

The Milford Youth Center

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



MYC's HISTORY

The Milford Armory, now home to the Milford Youth Center (MYC), was built in 1911 from Milford pink granite sourced from quarries on East Main St.

Until 2005, the Armory was home to variously designated units of the Massachusetts National Guard. At that time, the MYC occupied a couple rooms of the building but the Town recognized the need for a forever home for this much needed program, a dream of the late James F. DiAntonio.

For years, the community, the United Way of Tri-County, the Select Board and other local politicians lobbied to the state to be able to purchase the building to become the permanent home for the Youth Center, after the National Guard left. This dream became a reality in 1998 and we have been able to see it flourish ever since.

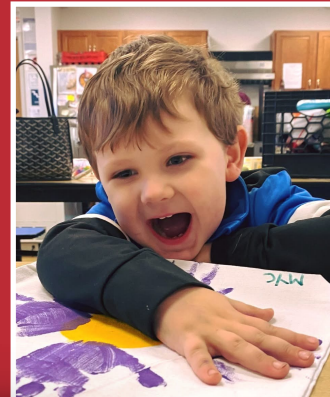
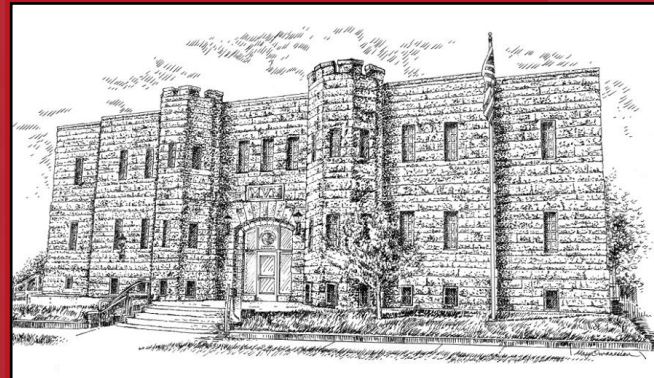
The MYC currently operates in a unique sustainable partnership with the Town of Milford and the United Way of Tri-County, who serves as the fiduciary, and has multiple other funding streams. Due to help of an Armory Renovation Committee and then Town Meeting approval, the Center went through a major, multi-million-dollar renovation in 2016 and we have been able to see even more building improvements, through donations, grants and other town and state allocations.

We are thankful to every individual, business and organizations who has been part of our MYC journey and we look forward to an even brighter future!



MYC's MISSION

The mission of the Youth Center is to provide a safe environment that promotes self-esteem, builds character, and fosters the notion of community and the importance of respecting and serving others. By providing Milford youth with programs and a safe environment during the after school hours and during our monthly events, we address adolescent risk factors as well as promote the partnerships among community members to ensure a comprehensive vision and plan for the health of the youth in the town of Milford.



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt

MYC ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP



The MYC is led by three full-time staff members; Director, Assistant Director and a Program Coordinator. In addition, the MYC has an amazing part time staff, who help oversee our after-school program, summer camp, rentals, front desk, events, marketing and YouthWorks employment program. These positions are supported through donations, fundraisers, rental revenue, and grants. We can't forget about Cora! The heart and soul of the Center and our unofficial mascot!

MYC Youth Commission Board



Brendan Rickert – Chair, Stacy Darling – Vice Chair, Angelo A Calagione Esq., Darlene Dulude, John Dulude, Ariea Bryan, Jason Vaz, Christin Crean, Gail Jussaume, Jonathan Capece, William Farrell, Christina Wiech, Martin Montoya, Courtney Walsh.

A Letter From The Milford Youth Commission

As we wrap up another successful year, the Milford Youth Commission and the Milford Youth Center Staff would like to thank the participants, community members, local businesses, Town of Milford employees, and elected officials for their ongoing support.

Each year we strive to do and offer more activities and events for the youth of Milford. With your commitment to this truly unique center, we have been able to provide more while adding no additional investments from the local taxpayers. These activities range from life skill courses to creative development and simple free-play. None of which is possible without our energetic and passionate part-time staff, most of which are local teenagers, as well as volunteers within the community at large. Of course, the full time staff is our leading light, orchestrating the daily operations to run seamlessly, creating a safe, fun, and memorable environment.

When not running the free afterschool program, the Youth Center building is constantly in use with a mix of open time available to the community and rentals to our local youth sports. During our busiest months in the winter, the Youth Center is open 7 days a week.

While we are happy with the wonderful 2024 year, there is always more to achieve. The Youth Center is undergoing further renovations to ensure the long-term viability of the physical building and we are looking to add more enrichment to the lives of the youth of Milford.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you. See you at the Milford Youth Center in 2025.

MYC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM



We offer a 10-month, free after school program for Milford residents and/or students attending Milford Public Schools, ages 8-18. The program had **573** unduplicated registered

members, who were offered 2-3 structured programs a day, along with an open gym, game room and a cafe/ lounge. We offer a free snack and dinner program, due to the collaboration of CACFP, Hockomock Area YMCA, and the Milford School Food & Nutrition Services Department. This year, we served **4,733** dinners and **4,721** snacks!

March Madness



This popular, month-long event hosted **16** Teams & **83** after-school participants and an additional 3-point contest for ages 8-12 and 13-18. This program is an amazing way for the MYC members of all

ages to work together to achieve the ultimate goal, winning the March Madness event!

MYC held **106** Recreation programs such as Fishing and Sewing!

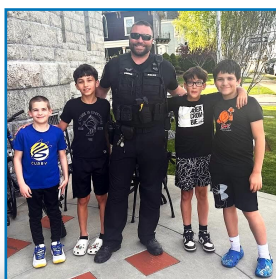


MYC held **8** Special Events such as Escape Room, Fashion Show, MYC Thanksgiving, Friday Fright Night and we even got to see the Solar Eclipse!



Community Collaboration

The MYC is always partnering with local organizations to provide more opportunities for the youth we serve. Our collaborations this school year included Milford Regional Medical Center, Milford TV, Milford Town Library, Greenleaf Jr. Gardener Club, New Human, We All



Hoop, Cornerstone at Milford, Massachusetts 4-H Foundation, and many more! This year, we have been able to continue to offer monthly Life Skills Programs such as "Friends and Family" Basic CPR, woodworking, Wayside MetroWest Community Services, Milford Federal Bank, Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, Scouts of America Mayflower Council, West Street Auto, Braza and Mancini, Inc. and many more.



MYC provided **576** Health & Fitness programs such as Cooking, FitFun, March Madness, MYC Volleyball Tournament, Weight Room and Boxing!

MYC offered **55** special classes and workshops such as Steam, Milford TV, Social Emotional, Think Outside the Box Thursday, Arts and Crafts and LifeSkills!



In 2024, the MYC after-school program consisted of **48** different programs, totaling **1,938** program hours.



End of the Year Party

Each year, we end our After-school program with a party for the registered after-school members! This year's end of the year party was a remarkable success with **101** in attendance! We had many of our traditional specials such as Scholarship Presentation, a photo booth, indoor jumpy, lawn games, face painting, snow cones, senior staff gifts and awards, superlatives and our awesome water slide, Jumpy!



"Such a great program for the local youth population! My son attends often after school to hang out with his friends or to play basketball-he loves participating in the March Madness contest! The after-school program not only gives them a place to go but also teaches them responsibility, socializing with others they don't see daily and a way to stay active during the colder months. We are really fortunate to have such a program led by incredible staff and leaders that are passionate about our community! Keep up the amazing work." — Silvia Goncalves

MYC SUMMER CAMP



The MYC offers an affordable, six-week summer camp every year. Activities include weekly field trips and fun in-town activities. We had 120 families participate this summer! The camp includes fun weekly themes that we pair with different activities, crafts and field trips!

Field trips this summer included Animal Adventures, Water Wizz, Kimball Farm, Canobie Lake Park, Boston Museum of Science and Onset Beach!

The campers also enjoyed Fino Pool twice a week, Mendon Town Beach once a week and a movie day on Friday with popcorn! Every week ended the coveted announcement and recognition of campers and counselors of the week!



Each week the campers participate in a group craft project, enjoy free-play in the gym, game room and the kitchen/lounge area.

In addition, camp also included organized activities like our outdoor water slide jumpy, trivia, color wars and a town-wide scavenger hunt!



"He's loved camp the past few years making new friends, going on field trips. We're lucky to have the Youth Center in Milford as a place that any child is welcome for after school activities and summer camp where everyone truly cares about them. You guys are a pivotal asset to the community."

— Jenn Johnson

Camp would not be possible and provide such an amazing experience for all of our kiddos without the Milford Food Service team and the Hockomock Area YMCA who oversees the free food programs, our bus drivers, the lifeguards at Fino and Mendon Town Beach and our Camp Counselors!



Free Breakfast and Lunch!

The Center also served **402** free breakfasts and **882** free lunches to campers due to the collaboration of SFSP, Hockomock Area YMCA and the Milford School Food & Nutrition Services Department.



We also need to shout out some of our special guests including Milford Town Library, UMass Extension 4-H Stem and our longtime volunteer Phyllis Foley who offered her talents with her gardening program!



Thank You To Our Summer Camp Scholarship Donors!

Every year we receive donations that help make our summer camp available for local youth in need! We would like to thank our 2024 contributors, who helped us reach \$2,250 in donations:

- Milford Federal Bank - \$1,000
- Milford Lions Club - \$500
- UniBank - \$500



"A little bit of summer is what the whole year is all about." —John Mayer

MYC SPECIAL EVENTS

10th MYC Fashion Show



We would like to thank everyone that helped make our 10th “Dressed Up, Not Messed Up” Youth Fashion Show a success this year! Over **25** youth participated in the event! Thank you to the MYC Dance program participants who performed their dance, which interpreted a positive self-image and the importance of self-love. Included in the dance, the girls used a blanket, made

with donations from Annie’s Kindness Blankets. Annie’s Kindness Blankets is a 501(c)3 organization that provides an “everlasting hug” to anyone that may need it. The key mission is to let people know it’s okay to reach out and ask for help. It’s okay to not be okay and you are not alone.



We would specifically like to thank everyone who helped set up for the event (John Dulude, Carlos Benjamin, Jay Vaz) and volunteered at the event (MYC Youth Council Members, Darlene Dulude and Gail Jussaume)! We would like to specifically thank DJ Ron Auger; cosmetology students at Blackstone Valley Technical School, for volunteering their time to do the participants hair and make-up; Pamela Goldman for speaking on behalf of Annie’s Kindness Blankets; Sandy Gray of Jackie’s Boutique, for donating her time, dresses and accessories to the girls who chose

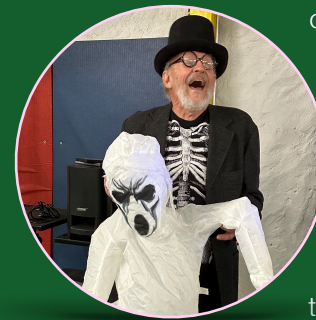
to do so; Sandy’s friend, Annie Crowell, for making any necessary alterations to the dresses; Lee Alexander, owner of A Touch of Class Formalwear in Milford, for taking the time to measure and choose ensembles specific to those who chose to wear a suit; Guymonley S., a former MYC after-school member, and a current MYC staff, for walking in the show and speaking on behalf of the MYC free after-school program and what it has meant to him over the years; Julya C. for introducing the show; Dominique and Gerald of Milford TV for filming the event; Luna’s Place of Milford for allotting time for **6** MYC Fashion Show participants to have their hair cut or a hair styled; Pizza Palace for discounting pizza for our volunteers, and lastly, but most importantly, to all the MYC Fashion Show participants, thank you for an amazing evening, a spectacular memory and motivation to continue to allow this amazing event to take place!



Friday Fright Night



The Milford Youth Center would like to thank the **100** MYC and community members who attended our Friday Fright Night Fundraiser on Friday, October 25th, 2024, and the over **35** volunteers who helped make it happen! Some of the activities included DJ Ron Auger, costume contest, jumpy, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and kid friendly games. New year, we added a raffle table. We were joined by the Milford Fire mascot, Sparky, along with the Milford Police Department’s very own therapy dog, Piper! Finally, we would also like to thank the Milford Fire Department for visiting the haunted house the day before the event to make sure that our Haunted Maze was safe for all!



We would like to extend a big thank you to our community partners and vendors: The Greenleaf Gardening Club’s, Phyllis, and Patsy; The Milford Town Library’s, Samantha Cesario; Milford TV’s Dominique and Gerald, Nadine Clifford of ConnectEd and Inspired, Lynda, Sienna and Dakota of Goldfish Swim School, Cindy and Natalie of Wayside Youth & Family Support, The Milford Fire Department, and finally, and Robert DiFazio of the Scouts of America! A big Thank you to Lambert’s of

Mendon for donating over **100** pumpkins for the event!

Thank you to all of our volunteers who made the Kids Zone and Haunted Maze possible. A special thank you to David Abrantes, Ryker Fauth and to Board Member, John Dulude, who helped us tremendously in our efforts to make a safe and fun maze for this event, and for helping break it down afterwards!



“Never forget the essence of your spark!”
Taylor Swift

MYC SPECIAL EVENTS

Thanksgiving Dinner

The MYC Thanksgiving Dinner, held on November 26, 2024, was a huge success! We served over **125** kids and over **60** 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. We would like to thank the following businesses and/or individuals who donated sides and/or monetarily towards this event:

- Donations:** Barbell 88 for donating \$500, New Human for donating \$450, to Cornerstone of Milford for donating a \$100 gift card, and finally, thank you to Sandra Baldi for donating \$50!
- Food & Drinks:** Pizza Chef Milford, Prezo Grille and Bar, Garden Pizza, Oliva's Market, Catering & Gourmet Gifts, Gene's Variety, Emporium Brazil Restaurant, Casa Brazil, Milford Pizza Palace, Red Heat Tavern of Milford, Rail Trail Flatbread Co., Great Taste, Whole Foods Market of Bellingham, New England Food, Thanks to Yanks, Lisa Capuzziello, James Brevigleiri, Ken Rosa, Cindy Stulac, Alexandra to Susan Dykoff, Judy Tusino, Youth Council members and their guardians, Kris and Kathryn, Anthony and Lisa and Kalib and Bill for donating desserts and to the Milford Food Service Department for supplying utensils and trays for the event!

Finally, we would like to thank the **30** volunteers who helped serve and run activity tables! A special thanks to our board members, CloudSolved IT, ERA Key Realty Services, Cornerstone at Milford, the Milford Town Library, Greenleaf Gardening, Ascend Hospice, and Thanks to Yanks!



Holiday Gift Giveaway

Due to the amazing generosity of our community, this year the MYC distributed an estimated **\$30,000** worth of gifts to over **175** youth and their families! We would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who sponsored youth and/or held collections for our center including the United Way of Tri-County, Barbell 88, Waters Corporation, Goldfish Swim School – Milford, West Street Autobody, Santos Garage, Cornerstone at Milford, AAA Northeast,

New Human, Jen, the Director's college friends from Stonehill (Kayte Lenahan, Alyssa Bibeau, Kara Rossetti), Donna Lanciault, Gail Jussaume and the Duludes! Finally, thank you to the Milford Police Cadet Program for helping us unload gifts and thank you to the volunteers from AAA Northeast for sorting the gifts for us!



Backpack Giveaway

We are very fortunate to be able to offer program participants each year brand new backpacks filled with pens, pencils, notebooks and virtually everything students will need to start the new school year! This year we distributed 60 backpacks donated by the United Way of Tri-County and the Hockomock Area YMCA.



COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Community Engagement



The MYC is always looking for ways to work with local organizations and coalitions to help provide more opportunities for the youth we serve! Some events and community groups participated in this year are Milford Veterans Day Parade, CHNA 6, Stacy Middle School Council, Hockomock Area

YMCA Board of Incorporators, The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts Community Outreach Committee, Milford Public Schools Equity Audit, Gallery of Arts and Crafts Fair, and the Woodland Potluck



Dinner. We made and decorated seashells for children in foster care, made holiday cards for active soldiers and retired veterans for the Thanks to Yanks foundation, made various crafts for patients in hospice care at Ascend Hospice, donated raffle prizes for various community fundraisers and participated in numerous community events, forums, trainings, and educational presentations!



MYC Volunteers

With the help of over **193** volunteers in 2024, volunteering over **1,588** hours, the MYC has been able to successfully accomplish many events, programs, collections of donations, fundraisers, and more! We are so proud that over 55% of all our after-school programs are offered by either volunteers or outside services from our community partners! In addition to volunteering to



run programs, some other volunteer efforts include dedicating time to participating in our monthly Board Meetings, Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser and/or Committee, CraftRoots Fundraiser, March Madness tournament, serving our annual Thanksgiving

meal for our after-school members, packing meals for our summer camp, after school program and/ or weekend bags from Spoonful's and preparing raffle baskets for our events! To help put their impact into perspective, the hours volunteered are equivalent to over **\$51,000** in staffing expenses saved, according to the Independent Sector! Without volunteers, we would not be able to achieve all the things we have and plan to do in the future so, THANK YOU!



Additional Food Programs

We work with our community partners and strive to best serve our members by offering supplemental food programs. We are pleased to partner with Spoonful's, to provide weekend groceries for families in need and with the Hockomock Area YMCA to offer a monthly Mobile Food Pantry. This year, we distributed **3,250** lbs. of rescued food and **368** bags of groceries through these collaborations! Beginning in October 2024, our amazing collaboration with Seven Hills Aspire of Hopedale began. This is a day program that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Together we were able to schedule some members of their program to come to the Center weekly. Together with their staff, they divide up the weekly groceries received from Spoonfuls for members who are registered for this service.



MYC RENTALS AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

The MYC is available for rental purposes year-round, which helps sustain our 10-month free after school program and staffing costs. This year, the Center received over **\$44,000** of rental revenue to support our programs. The rooms we have available to rent are the gymnasium and/or stage area, conference room, dance/fitness room, boxing room/gym and batting cages. The Center is also looking forward to the completion of our future multi-purpose media center, to add additional programs and rental space, anticipated in 2025.

Kids Play

"This is our second year participating in the Kid's Play program at the Milford Youth Center. My daughter looks forward to walking into friendly greetings from staff and happy to spend time playing with friends, followed by a craft and snack. Such a great opportunity for these kids to socialize in a safe, well-organized environment that allows them a little change from their daily routine!" —Alexa McDaniel



MYC Kids Play is a program run by our program coordinator, Joanna Abrantes, on Thursdays throughout the school year. The program, for ages 0-5, includes activities, crafts and structured playtime while adults socialize and meet other families in the community! We had **14** families attend in 2024!



Our gym space is utilized for many rentals, due to the large space the options for rentals are endless.

A popular rental at the MYC is for Birthday parties! Our gym and kitchen space offer an abundance of room for the kids to run around, play sports, and there's even an option to rent our bounce house (for an additional cost)! After the kids tire themselves out in the gym they jump right into the kitchen for cake and presents! A perfect option for local families to celebrate with their children in the community!



Open Gym: Basketball, Pickleball & Volleyball



The Adult Open Gym programs give any 18+ individuals the opportunity to play pick-up sports in our gym following our regularly scheduled programming. These are all casual programs that open

the building to the community and to young adults who once attended our after-school program! While basketball open



gym had been a program, we ran prior to COVID, Pickleball and Volleyball were established during the summer of 2023 due to community interest. We had **235** individuals participate in

these programs in 2024!



Senior Walking



Throughout the year the Center opens our gym, at no cost, during morning hours, for Milford Senior Residents to use the gym for walking. This provides them a safe place to get

their steps in while also giving them the opportunity to connect with each other and



enjoy a cup of coffee and/or tea! During 2024, we had **24** seniors use our facility!



"I have been walking at the Youth Center for many years. I find walking at the Youth Center is rewarding in many ways. Walking is important to me; I am able to walk on a safe level floor, I do not need to worry about the weather, hills, animals, traffic, etc. The staff are always welcoming, friendly and upbeat. I've also met, and have become friends with, some great people. We enjoy coffee and snacks provided by the Center. I can't say enough about everyone at the Youth Center and what a great welcoming place it is for all ages!" —Judy Tusino

MYC FUNDRAISERS

2nd Annual MYC Golf Fundraiser!

On Friday, May 10th, 2024, the Milford Youth Center held its 2nd Annual MYC Golf Tournament Fundraiser at Shining Rock Golf Club in Northbridge, MA! We are so excited to announce that the event raised **\$25,000** for Youth Center programs!

We would like to thank the entire team at Shining Rock Golf Club for allowing us to have the event and for being so accommodating. We would like to thank the **26** foursomes (**104** golfers), who participated and supported the Center. We would also like to thank all the volunteers and donors of raffle and auction items. Finally, thank you to Milford Resident and Meteorologist (WBZ-TV | WSBK-TV | CBS News Boston), Jacob Wycoff, who was our Emcee for the day!

Lastly, we would also like to specifically thank our golf committee, which included Pat Murphy, Ken Rosa, Brendan Rickert, Christine Crean, Nick Mazzarini, Pamela Goldman and Jen Ward.



Thank you to all our amazing sponsors:

*Premier Sponsors:

- Central One Federal Credit Union- Presenting Sponsor for \$5,000!
- Petro Home Services- Golf Cart Sponsor for \$3,000!
- Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA- Gold Lunch Sponsor for \$3,000!
- Ayr Wellness- Beverage Cart Sponsor for \$2,500!
- Hillview Equipment- Fairway Bites Sponsor for \$1,200!
- JJ's Ice Cream Shoppe- Scratch Ticket Sponsor for \$1,000!
- UniBank-MYC Program Sponsor for \$1,000!
- Hockomock Area YMCA-Putting Contest Sponsor for \$500!
- Plumb House Inc.-Beverage Sponsor for \$500!
- Pam Goldman and Mike Gillis-Breakfast Sponsor for \$500!



🏌️ Hole In one Sponsors for \$300:

- Milford Girls Softball League
- Braza & Mancini Inc.
- Signs Plus
- Rockland Trust
- Franks Appliances
- Eversource
- Teacher's Driving Academy



🏌️ Tee Sponsors for \$150:

- Nutriforia Nutrition
- Imprint Graphics, Inc.
- Honey Dew Donuts of Milford
- Milford Girls Softball League
- Tee Sponsor for \$150!
- Middlesex Savings Bank
- Hockomock Area YMCA
- Cornerstone at Milford
- Morin's Studio of Photography
- Doubletree by Hilton Boston/Milford
- Lobisser Companies
- Collins Landscaping
- McIntyre Loam Inc.
- Stowe & Degon LLC
- Milford Hardwood Floors Inc.

"No one who achieves success does so without the help of others." — Alfred North Whitehead

MYC FUNDRAISERS

14th Annual Fundraiser and Fall Appreciation Event!



On behalf of the Milford Youth Commission and staff, we would like to thank everyone who attended, donated and supported to make the 14th Annual Fundraiser successful, raising **\$7,000** for Youth Center programs! The event was held on Friday, September 13th at CraftRoots Brewing from 6-9 PM and included great beer and food, live music, raffles and community awards! The Youth Commission selects businesses, individuals and/or organizations each year for our Community and Individual Appreciation Awards! The

awardees are recognized for their dedication and support of the Youth Center. The 2024 Community Appreciation Awards were presented to **ALAVI & BRAZA, P.C., Amazon Sort Center – BOS4, and to The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts!**

We would like to thank every individual, organization and/or businesses that contributed to this fundraiser with a monetary donation and/or raffle prize! Thank you to the following individuals or businesses who made a monetary donation: Carolyn Cooney CBA Carolyn Cooney & Associates, KPX Countertops Inc, Mass Correction Officers Federated Union, The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts, Butter's House, Peter Lanciano, Chuck Calagione, Cloud Solutions, Inc., Pam Hunter, Clare Comaschi, Ladd-Patrick Fagerson, Danielle King, Kathleen Early, Mary Ann McCulley and Dale Hava!

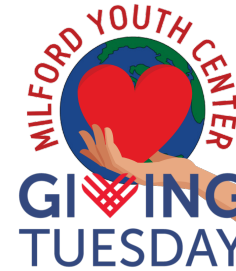


Finally, we would also like to thank one of our staff members from our YouthWorks program, Antoniyo who made an amazing speech at the event! Antoniyo grew up coming to the Center as a young child and we are so proud of the young adult that he has become. He eventually joined us as a part time-staff for both our summer camp and afterschool program, through the YouthWorks program for the last three years. Antoniyo was a 2024 Milford High School graduate and is attending his first year of Worcester State! Antoniyo spoke about the hardships of growing up with a single parent and that the Center provided him with resources, food and activities that he didn't always have

available to him. He looked up to staff while he was a member here and felt honored to be able to be that resource to youth attending now, being a staff himself! We are so proud of Antoniyo and thankful for the YouthWorks program!

"Always have an attitude of gratitude." — Sterling K. Brown

GivingTuesday Fundraiser!



We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated towards our GivingTuesday Campaign on Tuesday, December 3, 2024! We had a goal of raising \$4,000 and due to the community's generosity, we just surpassed it with raising **\$5,255** thanks to the following donors:

- ♥ **Stacy Darling**, the Co-Chair of the Milford Youth Commission and VP of Communications at **RTX** made a very generous donation of \$1,000 to the Center which was matched by her employer! We would like to thank both Stacy and RTX for this very generous donation of \$2,000 to the Youth Center.
- ♥ **Teacher's Driving Academy** for \$2,000 donation
- ♥ **\$200 Donors:** Canaan Fuels, Kerry Pepe
- ♥ **\$100 Donors:** Marc Richard, The Callahan Family, Lisa Recchia, Christine Crean, Jacques Cote
- ♥ **\$50 Donors:** Baystate Marketing, Nadine Grella, Pamela Hunter, Judy Tusino, Lisa Capuzziello, Teresa Usher
- ♥ **\$30 Donor:** Michael Gauthier
- ♥ **\$25 Donor:** Phyllis Foley

Community Fundraisers!

We are very fortunate to have multiple different organizations and/or businesses hold fundraisers for us throughout the year!



This year we would like to thank:

- ★ Nutriforia Nutrition
- ★ New Human
- ★ Shaw's "Give Back Where it Counts Reusable Bag Program"



Financial Report

The MYC is currently responsible for raising funds to continue programming and this is why monetary donations are so important! Without individual donations, rental and summer fees, fundraising, grants and support from the Town of Milford (funds the salary of the three full-time staff along with utility and maintenance expenses) and the United Way of Tri-County, we would not be able to provide our programs to the community. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the 2024 Town Meeting Members for approving the appropriation to remedy post-renovation needs!



Donations: The MYC received over **\$53,000** through fundraisers and donations, including \$6,500 from Alavi & Braza, P.C. Law Offices, \$3,000 from Benjamin Moore, \$2,500 from Haven Beauty Salon, and \$1,500 from Mark and Rose Titlebaum to name a few! We would also like to thank Milford Regional Medical Center for collaborating on our wellness and fitness programming. All of our donors are thanked in our monthly newsletter and quarterly reports to the Select Board.

In-Kind Donations and projects:

The MYC is lucky to be the beneficiary of thousands of dollars' worth of in-kind donations! We would like to thank everyone who donates items to us throughout the year for anything from arts and crafts supplies to sports equipment! Finally, we would like to thank Mike Volpe of ANP and Nydam Landscaping for donating their services annually to upkeep the front entrance landscaping!



Grants: The MYC was awarded over **\$45,000** worth of state funding and grants from the following: Rockland Trust Charitable Foundation, The Fidelity Charitable Donor-Advised Fund Grant and the Commonwealth Corporation under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts YouthWorks Program and MassHire Central Career Center.



YouthWorks: It is so awesome to see the YouthWorks program up and running for the third year in a row! The Youth Center received a **\$40,000** contract from the State to run an income-eligible summer employment program. This program is supported by the Commonwealth Corporation under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts YouthWorks Program and MassHire Central Career Center. Through this program, the Center oversaw 12 youth employees at 4 worksites, including: Milford Youth Center, Nutriforia Nutrition, Double Bubble Laundromat, and We All Hoop, allowing additional help at each location at no cost to their individual departments and/or businesses. We would also like to thank all of the presenters who came in over the summer!

Scholarships: Every year, we award Milford graduating seniors' scholarships/grants, as a part of our End of the Year Party for the afterschool program! We include this as part of the event, so after school members can see that they can one day apply for our scholarships/grant opportunities!

We were so happy to award two graduating seniors our MYC Scholarship/Grant Award (\$500/each), one senior the "Sandra Caproni Good Citizen Award" (\$500) and one senior the "Milford Youth Center Steve Manguso Scholarship" (\$1,000), a third and new scholarship opportunity that was created and funded by former Youth Commission member, Steve Manguso.



The 2024 recipients of the four scholarships were: Anthony Dew, Miguel De Oliveira, Julya Caldeira and Antoniyo Christiansen.

REVENUE		FY23	FY24
	Fundraising	\$ 38,965	\$ 73,573
	Donations	\$ 7,595	\$ 4,359
	Rentals	\$ 44,743	\$ 34,972
	Summer Camp	\$ 56,559	\$ 55,974
	United Way	\$ 1,099	\$ 521
	\$ 148,961	\$ 169,399	

EXPENSES		FY23	FY24
	Staffing: Part-Time	\$ 71,631	\$ 31,492
	Staffing: Summer Camp	\$ 4,713	\$ 11,366
	MYC Transportation	\$ 2,752	\$ -
	MYC Summer Camp Acts.	\$ 5,868	\$ 18,596
	Fundraising Events	\$ 13,744	\$ 16,152
	Misc. Program Expenses	\$ 21,400	\$ 28,334
		\$ 120,108	\$ 105,940
Profit (Loss) from Revolving	\$ 28,853	\$ 63,459	

Other funding (Grants & Gifts funds)			
Grant Revenue	\$ 178,228	\$ 218,829	
Grant Expenses	\$ 211,212	\$ 158,236	
Net activity - Grants	\$ (32,984)	\$ 60,593	
Gift Revenue	\$ 21,000	\$ 12,588	
Gift Expense	\$ 5,125	\$ 668	
Net Activity - Gifts	\$ 15,875	\$ 11,920	
Profit (Loss) all Sources	\$ 11,744	\$ 135,972	




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