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Congratulations to Ryan! Ryan won a scholarship to Camp Woodward, Woodward, PA in the BMX Freestyle program and LOVED every minute of it! Way to go, Ryan!

## Trainings and Events

- Sept 13 FREE Training  
Mandated Child  
Abuse Reporting
- Oct 6 United Way  
Day of Caring
- Oct 16 Keller Williams  
Poker Run  
Fundraiser
- Oct 1 Annual Foster  
Parent Training
- Oct Harner Farms Tour
- Oct 31 Fall Harvest Parade



## Hope 3:16 Community Center

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We are so excited to introduce you and the Centre Region to *Hope 3:16 Community Center* formally known as the Fox Hill Center. Our vision for HFKs and KRC was to purchase the Fox Hill Center 10 acre property and through many ups and downs since November 2004 and with the help and steadfastness of our team we have finally become the proud owners of this beautiful property located at the corner of Fox Hill and Bernel Road.

Exciting things are happening at this end of town. The University Park Airport continues to expand. The Second Mile has broke ground and has started the development of their new campus. And Patton township has almost completed Phase I of the new Bernel Road Park. We couldn't just sit back and not partake in all this fun and new development so we too have begun renovations in one of the buildings we purchased known as the 'ugly yellow warehouse'. For those of you who travel this way you know exactly what building I'm talking about. This 4,100 SF metal building will be our new Community Center which will serve several needs for our programs and our community at large.

However, due to a shortage of funds we are appealing to the people of our community to help us in the completion of our vision for Hope 3:16 Community Center.

Our property and buildings need some work. Our buildings were built in the early 70's and are in need of exterior painting. The parking lots need repaved and an additional parking lot is needed. We need two awnings for the entrances of our Community Center and a decorative masonry wall for our property entrance.

Please, if you can help by making a financial contribution, donating material or giving your time we would be so grateful. We have been able to save thousands of dollars with our renovations through the help of staff and our Centre County United Way Day of Caring.

Thank you and God Bless,

*Brenda Lee Goldman, President*





## An Intern's View



After interning at Hope For Kids, I have had so many hands on learning experiences that I never would have gotten from a lecture class. No one can teach you what "abuse" is, you can't read about it in a book and truly understand it - until you actually see the impact it has had on a child's life, and the families it has torn apart.

As I reflect back on my experiences at Hope For Kids, I am very grateful for the skills I have learned and the many ways I have grown. I am surrounded by a staff that is so passionate about these children and truly want what is best for their lives and their future. I am very thankful to be a part of this agency and will definitely have trouble leaving my co-workers and all of the children at the end of the summer. Hope For Kids has allowed me to grow in my own values as well as in my professional manner, and has brought me one step closer to entering the real world!

## Board Profile, Karen Galambos



**Professional Position:** I am a teacher and a student! Over my 25 year career, I've taught everything from preschool to high school math. I homeschooled my children and have been actively involved in children's ministries at church throughout the years. Recently, I enrolled at Penn State to pursue a nursing degree. I am looking forward to a new chapter

in my career.

**Educational Background:** I have a BA in mathematics from The Colorado College.

**Why am I Involved in Hope For Kids?** During our foster parenting application process, I met Brenda Goldman and realized that she had a vision for serving all kinds of people in need, and I wanted to be part of that vision.

**My Favorite Things about HFK:** I like seeing how visionaries work! I'm always amazed at how big the vision is for serving others at HFKs. And then to see God provide the means to fulfill that vision is a real privilege. Dreams become reality here.

**My Goals for HFK:** I am excited to see the Changing Hands program launch. The immediate goal for Changing Hands is to provide non-medical home care for people who need assistance. Over the long run, we want Changing Hands to change into a multi-generational day care. Allowing seniors and children to interact in a day care setting is a unique approach, but it is very natural. Children are a huge encouragement to adults, and the life experiences of our adults are treasures to be shared with the following generations.

**Where I live:** I am a Colorado native, but have been living in Port Matilda for the last three years. I married a Navy man 25 years ago, so we moved a lot as a young couple. We have lived in eight states so far.

## Local Talent Lends Helping Hand



Jasa Jeffers

Photo by Kelly V. Photography

Jasa Jeffers, a 2011 graduate of Bellefonte Area High School and CPI's graphic arts program is lending a hand to Hope For Kids upcoming new program **Changing Hands**. Changing Hands will initially be a home care agency providing in-home services and companionship to loved ones of all ages and is expected to be licensed to provide services fall 2011. Changing Hands will expand services to include an Intergenerational Program in the future. Jasa is volunteering her time and talent in designing the logo and brochure for Changing Hands. Jasa graduated CPI with

the following honors and awards: The National Vocational Technical Honor Society, the Jon H. Poteat Scholarship and the PIAA Women's Scholarship and will be attending Pennsylvania School of Technology in the spring to further her education in graphic arts. Keep posted to see what Jasa designs for our exciting new program **Changing Hands!**

Thank you Jasa! We are proud to be working with our local young talent!

## Keller Williams Realty Poker Run Benefits HFK



Michelle Swope of Keller Williams Realty took a personal interest in Hope For Kids after receiving our newsletter. Michelle visited our facilities and learned more about our programs and decided that she and her associates at Keller Williams could help support us through RED. RED Day is a Keller Williams Realty service initiative dedicated to improving local communities.

They have chosen to sponsor us through a Poker Run, Sunday October 16th. Please visit our website or facebook for details.



Thank you Michelle Swope and Keller Williams Associates for your dedication to our community and for your support of our programs.

## Special Thank You

Thank you to the **Schlow Library** for allowing us to use one of their rooms!

Thank you to **Janet Gess and her sons** of State College for their generous and thoughtful donation of \$200 in gift cards and items for our adoption program!



Thank you to **Bernie Marano of LV Tech** for his continued monetary support to support our programs and services!



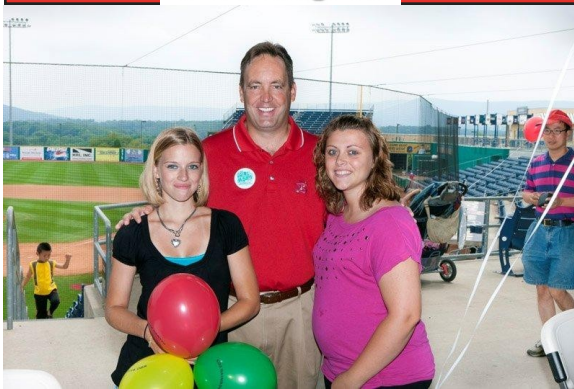
## KRC is now a Keystone Star 2!



Kidz Rainbow Center is now a Star 2 program! The Keystone Stars Quality Improvement program aids centers in achieving their highest potential through grant monies when the center shows its efforts towards quality improvement. They believe that quality early learning is crucial to children's

intellectual, social, and emotional development. Kidz Rainbow Center has been awarded a grant for \$12,600! The center will be using the grant funding to help purchase needed materials for the classrooms to help us raise our quality rating scores for areas such as math, science, music/dramatic play, and diversity. We will also be purchasing needed art supplies and new gross motor toys for the infants. We are very excited about the possibilities this grant has given to make our center more wonderful than it already is!

## SENATOR JAKE CORMAN'S KIDS DAY with the Spikes



KRC participated in Senator Jake Corman's Kids Day with the Spikes in August as an exhibitor at Medlar Field! It was a whirlwind of fun and a great time was had by all! We're looking forward to next year!

## Our First Car Wash



The Kidz Rainbow Center school agers held their first car wash on Wednesday, August 10th from 12-2 p.m. The event was a great success and loads of fun for all involved. The group of 15 kids ranging from kindergarten through fifth grade did a great job working together to wash and dry approximately 15 cars.



Their efforts will be rewarded with an end of summer pizza party, as well as new kickball equipment and play food that they selected. We are hoping to try to have another car wash soon so they can work towards some new games and equipment for the new building. Thank you to everyone who donated to our car wash!



## Funding Lost Effects Centers

**T.E.A.C.H. (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) Early Childhood® PENNSYLVANIA Scholarship Program** is a program that offers scholarships and support systems that help to improve the education and compensation of child care workers. T.E.A.C.H. obtains its funding through grants from the government and some foundations as well.

The funding for T.E.A.C.H. was eliminated from the Department of Public Welfare's 2011-2012 budget, Three of our staff were affected by this budget cut. Megan Englert, Allison McCullen, and Faith Minasi were all to begin classes towards their Associates Degrees this fall. They were all accepted to the University of their choice and had begun making plans for which classes they were going to take.

Please help to support our ladies and the other countless childcare staff in the state who rely on the T.E.A.C.H. scholarships! Visit PACCA's website to find out more information, view and to sign the petition to restore T.E.A.C.H. funding!



## Enjoying the Simplicity of Old-Fashioned Fun!



Miss Alyssa and the Orange Room

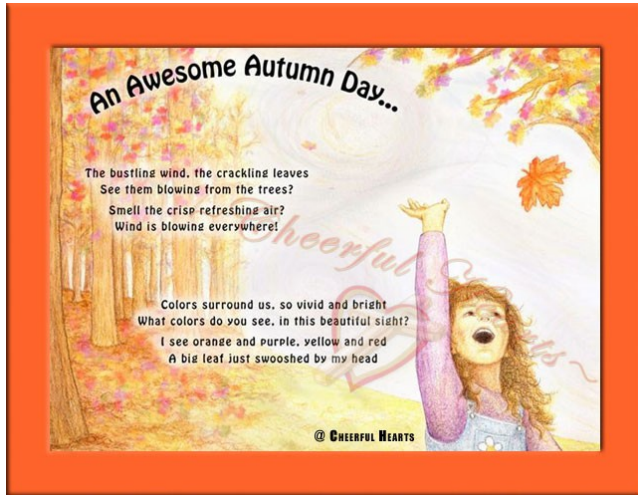


God's rain and a new mud puddle are all it takes for a fun-filled afternoon!

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For more information or questions regarding this newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor: Patti A. Menges at pmenges@hopeforkidsinc.org

**HFK's Offers Free Training Conducted by the PA Family Support Alliance**

Hope For Kids was once again pleased to offer a **free training** conducted by the PA Family Support Alliance (FSA). This training was "part 2" in a three part series on recognizing, responding, and handling abuse allegations.



The PA FSA presentations were very high quality and the same enthusiastic trainer who did our June training returned for the September session. From the workbooks provided to the handouts available to the trainer's willingness to share her experiences as a CYS Director, this session was as helpful and interesting as the first training. The trainings are completely free - **including social work CEUs** - as long as we had 15 participants.

Stay tuned to get more information on the third part of this series. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Shaffer at 814-353-0200 or email at jshaffer@hopeforkidsinc.org.



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