

**TOWN OF MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS****MILFORD YOUTH CENTER**

MILFORD YOUTH COMMISSION

24 Pearl St., Milford, MA 01757

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**Milford Youth Commission NOTICE OF MEETING****In-Person Meeting****Date:** January 9, 2024**Time:** 6:30pm**Location:** Milford Youth Center - Conference Room, 2nd Floor

24 Pearl St., Milford, MA 01757

**Agenda****A.) Invitation to Speak:****B.) New Business**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes:
  - i. Regular session 12/5/23
  - ii. Executive session 12/5/23
2. Fund Balance as of 12/31/23: \$87,441.08
3. Signing of warrants:
  - i. 24-24 Town Budget for \$151.00
  - ii. 24-24 Revolving Account for \$133.90
  - iii. 24-25 Town Budget for \$139.00
  - iv. 24-25 Revolving Account for \$875.00
  - v. 24-26 Revolving Account for \$932.30
  - vi. 24-28 Town Budget for \$3,795.44
  - vii. 24-28 Revolving Account for \$53.45
4. CORI process update
5. Staff Trainings:
  - i. UMass/Collins Center Supervisory sessions- this is a comprehensive training program that will meet the minimum requirements for Anti-Harassment/Sexual Harassment and Discrimination training (Jen & Emily – Joanna will take a shorter session training in February):
    1. Wednesday, January 17th, from 9:30 to 4 p.m.
    2. Wednesday, January 31st, from 9 a.m. to noon
    3. Thursday, February 15th from 9 a.m. to noon
  - ii. De-escalation and Stress Reduction training (Jen, Emily, Joanna, Iliana, Landon) – Wednesday, 1/24/24 from 10:30 am -12:30 pm

**C.) Directors Report:**

1. After School Program:
  - a. December program update: Attendance and food #'s – see attachment
  - b. January program calendar
  - c. Upcoming programs – see fliers
  - d. Youth Council updates- see Cricut example
2. Building Updates:
  - a. Music/Multipurpose Media Center discussion – Jen reached out to Scott Tomilison, P.E, Associate Principle at Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (SGH) – see response



- b. Review quotes and approve:
  - i. MYC Van
  - ii. Update flooring in second floor hallway and weight room/elevator entrance in basement
  - iii. Paint music room ceiling
- 3. Donation/Grant Updates:
  - a. See newsletter for monthly updates for misc. donations: <https://conta.cc/3RXgM46>
    - i. \$5,000 donation from Alavi + Braza, P.C.
    - ii. New Activity Proposal - Gel gun donation
  - b. Youthworks Program: Summer camp budget
  - c. Holiday gifts: Estimated \$30K distributed to 200 youth!
- 4. Other Events/Programs:
  - a. Fashion Show- Friday, March 15, 2024
    - i. Partnering with: Jackie's Boutique and A Touch of Class Formalwear
    - ii. Reaching out to local barbers, hair salons and
  - b. MYC 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Fundraiser - Friday, May 10, 2024
- 5. Rentals:
  - a. Current and future rentals/MYC programs: <https://tinyurl.com/MYCrentals>:
    - i. January MYC programs: Senior Walking (mornings), MYC Kids Play (morning), Adult Open Gym (pickleball and basketball)
    - ii. Other January rentals: Respite Center, Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, Kitchen
    - iii. Town rentals: MYC Police Department, Planning and Engineering Department: Stormwater Technical Assistance in the Boston Area Watersheds
    - iv. Future discussion- review rental policies
- 6. Other:
  - a. Marketing & Communications Assistant Update
    - i. Lauren Kay - fliers and social media
    - ii. Diane Rose – annual report and golf packet drafts
  - b. Third MHS Equity Audit Meeting 1/17/24
  - c. Vacation - Jen - February break
- 7. Thank you, Board Members – photo!
- 8. Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, February 13th, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

The listing of matters above are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items may be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



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Name

Dated





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**Location:** Milford Youth Center - Conference Room, 2nd Floor

**In-Person Regular Session**

**Date:** December 5, 2023

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chair, Brendan Rickert; Vice-Chair, Stacy Darling; Christine Crean, Darlene Dulude, John Dulude, Gail Jussaume, William Farrell

**Members Absent:** Ariea Bryan, Chuck Calagione, John Capece

**Members Remote:** Jason Vaz

**Staff Present:** Dale Michaud, Emily Stienstra, Jen Ward

### Call to Order

At 6:39 pm, Chair Rickert called the Regular Session meeting to order and performed the roll call.

**A. Executive Session:** Discussion on Behavior and Policy

**B. Invitation to Speak:** None.

**C. New Business**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes 11/7/23

**Motion:** **B. Rickert moved to approve the Regular Session and Executive Session meeting minutes of November 7, 2023.**

**Seconded:** **S. Darling**

**Abstained:** C. Crean was not present on 11/7/23.

**Roll-Call Vote:** B. Rickert, aye; S. Darling, aye; C. Crean, aye; D. Dulude, aye; J. Dulude, aye; G. Jussaume, aye; W. Farrell, aye; J. Vaz, aye. Unanimously approved.

**Motion Carries:** **7-0-1**

2. Fund Balance as of 11/29/23: \$89,350.56

3. Signing of warrants:

- i. 24-20 Revolving Account for \$186.12 - Walmart candy for postponed Santa Parade
  - ii. 24-21 Revolving Account for \$497.82 - Milford Hospital \$200 supports 6 weeks of fitness & nutrition instruction, New Human contributed 6 weeks, AHold Financial
  - iii. 24-21 Revolving Account for \$20.00 - Bristol County Sheriff for serving papers
  - iv. 24-23 Revolving Account for \$743.63 - S&S World for craft supplies, Oliva's Market
- Approve fund transfer of \$1,000.00 from Revolving to Scholarship Fund

**Motion:** **B. Rickert moved to approve signing the following warrants:**

24-20 Revolving Account for \$186.12

24-21 Revolving Account \$20.00

24-21 Revolving Account \$497.82

24-21 Revolving Account for \$743.63

**Seconded:** **J. Dulude**

**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimously approved

**Motion Carries:** **8-0**



**Motion:** B. Rickert moved to approve the transfer of \$1,000.00 from Revolving to Scholarship fund.  
**Seconded:** S. Darling  
**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimously approved.  
**Motion Carries:** 8-0

**D. Directors Report:**

1. After School Program:
  - a. November program update:
    - i. Attendance and food #'s – see attachment
    - ii. Thanksgiving meal on 11/21/23:
      - a. 130 youth served and 50 adults
      - b. Thank you, Board members, for donating and volunteering!  
Local businesses who donated food include: ERA Key Realty, Milford TV, Town staff, Board members; friends & family donated money to purchase food. A video was shown of Thanksgiving meal and interviews with kids.
  - b. December program calendar  
Programs include: Power Protectors, Cornerstone, STEM with UMass Extension, LifeSkills with CPR. Community volunteers expressed interest in future volunteerism.
  - c. Upcoming programs - see fliers  
Youth Leadership Group collecting items at the front door for Humane Society.
  - d. Outside programs:
    - i. Milford High School Craft Fair with Youth Council – Over \$70 raised! AmeriCorps represented MYC.
    - ii. Spirit week last week before Christmas
    - iii. Monthly Food Pantry
    - iv. Shaw's December Giveback program - for MYC Youth Council  
Shaw's reusable bag program donating \$1 per bag to MYC. If Youth Council promotes the program, they get the \$1 per bag.
  - e. New IT policy  
MYC Staff no longer have access to video footage on the server. Staff discussed the new process, authorizations required and timeline for obtaining video footage. The new policy delays successful resolution of discipline issues in a timely manner.

Staff discussed the consequences of not having real-time evidence to make decisions, exercise authority, inform parents, and keep the children and staff safe.

The Town Administrator suggested trying the new policy for one month.

J. Ward will document each incidence where video footage is needed, how long it took to get the footage, and the consequences of delayed access to video footage. How many kids were out of the MYC program waiting on evidence to return to the program? What were the Police consequences with lack of video access?



f. CORI Process Change

Only the MYC Director has authority to initiate a CORI not the Program Coordinator. Members discussed simplicity of the previous process versus the complicated process of encrypting the CORI form in email which IT is unable to resolve. MYC Staff process CORIs for 70 volunteers. Members decided HR will run all CORIs.

2. Building Updates:

a. Music/Multi-Purpose Media Center Discussion

The Town Accountant suggested spending down the State Grant balance of \$30,940. Members discussed using the grant to refinish wood flooring under the tiles, install of a new ceiling and soundproof the dance room.

Members discussed unresolved renovation issues. The State signed off on the \$60,000 allocation. Hold off scheduling construction until renovations are remedied.

Members discussed fundraising efforts to cover the \$60,000 State allocation in case it does not come through such as MYC Rentals from Milford softball, the Golf Tournament and possible YouthWorks funding.

J. Ward will clarify with Scott and contractors whether they will install a vapor barrier inside the Music/Multi-Purpose Media Center.

**Motion:** At 7:19 pm, B. Rickert moved to suspend the Regular Session and enter into Executive Session to consider the marketing and value of Town owned property/real estate/assets because the Chair determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body: **Discussion on Behavior and Policy.**

Members will return to Regular Session prior to adjournment.

**Seconded:** D. Dulude

**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**Motion Carries:** 8-0

**Motion:** B. Rickert moved to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:52 pm and return to the Regular Session.

**Seconded:** C. Crean

**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**Motion Carries:** 8-0

b. Capital Plan/Town Meeting:

i. See specs for bid and/or vendors on the State Bid List

- J. Ward will meet with Town Accountant.
- Go to bid with all options. Make a decision based on what MYC can afford. R. Villani said to go on the State bid list. J. Ward will meet with the Town Accountant tomorrow. She is not familiar with the package process.



- Cost adds for options include: dash camera, GPS tracking, high roof height, 2500 series load capacity, 12 passenger capacity, 15 passenger capacity
  - ii. Canaan Fuels donated \$500 toward the van!
    - Members discussed using the donation to brand the MYC van.
- 3. Donation/Grant Updates:
  - a. See newsletter for monthly updates for misc. donations: <https://conta.cc/45ULPRR>
    - i. Over \$3,600 raised for Giving Tuesday - Thank you Stacy and Brendan!  
Everyone contributed across programs.
    - ii. \$100 donation from John and Clare Comaschi
  - b. Youthworks Program:
    - i. Summer camp budget discussion will be postponed until the next meeting
  - c. Holiday gifts:
    - i. United Way of Tri-County - 60 youth
    - ii. GoldFish Swim School - Collection
    - iii. Barbell88 Toy Drive - Collection (12/16 event and drop-off)
    - iv. West Street Auto - 5 children
    - v. Cornerstone at Milford - 1 child
    - vi. MassCor Industries - 4 children
    - vii. Mary Pratt - 3 children
    - viii. Advanced Restaurant Equipment - 2 children
    - ix. Waters Corp. - waiting on amount
    - x. Jen's college friends!
- 4. Other Events/Programs:
  - a. Annual Calendar- see attachment  
Fashion Show Feb/March. Youth Council working on it. Golf Committee ramping up.
  - b. Santa Parade – Sunday, December 3rd - Postponed until 2024
  - c. Barbell88 Toy Drive - Saturday, December 16th  
MYC Board members were invited to assist distributing toys to kids.
- 5. Rentals:
  - a. Current and future rentals/MYC programs through March: <https://tinyurl.com/MYCrentals>
    - i. December: Senior Walking, Kids Play, Adult Open Gym, Pickleball, Basketball
    - ii. December rentals: Respite Ctr. (Wednesday & Friday), Volleyball, Soccer, Softball
    - iii. Milford Community Use Discussion  
E. Stienstra gave C. Burns all available 2024 dates. He has not yet responded.
- 6. Other:
  - a. Marketing & Communications Assistant Update and Recommendation
    - i. Lauren Kay - See portfolio  
Members discussed her work experience running social media accounts for Worcester Youth Sox and a wedding site. The candidate is on top of current algorithms and what's getting views right now.
    - ii. Diane Rose - See Annual Report Mock-up  
Members discussed her corporate marketing work experience. She made an Annual Report within 24 hours with great graphics. She is independently proactive.



Members discussed hiring both candidates to collaborate and for cross coverage. Split 19 hours between the two candidates. Work is assigned on a project basis as needed. Members discussed budgeting each event to include marketing.

**Motion:** S. Darling moved to hire Lauren Kay and Diane Rose for the position of Marketing & Communications Assistant to split the position subject to CORI checks.  
**Seconded:** J. Dulude  
**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimously approved.  
**Motion Carries:** 8-0

- b. Second MHS Equity Audit Meeting - December 12th
- c. Training - Mandatory 1-2 days for Supervisors (Equality, Diversity, Inclusion in Workplace)

There will be a gap in the Program Coordinator's attendance due to a medical issue.

7. Upcoming Meeting: Tuesday, January 9, 2024 @ 6:30

**Motion:** B. Rickert moved to adjourn the Regular Session at 8:38 pm.  
**Seconded:** J. Dulude  
**Roll-Call Vote:** Unanimously approved.  
**Motion Carries:** 8-0

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Respectfully submitted,

Dale Michaud  
Recording Secretary

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Name

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Date

**Documents Used**

- MYC Agenda 12/5/23
- MYC Executive Session Minutes 11/7/23
- MYC Regular Session Minutes 11/7/23
- MYC Funds Report
- YouthWorks Program
- MYC December Calendar
- All Monthly Program Fliers
- Candidate resumes, work products



## Number of Youth Members utilizing the After-School, Snack and Dinner Program

December

Date	Attendance	Snacks	Dinner	2023
1-Dec	59	20	35 half day	
2-Dec	x	x	x	
3-Dec	x	x	x	
4-Dec	85	36	30	
5-Dec	90	36	30	
6-Dec	85	29	30	
7-Dec	84	37	30	
8-Dec	63	22	30	
9-Dec	x	x	x	
10-Dec	x	x	x	
11-Dec	78	18	30	
12-Dec	88	36	30	
13-Dec	88	33	30	
14-Dec	80	27	30	
15-Dec	70	28	30	
16-Dec	x	x	x	
17-Dec	x	x	x	
18-Dec	51	30	30 Very Rainy Day	
19-Dec	86	34	30	
20-Dec	77	32	30	
21-Dec	80	22	30	
22-Dec	59	9	30	
23-Dec	x	x	x	
24-Dec	x	x	x	
25-Dec	x	x	x closed	
26-Dec	27	15	x Vacation	No dinners served
27-Dec	29	9	x Vacation	Snack only
28-Dec	30	12	x Vacation	
29-Dec	35	19	x vacation	
30-Dec	x	x	x	
31-Dec	x	x	x	

\* We did not have  
the snack and/or  
dinner program.  
x = No After-School Program

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Monthly Average Snacks: 25.2  
Monthly Average Attendance: 67.2  
Monthly Average Dinner: 30.3125





United Way of Tri-County

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<div>1</div> <div>MYC is Closed in Observance of New Year's Day</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div> <b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div>Arts &amp; Crafts 3:30-4:15 </div> <div>Youth Council 4:15-5:00</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Cornerstone Winter Craft 3:15-4:00 </div> <div>Volleyball Tournament Mandatory Meeting 4:00-4:45</div>	<div>4</div> <div> <b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div>Boxing 3:15-4:00 </div> <div>Social Emotional 4:00-4:45</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Fit Fun 3:30-4:15 </div> <div>FUN FIT KIDS</div> <div>Lovin' Spoonfuls Pick Up (Online Registration only)</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Book Club Celebration 3:30-4:00 </div> <div>Baking Program: Cookies and Fudge 4:00-5:00 </div> <div>Dance with Iliana 4:15-5:00</div>	<div>9</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div>Arts and Crafts 3:30-4:15 </div> <div> Youth Council 4:15-5:00</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Sewing 3:30-4:30 </div> <div>Volleyball Tournament 4:00-5:00</div>	<div>11</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b>  3:00-3:30</div> <div>Boxing 3:15-4:00</div> <div>Milford TV 3:30-4:30 </div> <div> Weight Room 4:15-5:00</div>	<div>12</div> <div><b>Half Day Open Gym</b> 10:30am -3 :00 pm For Registered after school members only!</div> <div></div>
<div>15</div> <div>MYC is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day</div> <div></div>	<div>16</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div> Arts &amp; Crafts 3:30-4:15</div> <div>Youth Council 4:15-5:00</div> <div>YMCA Pop Up Pantry 4:30-6:00</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Life Skills Program: "If they had known" 3:30-4:30</div> <div></div> <div>Volleyball Tournament 4:00-5:00</div>	<div>18</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div>Boxing 3:15-4:00</div> <div>Social Emotional 4:00-4:45 </div>	<div>19</div> <div>Fit Fun 3:30-4:15</div> <div>STEAM 4:00-5:00 </div> <div>Lovin' Spoonfuls Pick Up (Online Registration only)</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Connected and Inspired Food Program 3:30-4:30 </div> <div>Dance with Iliana 3:30-4:30 </div>	<div>23</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div>Gardening 3:30-4:30 </div> <div>Youth Council 4:15-5:00</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Give Kids the Arts: Winter Scene Painting 3:30-5:00 </div> <div>Volleyball Tournament 4:00-5:00</div>	<div>25</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:00-3:30</div> <div>Boxing 3:15-4:00 </div> <div>Milford TV 3:30-4:30 </div>	<div>26</div> <div>Fit Fun 3:30-4:15 </div> <div>Lovin' Spoonfuls Pick Up (Online Registration only)</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Book Club 3:30-4:00 </div> <div>Dance with Iliana 4:15-5:00 </div>	<div>30</div> <div><b>Quiet Zone</b> 3:30-4:00</div> <div>Arts and Crafts 3:30-4:15 </div> <div>Youth Council 4:15-5:00</div>	<div>31</div> <div>MYC Family Feud 3:15-4:00 </div> <div>Volleyball Tournament Championship Game 4:00-5:00</div>	<div></div> <div>The Youth Center also offers a free snack and dinner program, due to the collaboration of CACFP, Hockomock Area YMCA and the Milford School Food &amp; Nutrition Services department. We also have a commercial washer and dryer where youth can do their laundry for free.</div>	
<div>Green Leaf Gardening invites you to participate in their poetry contest! Who: between 8 and 15 years old Topic: "I see something green outside with my little eye" Deadline: all poems must be submitted on 1/8/24 at 1:00 pm For more details, contact Joanna at jabrantes@milfordma.gov</div>		<div>The MYC is partnering with Lovin' Spoonfuls &amp; their food rescue mission. If you are a member of our programming and would like to pick up free groceries on Fridays, please contact 508-473-1756 or mycregistrations@townofmilford.com We are also working with Hockomock Area YMCA where we will be hosting a pop up pantry once a month. Day and time will be posted monthly.</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>Masks Optional</div>		
<div>The Milford Youth Center is open to youth ages 8 to 18. (who attend Milford schools or reside in Milford), free of charge, from 2:15 to 6:00pm Monday through Friday (unless otherwise noted on our calendar). MYC registration and emergency contact info. must be submitted on the start date by 1:00pm and on half days by 10:00am. You can find these forms on line, at <a href="http://www.milfordyouthcenter.org">www.milfordyouthcenter.org</a> (Available in English, Spanish and Portuguese). Dates and times are subject to change. Registration, discipline, weather, health and traffic policies are on the website!</div>				

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# MYC

## Baking Program

Join volunteers Pam, Susan, and Christine  
make cookies and fudge!  
Only 8 spots available!



January 8th  
4pm-5pm



To sign up reach out to our Program Coordinator,  
Joanna Abrantes at [jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov) or  
508-473-1756





# Cornerstone Winter Craft Activity

Join the seniors of Cornerstone in  
making a winter craft!

Only 15 spots available!

Register by 12/29/23 by 1:00!

January  
3rd

From:  
3:15-4:15



To sign up reach out to our Program Coordinator,  
Joanna Abrantes at [jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov) or  
508-473-1756.



A SENIOR LIVING RESIDENCE (SLR)





# **FITFUN** *WITH CARLY*



**01/5/24, 01/19/24 & 01/26/24**



**SIGNUPS ARE ENCOURAGED**



**3:30-4:30**



**THIS PROGRAM IS MADE POSSIBLE  
DUE TO OUR COLLABORATION WITH  
MILFORD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
MYC PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**JOANNA ABRANTES: [JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV](mailto:jabrant@milfordma.gov)**



# GARDENING PROGRAM!



WITH PHYLLIS OF GREEN LEAF GARDENING

**WHEN: JANUARY 23**

**TIME: 3:30-4:30**



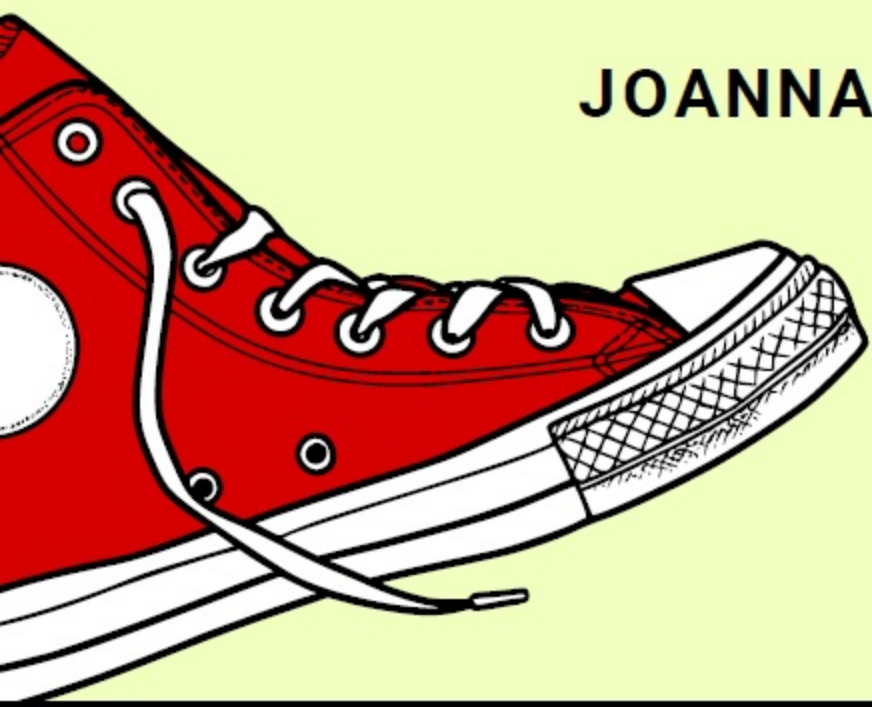
**PROJECT: FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN A SNEAKER**



**PLEASE SIGN UP BY 01/18/24 BY 1:00**

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR  
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT MYC  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

**JOANNA ABRANTES: [JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV](mailto:JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV)**





# Give Kids the Arts



**The MYC is very excited to partner with  
Give Kids the Arts!**

**Give Kids the Arts is a non profit run by artists and  
teachers who are determined to provide art supplies,  
music and dance equipment to youth in the community.**

**Give Kids the Arts will be coming on January 24th at  
3:30pm to create a winter painting!**

**Sign ups are required for this program by 1/17/24!**

***Only 8 spots available!***

**To sign up reach out to our Program Coordinator,  
Joanna Abrantes at [jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov) or**

**508-473-1756**



# Program: Life Skills: “If they had known”

IF THEY HAD KNOWN (PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE  
DOCUMENTARY/DISCUSSION)

PRESENTED BY: ELLEN MILLER

District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr.’s Office  
Community & School Outreach Coordinator  
Deputy Director of Training



JANUARY 17TH



3:30-4:30



AGES 13-18 ONLY



SIGN UPS IN ADVANCE ARE NECESSARY, LIMITED SPOTS  
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP 01/15/24 BY 1:00 PM



TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,  
PLEASE CONTACT MYC PROGRAM COORDINATOR

JOANNA ABRANTES: [JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV](mailto:JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV)



ON MONDAYS AT THE MYC!  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MILFORD  
PUBLIC LIBRARY



JANUARY IS... **MYC**  
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH



**BOOK**

Check our monthly calendar for dates and time on our  
website at [www.milfordyouthcenter.org](http://www.milfordyouthcenter.org)

EVERY MONTH THE MYC RECOGNIZES A  
THEMED WHICH GIVES THE YOUTH AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THEIR KNOWLEDGE  
ON THE DIFFERENT CULTURES, COMMUNITIES,  
STORIES, AND REAL LIFE EVENTS IN A  
SETTING THAT IS COMFORTABLE FOR THEM.  
WE WILL HAVE MULTIPLE OPTIONS FOR THE  
YOUTH TO READ, WHICH LETS THEM PICK A  
STORY THAT FITS THEIR PACE AND  
PREFERENCE FOR BOOK CLUB!

**CLUB**  
2023-2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL JOANNA AT:  
[JABRANT@MILFORDMA.GOV](mailto:jabrant@milfordma.gov)





# MILFORD TV AT THE MYC!

**Every other Thursday at 3:30!**  
**Check monthly Calendar for specific dates.**

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**Do you want the opportunity to film, interview and edit?**  
**Milford TV is coming to the MYC to teach you**  
**how to take footage and edit!**  
**This program requires you to sign up in advance!**

**For more info. reach out to our Program**  
**Coordinator Joanna Abrantes at**  
**[jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov)**  
**[www.milforyouthcenter.org](http://www.milforyouthcenter.org) 508-473-1756**





# Youth Poetry Contest

**Sponsored by  
Green Leaf Gardening Club**

**All Poetry Entries are due  
by January 8, 2024!**

For more information, guidelines and eligibility,  
contact Program Coordinator, Joanna Abrantes  
at [jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov) or call 508-473-1756

## Guidelines for contest:

- \* Who is eligible: Registered after-school members ages 8-15
- \* Theme for Poem: "I spy with my little eye, something green outside"
- \* Poems cannot be more than 24 lines
- \* Poems do not have to rhyme
- \* Poems can be any genre
- \* Title of poem is worth 10 points
- \* Poems must be submitted by 1/08/24







# SEWING WITH VICKI

PROJECT: MONSTER GLOVES



**JAN 10**  
**TIME: 3:30-4:30**

SIGN UPS IN ADVANCE ARE  
NECESSARY, LIMITED SPOTS  
DEADLINE TO SIGN UP:  
01/08/24 BY 1:00 PM

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT  
INFO: JOANNA ABRANTES [JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV](mailto:JABRANTES@MILFORDMA.GOV)





Join MYC in our Social  
Emotional Program  
with Landon and Iliana!

Check out our monthly calendars for scheduled  
dates! Contact Program Coordinator, Joanna  
Abrantes at [jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov)

**January 4th and 18th at 4:00**

This program is possible due to the Community Grant  
from the Greater Milford Community Health Network.  
(CHNA-6)

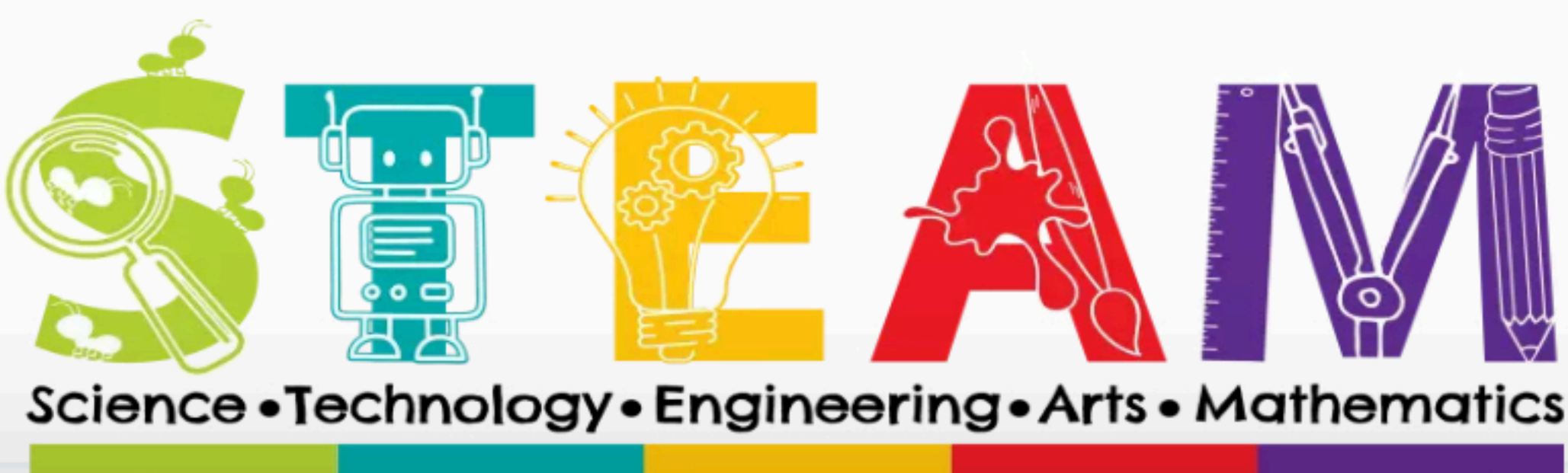




**When: Friday January 19th at 4:00**

**Activity: Children will use different colors of felt to explore the absorption and the reflexction of the radiant energy from the sun!**

**Reserve your childs spot by 01/17/24 with Joanna at [jabrantes@milfordma.gov](mailto:jabrantes@milfordma.gov)**





THE MILFORD YOUTH CENTER PRESENTS



# VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

**MANDATORY MEETING 01/03/2024 AT 4:00 PM**  
**THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON:**  
**JAN 10TH, JAN 17TH, JAN 24TH, JAN 31ST**  
**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP**  
**EMAIL [MILFORDYOUTHCENTER@MILFORDMA.GOV](mailto:MILFORDYOUTHCENTER@MILFORDMA.GOV)**



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**AmeriCorps**



**MASSACHUSETTS  
SERVICE ALLIANCE**





**HOCKOMOCK AREA  
YMCA**



**The Y's Food Access Program** works collectively with our community partners to help alleviate food insecurity.

**We are proud to partner with the Milford Youth Center to provide a Mobile Food Pantry.**

**When: Tuesday, 01/16/24**

**Time: 4:30pm –6:00 pm**

**Where: Parking lot across from the Youth Center, food will be handed out at the truck!**

**The Y will provide a grocery bag of non perishables to any household. There is no sign up or registration**

**For more information, contact us at  
[foodaccess@hockymca.org](mailto:foodaccess@hockymca.org) or  
508-643-5277**

**[www.hockymca.org/food-access](http://www.hockymca.org/food-access)**





**From:** [Scott A. Tomlinson](#)  
**To:** [Jennifer Ward](#)  
**Cc:** [Casey C. Williams](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Question?  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 5:25:09 PM

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**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside the **Town of Milford**. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Jen:

I am sorry I missed your earlier email. We understand your question to refer to the basement Storage Rm 102 below the front entrance. The exterior wall repair work is intended to occur from the exterior with interior demolition limited to the window returns. This means that interior finish installed around the three windows in that room would have to be demolished as part of the repair work. As you know, the repair is intended to stop water damage at the windows and reduce water leakage through the walls, but it will not stop water leakage through the walls. It is preferable to wait to finish that space if waiting is acceptable – the unknown is when the repair work will occur. If the waiting is not desirable, the design will have to manage the increased water leakage and risk of organic growth, and accept that the finishes at the windows will be affected by the repair when it occurs.

Regards,

**Scott A. Tomlinson, P.E.**

Associate Principal

**D:** 781.907.9245 **C:** 617.285.5472

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**From:** Jennifer Ward <jward@townofmilford.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 2:54 PM  
**To:** Scott A. Tomlinson <SATomlinson@sgh.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Question?

External ([jward@townofmilford.com](mailto:jward@townofmilford.com))

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Hi Scott,

Hope all is well! Just wanted to follow up with question below and send you some photos and videos. This was on Monday after Sundays very windy and rainy day. I was off on vaca but asked Carlos to check the building.



Thank you,

Jen Ward  
Director  
Milford Youth Center  
24 Pearl St.  
Milford, Ma 01757  
Phone: 508-473-1756  
Fax: 508-381-0759  
Email: [jward@townofmilford.com](mailto:jward@townofmilford.com)  
Web: [www.milfordyouthcenter.org](http://www.milfordyouthcenter.org)  
[Facebook](#)  
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[Instagram](#)  
[Newsletter](#)

On Dec 6, 2023, at 7:30 PM, Jennifer Ward <[jward@townofmilford.com](mailto:jward@townofmilford.com)> wrote:

Hi Scott,

I hope you are doing well! We have some grant and fundraising funds to start work on the future music/multi-purpose media center in the basement. This is the room adjacent to the dance room in the basement. My board wanted me to connect with you to see if you would suggest we wait on the work to get started until the work gets done to help prevent the water from getting in or would that work predominantly be happening on the exterior of the building?

We appreciate your help/recommendations?!

Thank you,

Jen Ward

Director

Milford Youth Center

24 Pearl St.



# *Fashion Show* **MILFORD YOUTH CENTER**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024**

**SAVE THE DATE  
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON!**

<https://milfordyouthcenter.org>





2ND ANNUAL MYC

# GOLF

*-Tournament-*



**FRIDAY MAY 10, 2024**

**Shining Rock Golf Club**

**SAVE THE DATE  
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW SOON!**

[HTTPS://MILFORDYOUTHCENTER.ORG](https://MILFORDYOUTHCENTER.ORG)



# Milford Youth Center



## 2nd Annual Golf Tournament

Friday,  
May 10, 2024



SHINING ROCK  
GOLF CLUB

SHINING ROCK  
GOLF CLUB

91 Clubhouse Lane  
Northbridge, MA 01534

8:30 AM Shot Gun Start  
7:30 - 8:15 Check-in/  
Registration & Breakfast  
2:30 Lunch/Program

### Get An Amazing Value!

Golfers will enjoy an outstanding round of golf at the beautiful Shining Rock Golf Club.

This event will include a continental breakfast and concludes with a buffet lunch, all while supporting the Milford Youth Center.

For more information, contact:

Jen Ward

Phone: 508-473-1756

Email: [jward@townofmilford.com](mailto:jward@townofmilford.com)



[milfordyouthcenter.org](http://milfordyouthcenter.org)

### MYC's Mission

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### Tee Up For The Community

Fundraisers, like these, are so important to the Center, as we are currently responsible for raising funds to continue and expand programming for our free 10-month after school program and 6-week summer camp program.

Many thanks to our Golf Committee, sponsors, staff and volunteers, for all their support to help make this event possible!

### Mark Your Calendar For Fun!

We are pleased to invite you to play a round in support of our area's youth.

The MYC Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, May 10, 2024 at Shining Rock Golf Course in Northbridge, MA.

Guests will be treated to an outstanding round of golf on a stunning New England course!

Take a chance to win a great prize on a raffle, or take a swing at hole-in-one contests and step up to win the putting challenge!

### Learn More About Us

We'd love you to get to know us better. To learn more about our programs or how you can get involved, please visit our website at [milfordyouthcenter.org](http://milfordyouthcenter.org).



# PLAYER REGISTRATION

DESCRIPTION	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Players	_____ x	\$175	\$ _____
Foursome	_____ x	\$700	\$ _____
Foursome & Tee Sponsorship	_____ x	\$800	\$ _____
MYC Party Pkg.*	_____ x	\$ 25	\$ _____
Additional donation to support MYC			\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ _____

Please fill in the name and email for each player:

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 \_\_\_\_\_

#4 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Party Pkg. includes raffle tix, mulligan, putting contest and more!

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check enclosed. Please make checks payable to Town of Milford-Milford Youth Center and mail to: Jen Ward, Milford Youth Center, 24 Pearl Street, Milford, MA 01757

☐ Credit Card

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ Amex

CARD NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CW CODE \_\_\_\_\_

# SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

## PRESENTING SPONSOR \$5000

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ Two complimentary golf foursomes
- ★ Four complimentary dinner tickets for non-golfers
- ★ Banner with your logo displayed at the registration tent
- ★ Listing in all materials Presenting Sponsor
- ★ Custom hole lag with your logo on the 18th hole
- ★ Logo prominently displayed at tournament and on all golf carts

## GOLF CART SPONSOR \$3000

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ Logo displayed on golf carts
- ★ Company listing at tournament

## GOLD LUNCH/DINNER SPONSOR \$2500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ One complimentary golf foursome
- ★ Two complimentary dinner tickets for non-golfers
- ★ Banner with logo displayed at the dinner tent
- ★ Listing in all materials as Gold Dinner Sponsor
- ★ Logo displayed prominently at tournament

## BEVERAGE CART SPONSOR \$2500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ TBD
- ★ TBD

## MYC PARTY PACKAGE SPONSOR \$1500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ Two Complimentary golfers
- ★ Logo on party packages and event materials

## MYC PROGRAM SPONSOR \$1000

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ TBD
- ★ TBD

## SCRATCH TICKET BOOK SPONSOR \$1000

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ TBD
- ★ TBD

## PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR \$500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ Individual signage at Putting Contest
- ★ Company listing on all event materials

## GOLF CART SNACK SPONSOR \$500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ TBD
- ★ TBD

## BEVERAGE SPONSOR \$500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ Individual sign at Putting Contest
- ★ Company listing on all event materials

# SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

All sponsors will be listed in our event program and are invited to promote their business by contributing items to the Golfer Gift Bags.

Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship choice from list \_\_\_\_\_

\*Specify company name as it is to appear on all sponsor publicity materials:

**We are not able to elect a sponsorship level from the list, but are pleased to donate the following amount or product(s), or both, from our company to the MYC Golf Tournament:**

Company contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## BREAKFAST SPONSOR \$500

- ★ Limited to one sponsor only
- ★ Individual sign at Putting Contest
- ★ Company listing on all event materials

## HOLE-IN-ONE SPONSOR \$300

- ★ Four sponsorships available
- ★ Individual signage at tee box
- ★ Recognition at awards
- ★ Company listing on all event materials

## TEE SIGN SPONSOR \$150

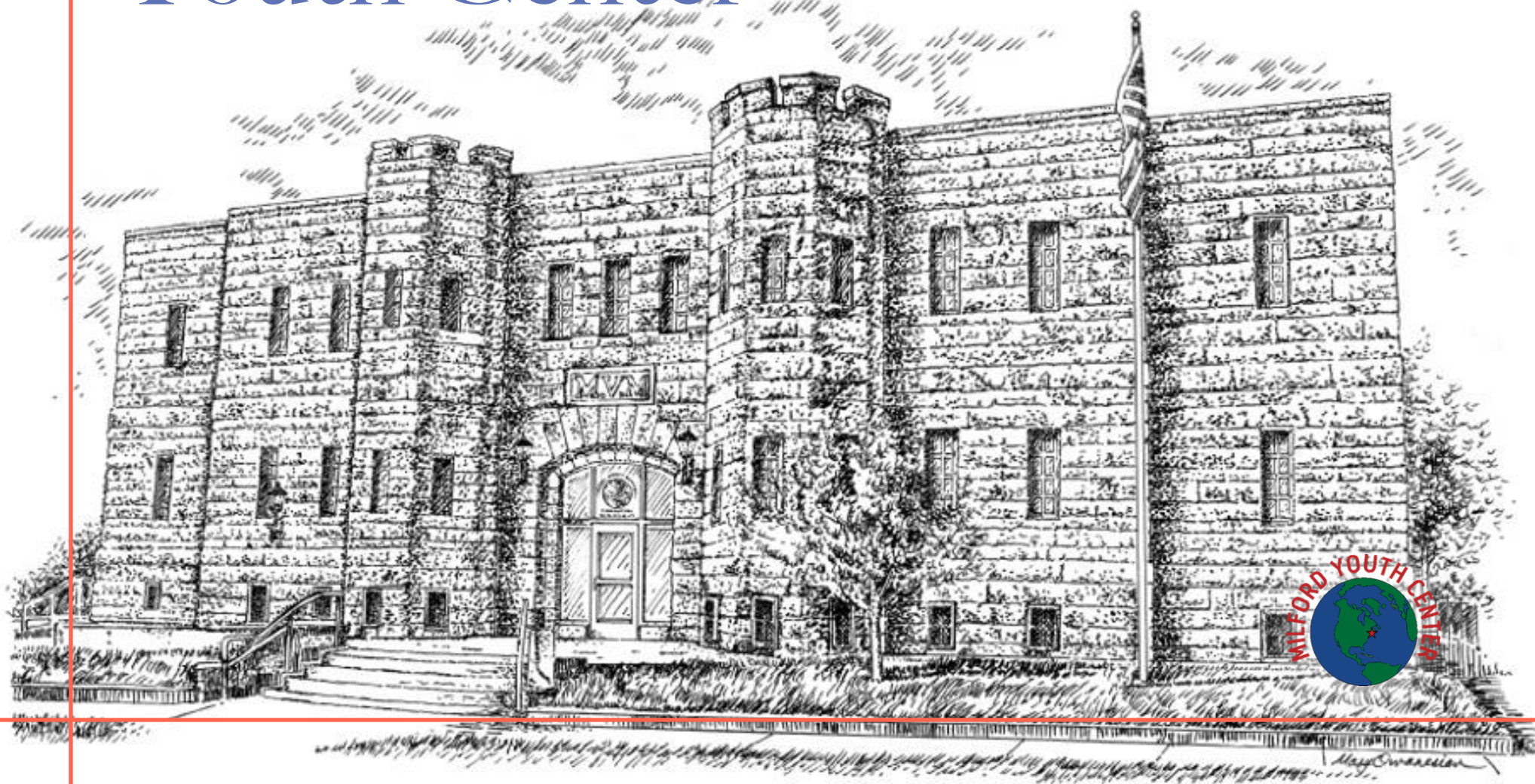
- ★ Unlimited sponsorships available
- ★ Individual signage at the box
- ★ Company listing on all event materials





**2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

# The Milford Youth Center





What  
Milford Youth  
Center  
provides



A place to  
**belong**



A place to  
**learn**



A place to  
**thrive**



# History

The Milford Youth Center, which opened in 1998, began with the dream of James F. "Jay" DiAntoni, a former firefighter who also actively participated in many youth programs in the community. Upon Jay's passing, a fund, fueled by donations in Jay's memory, was established by his wife, Mary DiAntoni.

Through the hard work and commitment of State Representative, Marie Parente, the National Guard, who owned the building where the Youth Center was established, and a Youth Commission, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Milford Center finally became a reality.

Since its opening, the Youth Center has become a place of enrichment where young people can actively engage in both sports and academics. The Youth Center remains an intrinsic part of the Milford community.



## Milford Youth Center Mission Statement

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# MYC administration and leadership

## MYC ADMINISTRATORS



Emily Stienstra  
Assistant Director



Jennifer Ward  
Director

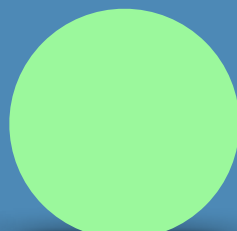


Joanna Abrantes  
Program Coordinator

## MYC YOUTH COMMISSION BOARD



Brendan Rickert  
Chair



Stacy Darling  
Vice Chair

## MYC YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ariea Bryan  
Angelo Calagione, Esq.  
Jonathan Capece  
Christine Crean  
Darlene Dulude

John Dulude  
William Farrell  
Gail Jussaume  
Steve Sousa  
Jason Vaz

## A Letter From

### The Milford Youth Center Board

Written by Brendan Rickert, Chair & Stacy Darling, Vice Chair  
Milford Youth Center Board

*On behalf of the staff and board of the Milford Youth Center, we would like to thank the students, citizens, local businesses and elected officials of this incredible town for their ongoing support.*

*Without your ongoing commitment, we would not be able to deliver on our promise to provide quality programming and activities to Milford's youth—and citizens of all ages—at affordable prices.*

*We believe that the Youth Center is one of Milford's greatest treasures, providing a safe place for children to go after school and during the summer months, while also creating employment opportunities for teens to build their leadership skills. But we do not stop there, our goal is to create an environment where every resident can see themselves, with programs for adults during school hours and cost-effective building rentals for local residents and clubs.*

*2023 was an incredible year for the program, and this annual report marks the first time we have pulled together highlights, on an annual basis, to showcase the impact the program has had on the community.*

*With your help, we are committed to having an even greater impact in 2024 and beyond.*



# Your gifts in action



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

**W**e offer a 10-month, free after school for Milford residents and/or students attending Milford Public Schools, ages 8-18. The program had 632 unduplicated registered members, who were offered 2-3 structured programs a day, along with open gym, game room and a cafe/lounge. Free snacks and dinner are offered, along with use of laundry facilities.



## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVES

**T**he MYC is always partnering with local organizations to provide more opportunities for the youth we serve. Our expanded collaborations this year included Milford Regional Medical Center, Milford TV, Milford Town Library, Give Kids the Arts and Greenleaf Jr. Gardener Club! We also created a Social Emotional Learning Program and a Life Skills Program with a dedicated space named "Ron's Work Shop". Life Skills presentations were offered from the District Attorney's Office, National Guard and BVT Automotive Technology Program, and we partnered with GoldFish Swim School, who offered three months of free swim lessons for our Kids Play participants.



## SUMMER CAMP

**T**he MYC offers an affordable, six-week summer camp every year. Activities include weekly field trips and fun in-town activities. We had 100 families participate this year, with every camper having the option of a free breakfast and lunch. We also provided \$9,700 worth of scholarships with the generosity of local banks and organizations. The Center also served 361 free breakfasts and 909 free lunches to campers due to the collaboration of SFSP, Hockomock Area YMCA and the Milford School Food & Nutrition Services Department.



## FOOD PROGRAMS

**W**e work with our community partners and strive to best serve our members by offering supplemental food programs.

We are pleased to partner with Lovin-Spoonfuls, to provide weekend groceries to families in need, and with the Hockomock Area YMCA to offer a monthly Mobile Food Pantry.

All of our programs are 100% financed by private donations and fundraisers held throughout the year.





# Making a difference in the lives of our youth

**HOLIDAY GIFT GIVEAWAY** \$30,000 worth of gifts were distributed to over 200 youth and their families! Both the number of participants and the value of the gift donations collected increased by 50% increase over 2022.

Gifts were donated from multiple local businesses and agencies, drop of locations were established by a large number of local businesses.

Gifts were collected and distributed by MYC board members, volunteers, staff and their family members

**MARCH MADNESS CHAMPIONSHIPS** This month-long event hosted 15 Teams & 76 after-school participants and an additional 3-Point Contests for ages 8-12 and 13-18.

New this year, the staff thought it would be fun to have a Staff vs. MVP game. Throughout the March Madness games, staff members were watching and listening to kids on the teams who were being positive, supportive, encouraging and a great team player. Each staff nominated 1 or 2 kids to participate. It was a close and great game against our staff team, but the staff ended up with the win!

MYC's March Madness event encouraged team participation, team spirit and overall positivity.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER** The MYC Thanksgiving Dinner, held on November 21, was a huge success! We served over 130 kids and over 50 special guests, volunteers and staff members.

An amazing array of traditional Thanksgiving food, as well as, other local cuisine provided by local restaurants was served. No one went home hungry. Leftover hot meals were provided to the Milford Fire & Police Departments

A huge number of generous local food vendors and suppliers helped to make this event possible.

**BACKPACK GIVEAWAY** Brand new backpacks, filled with pens, pencils, notebooks and virtually everything students will need to start the new school year, were distributed to 60 students!

50 of the backpacks were donated by Tri-County United Way and 11 Backpacks were donated by Hockomock YMCA.



Donations to the Milford Youth Center allow us to provide engaging, educational and productive programs that serve both the youth of Milford and the Milford community-at-large. Some programs we provide throughout the year include:

- Senior Walking
- Adult Open Gym
- New Human Fundraisers
- Milford Beautification Day
- MYC Kids Play Group, 0-5
- Community Collections
- Boy Scout & Girl Scout Projects
- Celebrate Milford
- Santa Parade
- Holiday Craft Fair
- MYC Haunted Maze & Halloween Party