



Help Carver Center in Final Stretch of Its Annual Appeal

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Tom Murphy of Rye and Stephanie Barrett of Greenwich are hard at work to close the gap on the Carver Center's Annual Appeal. With a goal of raising \$300,000 by June 30, the campaign co-chairs discussed the impact of Carver's work and its new after-school program conducted at Port Chester's five elementary schools.



*Stephanie Barrett and Tom Murphy,
Annual Appeal Co-Chairs*

"As funding becomes tighter across school districts, Carver helps to meet growing need by providing college prep classes for high schoolers, after-school homework help, and daily hot meals for 1,300 children. I want to be sure that the annual appeal goal is met so that these programs can continue," explains Barrett, a public school teacher in Greenwich.

Murphy adds, "Port Chester has a 16% poverty rate, so it's critically important for Carver to continue offering a fully stocked food pantry as a way to minimize food insecurity. Also, Carver provides the only community swimming pool in the area. Everyone should have access to water safety lessons, no matter the cost."

With a fundraising goal of \$3.7M in sight for fiscal year, monies raised through the annual appeal support critical needs such as the pool, food pantry, and maintenance of the increasingly well-used facility. Both Barrett and Murphy also serve on the Carver Board of Directors.

Carver's mission is to build brighter futures through programs that serve, educate, and empower. Each year, over 10,000 children, adults, seniors, and families are served through the community center. Annual appeal contributions can be sent to Ariana Aguilar, Carver Center, 400 Westchester Ave., Port Chester, NY, or made online at www.carvercenter.org.