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Victors Crowned

at 2016 Day Program Kickball Tournament

For the past two months, teams from each Arc of Essex County day program have been competing for the title of champion in The Arc's annual kickball tournament. Gathering weekly in Branch Brook Park, the competition was stiff, but two champions emerged from their respective divisions: Community Link and Supportive Work Opportunities Program (SWOP).

The Arc of Essex County honored the champions and all tournament participants at an awards ceremony and celebration at Camp Hope on June 30th. The final tournament standings are:

Division 1

First - Community Link

Second - Bridges
 Third - Reach
 Fourth - Livingston CRC

Division 2

First - SWOP
 Second - Arcompany
 Third - Mobile Crews 1 and 2 from Arcompany
 Fourth - Opportunity Zone

Congratulations to all Kickball Tournament participants. Our day program teams are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the Fall basketball season as they prepare to compete and cheer on each other.



This year's champions posing for a team picture.

Big Names Highlight

3rd Annual Uncorked & Uncapped Roster

As the 2016 Uncorked & Uncapped - Wine, Beer, and Food Fest approaches in just under eight weeks, the vendor roster is quickly filling up! New names like Uva Wines, Dogfish Head, and Cupcakes by Carousel - who has been featured on Oprah's Favorite Thing's (twice!) - have been added along with cooking demonstrations and tastings from Caffe Navona and 321 Chillz that are certain to get mouths watering.

Accompanying these esteemed establishments will be more than thirty additional vendors making this the largest Uncorked & Uncapped event to date! The Arc of Essex County will also introduce a 50/50 raffle to the Uncorked & Uncapped event line up. Only 1,000 tickets have been printed and the winner does not need to be present to win. Tickets are for sale for \$10. Please call Brielle Cummings at (973) 535-1181 ext. 1227 to purchase your ticket in advance of the event.

Vendors include returning crowd favorites and a generous mix of new names sure to spice things up:

- **Beer**

- Beach Haus Brewery
- Climax Brewing Company
- Dogfish Head Brewing
- Flying Fish Brewing Company
- Lone Eagle Brewing Company
- Magnify Brewing Company
- Neshaminy Creek Brewing Company
- New Jersey Beer Company
- Oskar Blues Brewery
- River Horse Brewin
- Sierra Nevada
- Sixpoint Brewery
- Weyerbacher Brewing Company

- **Food**

converting the existing master bathroom to a handicapped accessible bathroom, upgrading the lighting, and installing a full fire suppression system.

The acquisition, renovations, and furnishings were made possible through the generous support of Essex County Division of Housing and Community Development, the Township of Roseland, New Jersey Division of Developmental Disabilities, PwC, Catholic Human Services Foundation, and Ralph M. Cestone Foundation.

The Arc of Essex County would also like to thank members of the community who helped welcome the new residents home by purchasing items off of their Bed Bath and Beyond registry. If you would still like to contribute, the registry is [available here](#).

Summer Fun in Full Swing at Camp Hope

Friday, August 5th marks the end of the fifth week of summer fun at Camp Hope. Since the start of camp on July 5th, we've been soaking up the sun and staying cool in the pool with nearly 150 children and adults. Campers have enjoyed some tried and true favorites throughout their themed weeks at Camp Hope while being introduced to new activities by the always inventive camp staff.



Things get colorful at camp!

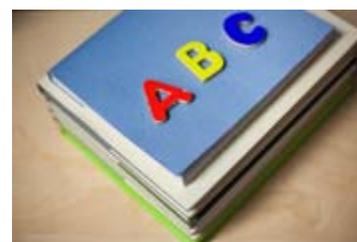
At the conclusion of week two, themed "Let's Get Movin'," Camp Hope hosted the very first camp color run. Campers enjoyed an afternoon of exercise and dousing each other with colorful paints and powders upon reaching milestone markers on the running course.

The annual Camp Hope Car Wash returned at the end of week three along with the much anticipated Camp Olympics taking place the end of week four. While competing in their own Olympic-like activities, campers shared what they are most excited about seeing during the highly-anticipated 2016 Olympics in Rio.

Week five concluded with the return of the Camp Hope Talent Show featuring singing, dancing, and performances from campers and staff of all ages. With just two weeks left, campers can expect many more exciting activities - including the conclusion of The Arc of Essex County's Dunk Tank Challenge where campers will have the opportunity to dunk nearly 10 members of the Board of Directors!

Home Assistance Program *Participates* in NCJW's Annual Back 2 School Store

On Sunday, July 31st Home Assistance Program (HAP) children and families participated in the National Council of Jewish Women's Essex County chapter's (NCJW/Essex) annual Back 2 School Store at B'Nai Shalom synagogue in West Orange.



Accompanied by a volunteer personal shopper, each child was escorted throughout the department-store-like space to select pants, shirts, sneakers, hats, gloves, undergarments, a winter jacket, and a backpack in their favorite colors and styles. Each child also received school supplies as well as personal care items. All of the merchandise was brand new and purchased by NCJW/Essex.

While the children shopped, parents and caregivers browsed the Gaelen Family Resource Center to pick up health and social service information from various exhibitors, receive routine health screenings, and access mobile medical support.

The Arc of Essex County's HAP program provides services to families whose child and/or parent has an intellectual or developmental disability and are considered to be low income. This program provides supports in the areas of transportation, community resources, housing, navigating school systems, recreation, and at times skill trainings. The goal is to assist parents and families in becoming more self-sufficient, economically and personally, to maintain the family unit, and to attain independence.

The Arc of Essex County would like to thank NCJW/Essex for their continued generosity and support of our HAP families.

What will be your Legacy?

Take a moment right now and think about all the good you've done in your life.

What if you could continue that good work and leave a legacy to create positive change that will affect generations to come? Imagine all that could be accomplished if each of us remembered the countless individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) and their families who are supported by The Arc of Essex County in our estate plan!

Your planned gift today will ensure our movement continues to create a lasting impact and change. **Leave your legacy today.**

If you would like to talk to someone about how you can leave a legacy to The Arc of Essex County, please contact Heather Comstock, Senior Director of Development & Communication at hcomstock@arcessex.org or 973-535-1181 x1224.

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