

ANNUAL REPORT

PROGRAM YEAR 2014-2015

CARVER CENTER

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MESSAGE FROM CARVER CENTER



Carver Center has seen another year of exceptional growth, touching more lives than ever in the Port Chester community. Though we've expanded greatly, we've been meticulous in ensuring the same quality and standard of programming we've become so known for. To me the Carver Center is a gift, being a part of such an impactful organization has provided endless amounts of knowledge and a deep love and understanding for the community.

Our growth can be directly traced back to our caring and dedicated supporters and

staff. We had ambitious goals this year, many long days evolved into long nights in front of computers, planning and executing programs. I've continuously been blown away by the dedication and compassion I've seen from everyone involved. Everyone that walks into the Carver Center becomes a part of our family, that's how it's always been and, I believe, has been the key component in the great success that we've achieved!

MISSION

"To Build Brighter Futures by serving, educating, and empowering families in our community."

VISION

Joseph Kwasniewski
Chief Executive Officer

Carver Center is a full-service community center, which seeks to provide support and opportunities to enrich and improve the lives of residents in the Village of Port Chester. Carver Center is dedicated to providing a caring and compassionate environment where every individual is treated with respect and dignity.

Over 1,300 students receive a hot meal 5 days a week through Carver's Food Program

52% of Port Chester students qualify for free school lunch, for some the only hot meal of the day.





FINANCIALS

85 Cents of every dollar donated goes directly to programs!

Other

Our After School Program expanded from just 120 kids last year, to serving over 630 kids from Port Chester public schools including John F. Kennedy Elementary, Thomas A. Edison Elementary, and the middle school. Students received free programming including enrichment, tutoring, recreation and daily snack.



Financial records for the year ending June 30, 2015 were audited by Condon, O'Meara, McGinty & Donnelly, LLP, CPA. A complete audited financial statement available upon request.



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Our **TEEN CENTER** visited 11 colleges and universities this year including Yale, Columbia, University of North Carolina and Georgia State.



Carver teens volunteered over 230 hours this year at activities and events including Midnight Runs to feed the homeless in NYC, Family Services of Westchester Sharing Shelf, and Carver Center events.

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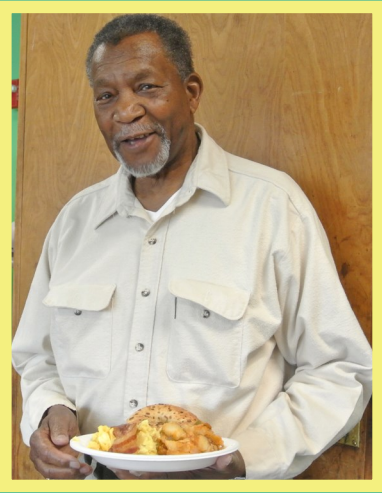


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The first ever Concert for Carver was held February 28th, 2015 at the historic Capitol theatre. Over 400 people came out to support the Carver Center and see a live show by the Spin Doctors! Everyone danced the night away and helped raise over \$350,000 for the Carver Centers life changing programming.

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Our After School Program provides kids with science, art, enrichment, and recreation to compliment the traditional school day.



We apologize if we have inadvertently omitted or misspelled your name. We assure you it was a slip of the pen, not of the heart.

COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES

Community & Family Services (CFS) meet the nutritional, emotional, social and other needs of Port Chester’s lower income residents. Our primary services include emergency and monthly food assistance through our self-shopping food pantry and food delivery to homebound seniors. CFS also offers opportunities for growth and development through educational group workshops such as our couponing club, computer classes, and Spanish language classes.



Over 457 breakfasts served at our monthly senior breakfasts



Offered 2 levels of computer classes– beginner and intermediate to clients at no charge



12 clients have successfully became US Citizens with many more in the process

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Children’s Programs contribute to the learning and healthy development of children. Our **After School Program (ASP)**, provided free for over 630 students, offers children a broad range of activities that fall under four program areas: academic support, nutritional support, enrichment, and recreation. The program both complements and distinguishes itself from the regular school day. Our **Summer Programs** offer many of the same components as ASP, but with a greater focus on enrichment and recreation to keep the summers fun. Our variety of **Saturday Programs** offer children the chance to explore specialty classes like martial arts, dance, and creative arts.



90% of students finished their homework on a daily basis



Saturday Programs offer kids a wide range of enrichment opportunities



6,000 meals were served in July alone to our summer camp attendees



FITNESS & AQUATICS

Fitness & Aquatics aims to keep our community healthy and active by providing affordable fitness options. The gymnasium and fitness center offer members a variety of workout equipment as well as group activities like boxing, basketball, and soccer. Our facilities also feature an indoor pool where children and adults can learn swimming and water safety. We believe that a healthy community is a happy community and promote personal excellence at all ability levels. Our programs enable each athlete to learn, train, compete, and have fun while developing healthy lifestyle habits.



283 Fitness Center members



600 Community Swim Lessons



Home of Port Chester High School Swim Team



VOLUNTEER

Our dedicated **Volunteers** offer their time and skills to help children and families lead better lives. Offering everything from one day volunteer opportunities to workplace team building days, we welcome all who generously offer their time. Every bit of help allows Carver Center to spread our reach even further and touch more lives.



A record 958 volunteer hours recorded over the summer



More volunteer opportunities than ever for all areas of interests



50% increase in volunteers for the senior breakfast and homebound delivery services

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Mental Health & Wellness is our newest initiative focused on bringing a mindfulness and wellbeing element to our programs by introducing Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Mental Health & Wellness helps children gain the knowledge and skills necessary to manage emotions, resolve conflicts, achieve goals, and build lasting relationships. Mental Health and Wellness completes our emphasis on the ‘whole child.’



Over 200 children in elementary school received counseling



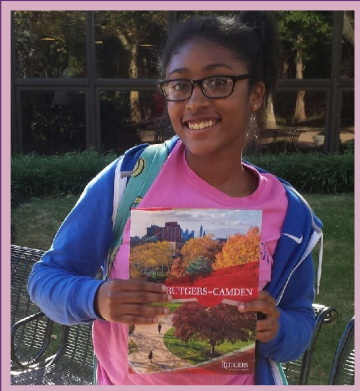
92% of kids show signs of positive performance in social emotional development



Girls Circle offers a safe space for young girls to discuss life’s issues

TEEN CENTER

Teen Center (TC) provides a safe and positive space where teens can participate in activities, build new skills, find support for life issues, and prepare for the future. The programming options are diverse and include academic support and tutoring, athletics like basketball, soccer, and boxing, community service projects, workforce development and placement, college readiness and SAT courses, and cultural enrichment, among many others. All activities are designed to foster physical, mental, and emotional well-being for teens while empowering them to be the leaders of the future!



Reached maximum Teen Center enrollment



Teen Center members volunteered a total of 615 hours last year



7,000 total Teen Center visits in From September to June