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GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

The Township of Union Education Foundation is pleased to announce that they awarded 10 grants to teachers in the Township of Union public schools for the school year 2023-2024. A reception for grant recipients was held on May 18, 2023 at the Knights of Columbus in Union.

Mini grants of up to \$750.00 were awarded to the following teachers:

Cathy Jakositz, Kawameeh Middle School, has been awarded a grant for replacements parts for the aeroponic garden. Ms. Jakositz has used the garden as a catalyst for a Garden Club which was a place where general education students and students with special needs could join and work together to learn how to grow not only plants but friendships as well.

Nicole Kelly, 8th grade English teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, and Danielle Stabler, 8th grade science teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, will receive a 3D printer which will enable the science students to visualize abstract concepts by creating physical models, as well as to design and create prototypes that can be tested and further improved upon as part of the engineering process.

Lauren Kohn and Marcy Musarra, who teach English self-contained grades 9-12 at Union High School, will receive funds for sets of books for each special needs student in their class.

Thomas Lubanski, CAST teacher at Union

High School, and Sandra Mangarella, Screenwriting 9-12 and other Language Arts classes teacher at Union High School, requested funds that will enable their students to enter nationwide contests where they can showcase their talents in screenwriting and television production.

LaShanna Armour, Integrated Preschool teacher at Hannah Caldwell, has been awarded a grant to purchase materials which will support her preschool students with extra support and guidance in mastering the early stage of self-regulating their strong emotions with materials for stimulating experiences to creatively explore and engage in tactile play.

Macro-grants of up to \$5,000.00 have been awarded to:

Lisa Krauze, media specialist at Kawameeh Middle School, and John Irwin, media specialist at Burnet Middle School, cooperated on a grant proposal for both schools which requested funds for materials that are print books and also contain an audio component which allows students to read along to help strengthen the reading skills and help students to learn to pronounce new words as they learn them.

Jha'Lon Motley, Pre-K teacher at Hannah Caldwell, will receive materials that will enable the young students to explore science, technology, engineering, arts and math through play.

Alexia Moriello, Trisha Davis, Nicole Filippone, Ashley Maynard, teachers of self-contained pre-K and self-contained autistic students at Hannah Caldwell School, will receive materials for a Sensory room, that students can use throughout the day to help with self-regulation in order to help them increase the ability to refocus and promote positive classroom behaviors.

Melissa Antolovich, library media specialist at Hannah Caldwell School and Battle Hill School, requested funds to add a graphic novel and manga book collection to both school libraries.

Mary Ellen Patricco, fourth grade teacher at Connecticut Farms School, will receive materials for a grant called "Building Math Success."



(above) The Township of Union Education grant recipients for the 2023-2024 school year.

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Each week, guests will participate in vocal and physical warm-ups and work on songs with the chorus. The chorus sings a variety of music, including old-fashioned love songs, Broadway, Disney, Beatles, and more.

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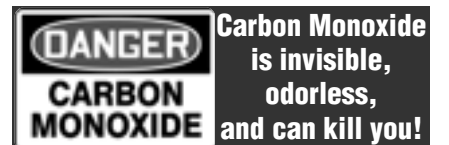
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“At The Gateway Family YMCA, our supportive community will inspire you to find your inner strength to help you reach your individual goals and expand your health in spirit, mind and body,” stated Melynda A. Disla, President and CEO, The Gateway Family YMCA. “We are anchored in 17 communities in Eastern Union County and Northern Middlesex County and are committed to support everyone with fun, educational and social opportunities.”

As part of the July Open House, The Gateway Family YMCA, will be hosting a Community Health Fair with vaccination, health, chronic disease management and wellness information, along with local partners and in coordination with Shaping Eastern Union County, Shaping Elizabeth, Shaping Rahway and Shaping Union.

“At the Y, we intentionally provide opportunities to connect with new people, develop new skills and explore new interests. We know that socialization is so very important to mental health for all and are committed to providing supportive services in our YMCA, our community and from the comfort of home,” stated Rodger D. Koerber, EVP/Chief Operating Officer. “Our commitment to digital innovation includes 24-hour virtual access for our members utilizing YMCA360 and providing access to virtual seminars and programming from over 100 YMCAs across the country.”

The Gateway Family YMCA provides a



complimentary Community Membership, enhancing an opportunity for everyone to participate in designated Y programs, special events and communications designed to provide access to all, while remaining connected to each other and the community. More information is available at tgfymca.org/community-membership

With a unique focus that encompasses programs and services for all ages, the Y is poised to assist families in a very intentional way, as a partner in their holistic wellness. In addition to

traditional Y programs like youth sports and swimming lessons, The Gateway Family YMCA also offers Child Care, WISE Community Services, Chronic Disease Management programs, Residential Housing and Social Services.

The Gateway Family YMCA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, health and community service organization of caring staff and volunteers dedicated to strengthening community through Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility. Serving the community since 1900, the Y doesn't just strengthen bodies – it strengthens people, families, and communities.

For more information about The Gateway Family YMCA, visit tgfymca.org or contact the Elizabeth Branch 908-355-9622, Five Points Branch 908-688-9622, Rahway Branch 732-388-0057 or the Wellness Center and WISE Center Branch at 908-349-9622.



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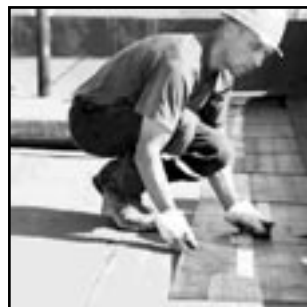
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(above) Kenilworth residents Suzanne and Kathleen Czarnecki, Kenilworth Library Senior Programming Library Assistant.

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(above) Dee from Union

around New Jersey to take part in the library's newest program "Spin A Yarn". Participants brought spinning wheels, roving, spindles and enjoyed time crafting wool into yarn.

There aren't many places to go to gather as a group to enjoy this hobby, so staff at the Kenilworth Public Library decided to try to bring people together. The inaugural session was held in June and was a big success.

The most important part of this group is the gathering of a community of crafters who enjoy the same unique hobby, to share their knowledge about the craft's techniques, and even the business end of it, with one another.

There are larger plans in store for this group. The future will hold a "fiber-tasting" session, where participants can learn about different types of spinning fibers. We hope to offer hands-on technique workshops as well.

This program is free for adults. All are welcome. No registration is required. You don't need any experience to join us, we are happy to help show you how to spin fiber into yarn.

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HILLSIDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARKS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Hillside Historical Society marked the society's 50th anniversary at an open house on Sunday, April 30. Pictured are Hillside Mayor Dahlia Vertreese, center, holding a proclamation she presented to President Ann Pettigrew, left. At right is Treasurer Steve Karwowski. The Society continues to operate the Woodruff House, Eaton Store Museum, and Phil Rizzuto All Sports Museum through private donations and grants. Pettigrew is holding a plaque with the names of the original officers and charter members of the Hillside Historical Society in 1973. The Society is a volunteer organization and is a tax exempt 501 (c) 3 organization. Every dollar donated goes directly to the restoration and maintenance of the Woodruff House/Eaton Store Museum.



(above) A banner in front the Woodruff House, Eaton Store Museum, and Phil Rizzuto All Sports Museum, 111 Conant Avenue, Hillside, notes the 50th anniversary of the Hillside Historical Society from its founding in 1973.

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There are 50,000 Elks members and 107 Lodges in New Jersey. Last year alone the New Jersey State Elks Lodges donated more than \$16 million towards enriching our communities. The New Jersey State Elks volunteer hours exceed

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