Program
Both will be in the gymnasium

Spring Concert
June 16 @ 5:30
At the College of St Elizabeth
More details to follow

**St Luke Parish Special Needs Ministry
Presents**
**Brady Rymer and the Little Band That
Could**
June 5 @ 3pm
265 West Mill Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853

New Jersey Performing Arts Center:
From the Inside Out This groundbreaking program offers a class in improvisation for teens diagnosed with Aspergers' Syndrome and/or Autism. Explore relationships and social cues in classes that focus on ensemble and team building. Improvisational games used in this class will teach students skills such as accessing emotions and storytelling. This program provides a safe and fun environment where students can explore and challenge themselves. Ages: 14 – 18
August 8 - 12, 2016 • 9:30am - 3:30pm
Tuition: \$750/No auditions required.

Green Vision Donations
can be made by contacting:
greenvision@celebratethechildren.org
or call 973-989-4033 x 145