

# Celebrate the Children

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### RAIN GARDEN INSTALLATION!

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Rain Garden Installation
- Classrooms
- Upcoming Events

Celebrate the Children partnered with Rutgers Cooperative Extension to install a Rain Garden on campus last week! Through science-based educational programs, Rutgers Cooperative Extension enhances the quality of life for residents of New Jersey and brings the wealth of knowledge of the state university to local communities. Rain gardens are specifically designed to manage stormwater runoff. Rain gardens look like regular perennial gardens, but they are much more. During a storm, a rain garden fills with water, and the water slowly filters into the ground rather than running into storm sewers. Compared to a patch of lawn, a rain garden allows about 30% more water to soak into the ground. Therefore, by capturing stormwater, rain gardens help to reduce nonpoint source pollution (i.e., road sediment/salt, fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria from pet waste, eroded soil, grass clippings, litter, etc.) and help to protect local waterways. Rain gardens also add beauty to neighborhoods and provide wildlife habitats. Our students and staff worked super hard on a beautiful day to get this very important job done and will continue to learn from and maintain the garden in the days, months, and years to come! A big thank you to Pat Rector, Dan Ross, Valley Fall Farms & Yuriy Osadca, and Plant Detectives for their expertise and assistance!

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## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM SAM'S CLASS



This week for CBI our class went to Muriel Hepner Park in Denville for a fishing trip. The students practiced safety around the water, learned how to put on a life jacket, how to put bait on a hook, how to cast, and how to release fish back into the pond. The students also had a picnic lunch with their peers. They had a great time at the park and enjoyed the beautiful foliage!



## A PEAK INTO THE CLASSROOM JACKIE'S CLASS

We have been extremely busy so far this year in Jackie G's Young Adult class. Everyone has settled in and has been working very hard in their internships both in and out of the building. Our first order of business was organizing the school garden which included lots of weeding! The staff and students were able to harvest an abundance of delicious crunchy green beans and big beautiful bulbs of garlic. As part of their agriculture internship, they prepped and bagged the beans and sold them around the school. We also cooked with them, as well as the garlic, making delicious meals such as sautéed green beans, bruschetta, and guacamole.

We also have been learning about a variety of fall fruits and vegetables by visiting local farms and the Frelinghuysen Arboretum during our weekly CBIs.

Stay tuned for more exciting news from Jackie G's class throughout the year!





## **A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM ART MARY BETH'S CLASS**



Students continue to be inspired by Contemporary Artists. This month we focus on the Pattern and Decoration movement. Pattern and Decoration became a movement in the 70's and included artists Robert Kushner, Joyce Kozloff, Miriam Schapiro, and others.

This week students focused on Robert Kushner to create a triptych collage in his style. A triptych is a painting or other work in 3 parts. Students are creating beautiful decorative flower collages and expanding on their ideas and technique with additional materials as they progress.

"The eye can wander, the mind think unencumbered through visual realms that are expansively and emotionally rich. Decoration has always had its own agenda, the sincere and unabashed offering of pleasure and solace." Robert Kushner



## **A PEAK INTO THE PROGRAM MUSIC DAN'S CLASS**



Greetings from CTC music! So far this year we've been having fun learning about how different instruments work and sometimes how they are actually made. The most fun part, however, is having the opportunity to experiment with playing all of the instruments. Some of the instruments we've played include: snare drum, bongos, congas, steel drum, xylophone, guitar and the Beamz machine. We are looking forward to another great year of music here at CTC.







**Our 2016 Caregivers Conference is only 1 month away, please register now!** United Way *Caregivers Coalition* is dedicated not only to honoring the important role caregivers play, but also to connecting them to resources and information that empower them to best support their own needs and those of their loved ones. If you provide care for a loved one or work to support those who do, our free Essex County Conference is just for you. The event is on Saturday, November 5 and the doors open at 8:30am for registration. A complimentary breakfast buffet will be available all morning and a light take home snack will be given to all attendees. Join us this November 5th for **Caregiver Bootcamp**. Hope you can join us to learn valuable information from local experts, learn about local resources, and connect with other caregivers.

**Join Us!**

### **Caregivers Conference in Essex County**

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**

8:30am – 1:00pm

Immaculate Conception Church

Madonna Hall

1 Munn Street

Montclair, NJ

### **Workshop Topics:**

- *Care Management*
- *Important Legal Issues for Caregivers*
- *Demonstrations on Hands-On Care in the Home*
- *Caregiver College 101 - How to Survive*

For questions about this conference, call [Deborah Day](tel:973.993.1160) at [973.993.1160, x209](tel:973.993.1160).

For more information on the United Way *Caregivers Coalition* Conference Series, email [CaregiversCoalition@UnitedWayNNJ.org](mailto:CaregiversCoalition@UnitedWayNNJ.org) or call 1.888.33UWCARES([888.338.9227](tel:888.338.9227)). We hope to see you at the conferences!

**Deborah Day**

*Manager, United Way Caregivers Coalition*

# CTC School Portraits ~ 2016/2017

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# Hudson Farm 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Charitv Hike



**Saturday, October 15, 2016**  
**Hike begins between 7:30 am and 11:00 am**  
**270 Stanhope-Sparta Rd.**  
**GPS: 40.969173, -74.669309**

**Connect with Nature!**  
**New Hike Route**  
**Hike & Enjoy Lunch**  
**All are welcome**

**Your participation benefits**  
**Sussex County Police Athletic League**  
**Lakeland EMS, Byram Fire Department &**  
**Local Youth Organizations**

**For more information contact Sharon Tarczynski**  
**973 796-0214 or [byramhike@gmail.com](mailto:byramhike@gmail.com)**  
**Pre-registration is available until October 1, 2016 by**  
**emailing [byramhike@gmail.com](mailto:byramhike@gmail.com) with name, ages of**  
**hikers and email address for pre-registration**  
**confirmation**

This 5.2 mile self-guided hike will take you on a two-hour walk through the picturesque scenery of this historic property. This is a wonderful event. Enjoy time with your family and friends while you raise money for the Sussex County PAL, Byram Township Fire Department, Lakeland Emergency Squad, and Local Youth Organizations. Hudson Farm will donate \$1 per year of age of each hiker to any of the four participating organizations. Register by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> and get double your age in \$\$\$ to donate to your group of choice.

Pre-registration will be accepted at the email below thru October 1, 2016, please include your name, age and email address to receive a confirmation of your registration. Mark your calendar now for this great community event!

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues until 11:00 a.m. at Hudson Farm. Cars can be parked at the farm. In the event the cars fill the farm parking lots, signs will direct participants to an overflow lot where shuttle buses will transport hikers to the farm. This trail begins and ends at Hudson Farm. Please carpool.

Pre-register by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to: **[byramhike@gmail.com](mailto:byramhike@gmail.com)**

*New for the  
 2016 Hike  
 It is  
 Recommended  
 that each Hiker  
 contribute \$1.00  
 for every 10  
 Years of their  
 age.*

*1-10 yrs = \$1.00*

*11-20yrs- \$2.00*

*21-30yrs=\$3.00*

*31-40yrs=\$4.00*

*41-50yrs=\$5.00*

*And so on...*

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*This money will  
 then be donated  
 back to your  
 groups*

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*Pre register by  
 October 1st*

**Hudson Farm was a generous supporter of Celebrate the Children during our first years in operation and continues to support local youth organizations.**

Don't Need It Anymore?

**Don't Throw It Away!**

**DONATE IT AND SUPPORT OUR**

**ClothingDriveFundraiser.Com**



# USED CLOTHING DRIVE

**TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
Celebrate the Children School**

## COLLECTING THESE ITEMS:

### CLOTHING/SHOES

All Types / Styles of  
Used Wearable Clothing  
(Men, Women and Kids)  
All Sneakers and Shoes



### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Blankets Table Cloths  
Sheets/Pillows Drapery/Curtains  
Bedspreads Bath Rugs  
Quilts Kitchen / Bath  
Comforters Accessories  
Towels (made of fabric)



**NO** Books/CD's, VHS Tapes, Kitchen Appliances,  
Outdoor Toys or Furniture, Please.

**PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.**

We are working with [clothingdrivefundraiser.com](http://clothingdrivefundraiser.com) and we'll receive  
a monetary donation based on the total weight of the items we collect.



### ACCESSORIES

Purses, Backpacks,  
Briefcases, Belts,  
Hats / Gloves,  
Under garments,  
Socks, Scarves / Ties &  
Baby Accessories

### TOYS

Soft Toys:  
-Stuffed Animals, etc.  
Hard Toys:  
Cars, Airplanes,  
Playsets, Blocks  
Etc.



## DATES / TIMES

**Thursday, October 20 & Friday, October 21, 2016**

**Last Drop-Off Time Friday, Oct 21 at 10 AM**

If you are unable to drop off your items on these dates and times, to make arrangements, please contact:  
**973-989-4033 Ext. 199**

## LOCATION

**Celebrate the Children School Campus**

**230 Diamond Spring Rd. Denville - Please drop by the back door**

Items will be sent to support people in need of wearable used clothing via micro-enterprise programs around the globe.  
Items not suitable for reuse will be recycled.



**tdf** Theatre Development Fund  
**Autism Theatre Initiative**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Tickets for**  
**THE PHANTOM**  
**OF THE OPERA**  
**Go On Sale**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 28TH**  
**AT 12PM (EST)**

TDF is proud to present an Autism-Friendly performance of  
 The Phantom of the Opera on Saturday, November 19 at 1:00 pm



**Please save the date for**  
**THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**  
**Autism-Friendly Performance:**  
**Saturday, November 19, 2016 @ 1pm**  
**Majestic Theater**

245 West 44th Street  
 New York, NY 10036

**TICKETS GO ON SALE**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28TH 2016 AT 12PM (EST)**

**Only at: [www.tdf.org/phantom](http://www.tdf.org/phantom)**

Theatre Development Fund (TDF), the nation's largest not-for-profit service organization for the performing arts, is proud to continue serving the autism community with our Autism Theatre Initiative, making theatre accessible to children and adults who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or other sensitivity issues, and their families.

**TDF is delighted to offer an autism-friendly performance of the musical THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at 1pm.**

Far beneath the majesty and splendour of the Paris Opera House, hides the Phantom in a shadowy existence. Shamed by his physical appearance and feared by all, the love he holds for his beautiful protégée Christine Daaé is so strong that even her heart cannot resist.

The musical opened at Her Majesty's Theatre on 9 October 1986 with Michael Crawford and Sarah Brightman in the leading roles, and there have been dozens of productions worldwide since then. Now in its 30th record-breaking year, The Phantom of the Opera continues to captivate audiences at Her Majesty's Theatre in London's West End, after more than 12,000 performances.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's mesmerizing score along with jaw-dropping scenery and breathtaking special effects, magically combine to bring this tragic love story to life each night.

For this special performance, accommodations will be made including a supportive audience environment, designated activity and quiet areas, adjustments to lights and sound, and online resource materials. This performance is not recommended for children under 8 years old. For more information regarding the performance and modifications that are being made, please go to [www.tdf.org/phantom](http://www.tdf.org/phantom).



## 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 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 "CTC Connections" on the home page of the CTC School website

Go to the "MORE" tab, click on "RESOURCES", then "CTC CONNECTIONS"

<http://www.celebratethechildren.org/ctc-connections.html>

### Featured CTC Connections Resource Link:



Planned Lifetime Assistance  
Network of New Jersey, Inc.

*Lifetime Advocacy for People with Disabilities*

PLAN/NJ is a unique, not-for-profit agency that provides solutions to families concerned about the future lifetime support and quality of life of a loved one with a significant disability or mental health challenge.

#### CORE SERVICES:

- Life Planning – Legal, Estate & Independent Living
- Special Needs Trust Administration
- Home Visit Monitoring
- Guardianship
- Representative Payee (SSI)

This site is listed under the "NJ Disability Organizations" Tab  
We encourage families and professionals to visit this website and many others listed on the CTC Connections Resource Website:

<http://www.celebratethechildren.org/ctc-connections.html>

### Morris County HOW

Our "HOW" Hands On Workshop Series

Is your student ready for life after high school?

Are you?

"HOW" is a five-part workshop series to help families navigate the transition from school to adult life.

Our NEXT MEETING of the 2016-2017 School Year is

**Monday Nov 14, 10:00-11:30am**

**RSVP REQUIRED**

email [Cheri\\_calexander@celebratethechildren.org](mailto:Cheri_calexander@celebratethechildren.org)

Mark Your Calendars with the Additional Meeting Dates in the Series: Jan 9, Feb 13, March 13

*"Life is  
what you  
make it,  
always has  
been,  
always will  
be."  
-Grandma  
Moses*



### CTC Parent Support Groups & SFSS Small Group Parent Series

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!



## Stress: Understanding its Impact, Symptoms & Recovery

Bridging Developmental Practice, Neurobiology and Cutting Edge  
Technology to Promote Emotional Well Being and Progress for Children  
and Young Adults with Developmental Challenges

**October 30, 2016**

**JOHN JAY COLLEGE**

524 West 59th Street  
New York, NY 10019

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Rosalind W. Picard, ScD  
Theresa Hamlin, EdD

### PROFECTUM FACULTY

Serena Wieder, PhD  
Ricki Robinson, MD, MPH  
Tal Baz, MS, OTR/L  
Gilbert Foley, EdD  
Sima Gerber, PhD, CCC-SLP  
Connie Lillas, PhD, MFT, RN  
Monica G. Osgood  
Ruby Salazar, LCSW, BCD  
Traci D. Swink, MD

Profectum Foundation 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NY Conference



**One Night Only**  
**Oct. 22, 2016**

# Comedy Night

to benefit **Celebrate the Children Foundation**

**Featuring:**



**Leighann Lord**

Smart, sexy, and funny! Stand-up Comedian, Author and Keynote Speaker. Leighann Lord has been named one of New York's 10 Hottest Comics. She's also been seen on Lifetime, AspireTV, Comedy Central, HBO's Def Comedy All-Star Jam and ABC's The View.



Your MC for the Evening:  
**Terry-Ann Zander**

**Sherry Davey**

She is a single mother of two daughters aged 17 (God helper) and 11. She is a professional comedian, writer and actress. Sherry was seen most recently on NickMom's NICKMOM NIGHT OUT and NICKMOM ON... She also recently appeared on AXS TV's GOTHAM LIVE and TV Guide Channel's STAND UP IN STILETTOS. Her credits include: Nick At Nite's SEARCH FOR THE FUNNIEST MOM IN AMERICA Seasons 1 & 2; Comedy Central's TOUGH CROWD WITH COLIN QUINN and PREMIUM BLEND; Tru TV; NBC's THE TODAY SHOW; and Fox News Channel.



**Alex Barnett**

Alex Barnett's comedy is about family, specifically his family. Alex (who was born in New York City and exiled to Long Island, where he was raised in an over-protective shell) is the White, Jewish husband of a Black woman (who converted to Judaism) and the father of a 5-year-old, Biracial son. Featured on Sirius/XM Radio's "Raw Dog Comedy," and NBC's EVB Live, and in VH1.com, The Wall Street Journal, The Huffington Post, and CNN.com.



**The evening includes light hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer, and wine (for a suggested donation).**

**Sat., October 22, 2016, Doors open at 7 p.m.; Show starts at 8:00 p.m.**

**Celebrate the Children School, 230 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834**

**Tickets in advance:** \$50 per person \_\_\_\_\_ # of tickets

**Tickets at the Door:** \$60 per person

Friend of \_\_\_\_\_

I will not be able to attend.

Please accept my tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount to Follow** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make all checks payable to Celebrate the Children Foundation.

Payments by credit card will be accepted at [www.ctc-foundation.org](http://www.ctc-foundation.org)

**Tickets**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The Celebrate the Children Foundation is a voluntary, 501 c(3) nonprofit organization established in 2010. The mission is to promote, sponsor, fund and support education and enrichment of the curriculum of Celebrate the Children students and other related organizations. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible as permitted by law. Tax ID number is 38-3822635.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Profectum

6<sup>th</sup> Annual New York Conference

Sunday, October 30

8:30am to 5:15pm

John Jay College

524 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street

New York, NY 10019

Register @ [profectum.org](http://profectum.org)



### Clothing Drive

Thursday, Oct 20<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

Last drop-off Friday @ 10am

See flyer for acceptable items.

### Picture Days

Tuesday, October 25 Elementary & Middle School

Thursday, October 27 High School - Young Adult



### Comedy Night

To benefit Celebrate the Children Foundation

October 22 @ 8pm

Doors open @ 7pm

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### Benefit/Gala

March 11 @ 7pm

Meadow Wood Manor,

Randolph, NJ

## SAVE THE DATE



### Bowl A Thon

December 3, From 11-1

Circle Lanes

Ledgewood, NJ



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