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COLOR MY WORLD



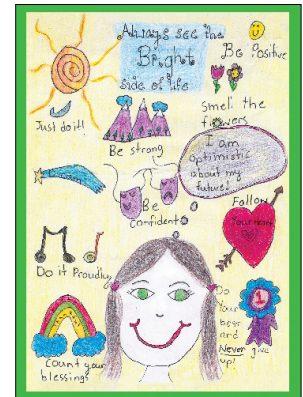
CB Cares had over 75 entries for the “Color My World” project last month. The judges selected 4 district overall winners and 12 semi-finalists who best represented their selected Asset in their illustration. The four winning illustrations are proudly showcased here in the December Backpack Newsflash and will be made into note cards for purchase closer to the holidays. (8pk/\$10)

(From L to R) **Michael Donohue** Asset #1 (Bridge Valley), **Jaime Lee Patterson** Asset#33 (Linden), **Alex Rawlings** Asset #25 (Bridge Valley), **Faith-Iris MacIrvine** Asset #40 (Linden)

The semi-finalist were:

Bridge Valley: Crystal Wang, Sara Houagimyan
Lizzie Watson, Ally D’Onofrio,
Emma Lehmann & Madelyn Panaia
Linden: Aidan MacIrvine

Butler: Anna Louderback & Ashton Bender
Pine Run: Michael Taron
Mill Creek: Karlene Keegan
Warwick: Ilene Stark



WINTER HOLIDAY EXPRESS: THE MAGIC OF DIFFERENT CULTURES

As a special treat which ties in with our December Boomerang Award Asset, CB Cares and the Y are partnering to present:

Join Magic Jim as he takes the audience (K—8th grade) on an imaginary train ride around the world. Using books that are available in school libraries, Jim teaches kids how different cultures celebrate the winter holidays. With lots of humor and audience participation, everyone will leave the program knowing more about Kwanza, Diwali, Solstice, Ramadan, Hanukkah and Christmas.



Where: The Teen Center Building at the Y
2500 Lower State Road
Doylestown, PA

When: Sunday, December 18 2-3 pm

Free to the community!





Boomerang Youth Recognition Award

November's Asset of the month was #27. **Equality and Social Justice.** Young person places a high value on assisting those who may need a helping hand. District-wide recipients of the November Boomerang Youth Recognition Award were:

Elementary



Courtney Horn, Butler Elementary, 4th grade. Courtney models this month's asset perfectly. She, first of all, took notice of the number of students in the cafeteria wasting food by throwing away unopened items into the trash. She then learned through members of her church community that the New Britain Food Larder needed food. She immediately sprang into action with a plan. She went to her principal to get permission to put a box in the cafeteria to collect non-perishable food to take to the Larder. In this way, her fellow students could contribute on a daily basis what they would otherwise throw away. Courtney checks the box every day and then delivers the food personally at the end of the week to the Larder, with the assistance of her parents. What a wonderful way to help those who need a helping hand!

Middle



Nicholas Brown, Tamanend Middle School, 9th grade. Nick's caring personality is obvious both inside and outside of school. With an extensive record of community service time and commitment, it is obvious that Nick places a high value on assisting those who need a helping hand. Volunteer work includes: making sandwiches and passing out blankets to the homeless in Philadelphia, working along side the homeless in weeding, planting and picking vegetables on a mission trip, working to improve an inner city church and serving food in a soup kitchen, and volunteering time to Soles4Souls, helping to pair and sort over 1,000 pairs of shoes which were delivered to those in underdeveloped countries. In school, Nick is a leader in participating in a group which promotes equality and social justice. Nick truly epitomizes this asset.

High School



Marianne Borrell, Central Bucks South, 10th grade. Marianne came to the Multiple Disabilities teacher in September, offering to help in Titan Forum, which is homeroom at CB South. Every day, she picks up one of the students, takes him to Titan Forum, encourages other students to communicate with him and vice-versa, and returns the student to class. She has been described as "sweet and patient." Marianne uses sign language now to facilitate her interaction with the student. She is very much a model for this month's asset.

December's Asset is #34. **Cultural Competence.** Young person has knowledge of and comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds. They accept and appreciate differences in people; they establish friendships with those from different backgrounds. We might notice, for example, that they do not tolerate jokes or other put-downs that demean people of different backgrounds.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO YOUR SCHOOL BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th.



Special thanks to our sponsors: The Bucks County Herald and Outback Steakhouse, Jamison.



YOUTH TO COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM

With the holiday season comes lots of opportunities to perform around the community! We have engaged the music departments of both Holicong Middle School and Tamanend Middle School who will perform around town.

December 9th - The H-Factor Select Choir and instrumental chamber groups from Holicong will be performing seasonal selections and other favorites at Buckingham Green Shopping Center, Rte. 202, from 4:30-6 pm. Come and enjoy the entertainment and visit the shops of Buckingham Green where many stores will have holiday treats and specials.

December 9th - Y2C teens will join others in the Teen Coffee House @ Y Teen Center from 6-10 pm.

December 17th - Saxbys Teen Music night @ Saxbys in Doylestown.

December 17 - 18th - Y2C performers at the CB Family Y for member appreciation day.

January 16th - The Tamanend performance group, Gold 'n Blues, will sing at our **MLK Opening Ceremony at 9:00 am**, First Baptist Church, Doylestown. They have chosen songs which reflect the legacy and vision of Dr. King.

Assets in Action

Evening of Ornaments



Nearly 100 Daisy, Brownie and Junior Girl Scouts in grades one through six at Groveland Elementary joined forces on a holiday service project that allows the girls to make the most of their creative talents and to help someone in need.

The girls are working to make and donate nearly 4000 handmade, heartfelt ornaments and to collect and donate over 400 non-perishable food items to local families in need through the Bucks County Housing Group's local Doylestown shelter and pantry.

TEEN PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

A Quakertown-based community organization similar to CB Cares-justCommunity, Inc.- is hosting a Teen Performing Arts Festival. Selected students from 8th-12th grade in Bucks and Montgomery counties will perform original poems, songs, and plays which focus on the theme "What's On Your Mind?"

Shows are at 3:30 and 7 pm on Sunday, December 11th at the James Lorah House, 132 N. Main Street, Doylestown. Local artisans/craftspeople will be selling their handmade gifts before and between the shows. Doors open at 3:00 pm. A \$10.00 donation for admission to the show is suggested.



What
Concerns
You?
We want to know!

Simply visit our
website
cb-cares.org
to take this survey.

CB Cares is a nonprofit organization that provides programs and resources to the Central Bucks community.



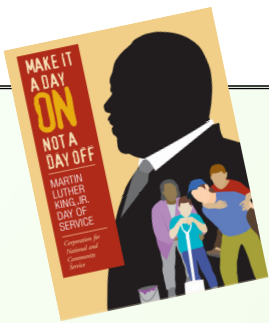
Comcast 28/Verizon 40
7:30 pm on Tuesday & Thursday

Who is CB Cares?

On this month's Parent Connections we're turning the cameras on ourselves. Tune in to learn about how CB Cares was formed with a special appearance by Dr. N. Robert Laws. Hear from parents who will talk about the impact that CB Cares' programs has on the community.

Want to learn more?

Tune in and watch!



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE

Get ready to roll up your sleeves. It's almost here, our 9th Annual MLK Day of Service.

Remember, Celebrate, Act—"A Day On, Not A Day Off"

When: Monday, January 16, 2012

Where: First Baptist Church, 311 W. State Street, Doylestown, PA
MLK celebration ceremony starts promptly at 9:00

Join with CB Cares as our country celebrates this national day of service which honors the legacy of a great American. Breakfast items will be available. All projects that need volunteers are listed in this issue of the Backpack Newsflash and for a more detailed description visit our website, where we will also keep you posted with other MLK Day updates. **For volunteer opportunities visit www.cb-cares.org**

[Bucks County Free Library - The Great Dust Off](#)

Contact: Roberta Yakovich at 215.348.9081 ext. 1240.

[St. Paul's Lutheran Church](#)

Help assemble breakfast bags and create inspiring greeting cards for our elderly and frail neighbors. Space is limited so register early. For further information and to register contact **Rose Foltz** at stpaulsmkday@gmail.com.

[Pleasant Ridge Church of Danboro](#)

Come join us as we make toys and homemade treats for kittens who are waiting to be adopted at the Bucks County SPCA. Contact **Dawn Alpaugh** at 908-310-0698 or dawnalpaugh@embarqmail.com

[Our Lady of Mount Carmel](#) OLMC will be offering a variety of projects to help those in need.

Contact: **Jeanne Reiche** at JMReiche@yahoo.com

[Animal Lifeline](#)

Please join us in building feral cat houses! Please contact **Kelly Corby** at 267-218-0784 or TreeHuggingTrio@Yahoo.com for more information

[Central Bucks YMCA Teen Center](#)

Assemble hygiene bags to help the BC Housing Group. Contact **Rachel Mauer** at rmauer@cbfymca.org

[New Life Christian Center](#)

The NLCC of Jamison invites families to embellish and decorate gift bags that will welcome Fresh Air Fund kids. **For more information contact Andrew Columbia** at 215-491-0945.

[Neshaminy Manor Intergenerational Game Time](#)

Calling all new readers to practice reading to a very enthusiastic audience. For more information and sign up contact **Laura Tomlinson** 215.345.3205 or ltomlinson@co.bucks.pa.us.

[Temple Judea](#)

Dinners will be assembled for Aid for Friends **Contact: Shari Wohl** at 215.918.2744.

[Jack and Jill of America](#)

Prepare and package meals for sick and elderly. Please **contact Jill Jones** @ bjandjill@aol.com or **information and registration**.

[Second Baptist Church](#)

Organize, pack and deliver the boxes of donated items to Crayons to Cradle (C2C). For more information, please contact **Zelda Davis-Jones** at zeldadavisjones@yahoo.com

[Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints](#)

Blizzard boxes for housebound neighbors. **Contact Scott Lowe** @ 215.766.2524



We believe the strength of a community lies in the education of its members. With the help of Buck and Penny, we work with **CB Cares** to support local schools and community organizations. At Uninvest, we share more than values. We share knowledge.



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