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Christian Family & Children's Center

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Ongoing 2023 Center Events

Mondays - Trail Life Troop Meeting, twice per month

Jan 10 - Senior Lunch & Learn w/ Desert Storm Navy Bombardier Navigator Eric Slezak

Jan 13 - PA Farm Show Community Bus Trip

Jan 17, Feb 2, Mar 23 Community Visit Days

Jan 20 - March for Life Community Bus Trip

Jan 28 & Mar 25 - First Aid & CPR Classes

Feb 17 - CCS Student Council Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Apr 21 - Auction

TBA - Pittsburgh Pirate Faith Night at PNC Park

Aug 5 - Golf Outing



Faith

...is confidence in what we hope for and
assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

Center Advocate

Faith like a mustard seed

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Our New Health & Wellness/Gym Project

We are currently in the last stretch of giving for our new Health & Wellness Center Project. We need your help to finish this project well. This facility will be a place for basketball and volleyball practices, games, gym classes, concerts, productions, and work out rooms. The engineering estimate on this project is \$1,250,000 and currently we have raised over 1.1 million dollars to build this incredible facility to serve facility to serve the community. Praise the Lord! Thank you to everyone who has given already! If you want more specific information about this project go to champion.org/campaign. We recently held a Capital Campaign Banquet to celebrate 40 years in ministry and to raise funds for the gym. The video of the event is available at:

<https://youtu.be/to3kcHWtKBo>

We are currently in need of the following last steps to complete this campaign:

1. Funds needed to complete the final phase of the building project: **\$144,000**
2. Athletic fixtures needed to complete the project:

Retractable basketball hoops: \$60,000

Refurbished bleachers: \$20,000

Volleyball equipment: \$15,000

Gym dividing curtain: \$ 11,000

Scoreboard system: \$10,000

Exercise equipment: \$15,000

Remaining Financial Need: \$275,000

If you feel led to donate, checks can be made out to Christian Family & Children's Center to the address on this newsletter. Or, you can donate by credit card at:

champion.org/donate



Ligonier Campus - Ligonier
Preschool
724-455-2122

South Campus - Indian Head
Preschool - 4th
724-455-2122

North Campus - Donegal
Preschool & 5th - 12th
724-593-9200

Ministry Update

The Center's early education program, which includes daycare and three preschool campuses, is always hopping with joy! Here, the youngest in our community can enjoy distinctly Christian programming that sets them on a path of loving learning, developing social skills, and increasing self-regulation skills. Our teachers nurture creativity and curiosity, and through play, the students develop motor skills, math foundations, and pre-literacy skills. Most importantly, students and their families, some for the first time, learn about the Gospel and God's love.



When Champion Christian School students reach adulthood, never will they say that their learning only consisted of a desk, a blackboard, four walls, and a lecture. Life at Champion Christian School is full of adventure and hands-on experiences. During this last year, our students have hiked through the Laurel Highlands, climbed through a dimly lit submarine, attended The Nutcracker ballet, explored at a dairy farm, and imagined life many years ago as they walked through the historical streets of Williamsburg, VA. While facts and figures have their place, learning by immersion in God's kingdom is powerful and memorable.

Learning is critical across all developmental stages in life, and it does not just stop at graduation. That is why we provide coach bus trip opportunities for people of all ages. In January we will take buses to the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA and the March for Life in Washington, D.C. Trips to the Ark Experience and Creation Museum, Sight & Sound, and the Bible Museum are often in the works. Check out champion.org/calendar for updates!

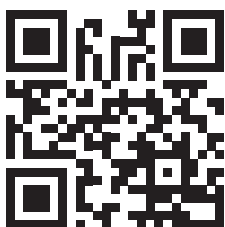


Because we believe that our Christian faith is not only for Sundays and the Christian School setting but to be integrated in our daily lives, the Center sponsors a Trail Life boys scouting troop so that boys can learn how to incorporate their faith and learn to walk worthy as Godly



The need for senior citizen programming in our community is evident. People feel more isolated than ever despite having various technological communication possibilities. The Center has responded by offering Lunch & Learn seminars for ages 55 and older. Past topics have included fraud and scams that

target seniors, nutrition, financial legacies, hospice, medicare, economic signals, and flexibility and exercise. In January 2023, Eric Slezak will be sharing personal stories of his time as a Naval Bombardier Navigator in Desert Storm. Additionally, out of our established transportation





program, we have a senior transportation ministry to help seniors get where they need to go. Plans to expand our senior citizen ministries are in the works, and if you would like to be involved in planning discussions, please let us know.

Living in a fallen world is ever-apparent in our lives. Yet, we acknowledge that Jesus Christ brings healing and relief to those who believe. Faith is a



critical component in health and wellness, and the Center's Christian Counseling program nurtures and integrates faith in Jesus Christ. Our counselors walk alongside those who are struggling. From addiction, mental health, disabilities, and grief, to marriage and family concerns, our programs help lead individuals and families to hope, healing and restoration.

The Center is vibrant with activity throughout the year. Regularly we look for volunteers for projects and committees. While volunteers are always critical to our mission, our current building project has only been possible because of those willing workers. We could benefit from additional extra hands. Families and individuals of every age are invited to plug into Center programs, activities, and events. We especially seek your prayers in our mission to educate, equip, and engage the world for Christ.



Everything is possible for one who

Believes

Mark 9:23b

In faith you can partner with and support the Center
Visit: champion.org/ccs/development