

CAMP KELLY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHES, PICNIC PLANNED

UNC recently launched a capital campaign to support restoration projects at the agency's newly owned Camp Kelly (formerly Camp St. Andrew).

The agency was extremely fortunate to have strong support from the community, former campers, and parents, when the Diocese of Scranton agreed to transfer the property to UNC last Fall. However, much work remains to be done by UNC at the property to ensure it is properly preserved. Projects such as remodeling the bathrooms, making cabin repairs, fixing the basketball courts, and more, all still need to be completed.

As of mid-May, more than \$120,000 towards a final goal of \$500,000 had been raised towards these projects. The campaign continues, and anyone interested in helping ensure the future of this important community resource for generations to come can find out more by visiting uncnepa.org/camp-kelly-capital-campaign or by calling 570-346-0759. Opportunities for naming rights of camp buildings, and more, exist if you would like to leave a permanent mark at Camp!



In other news, a Camp Reopening Picnic is planned for Saturday, June 17th from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Camp. All are welcome to attend and hear more about UNC's vision for the future of the property. Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 per household and includes lunch. Find out more at uncnepa.org/events.

DON'T MISS THE INAUGURAL SILHOUETTE SOIRÉE!

If you register for UNC's inaugural Silhouette Soiree, be ready to party on Saturday, June 24 at 7:00 p.m. at a mystery location in Scranton! Part of the fun of this pop-up dining experience is guessing where the unique location might be. The only hint is that you probably have never eaten at this place before, and it has a great view! Only registered guests will receive the top secret email disclosing the location 48 hours prior to the event.



Tickets for this special event are \$75 per person and include a decadent dinner, live music, and one drink. Attendees will don their best black and white ensembles. Space is limited to 150 guests, so be sure to get your tickets as soon as possible. They can be purchased online at uncnepa.org/events or by calling 570-346-0759, ext. 114.

Special thanks to UNC's Auxiliary Board for coordinating this event to help UNC!



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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

With the continued unfolding of events in Washington, we are very concerned about how the new health care legislation passed by the House of Representatives will affect the individuals and families we serve. Many will be losing their health care completely, unable to afford the copays and premiums as subsidies are replaced with tax credits at a much lower rate. At risk are such things as mental health coverage, drug and alcohol treatment, and the coverage of preexisting conditions. Without these guarantees, many of the families and individuals we work with will be thrown into poverty, unable to afford the increased costs and unable to hold a job due to a lack of proper healthcare. This is a step backward in our efforts to build a solid foundation that will allow everyone to prosper in our community. We are hopeful that the final legislation will restore much of this coverage. Good health is not a product of income, however good healthcare is reserved for only those of means in our society. We need an equitable health care system for everyone.



Michael Hanley

On a brighter note, this is an exciting time of year at UNC as we prepare for the launch of Camp Kelly. Formerly “Camp St Andrew”, Camp Kelly was named after Monsignor Joseph Kelly, the Director of Camp St. Andrew for decades and the founder of Project Hope, UNC’s day camp program that serves hundreds of low income children each year. We regularly speak to many former campers who share the profound impact these programs made on their lives. I myself have many fond memories from camp, first as a second grader when I spent a week as a resident camper, and later in the Boy Scout Grove, now the Project Hope Day Camp area. My first three years at UNC were also spent as the Program Director for Project Hope. I know firsthand the impact of Camp on campers, as well as staff. We are excited to have the opportunity to continue this tradition and awed by the outpouring of community support. Stay tuned as we continue to build and expand Camp Kelly for all the families and children of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

— *Michael Hanley*

KICKS FOR KIDS HAS MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR YET!



A total of 27 teams (far surpassing last year’s 19) signed up for UNC’s 3rd Annual Kicks for Kids Kickball Tournament, which took place on Saturday, April 29th at Scranton High School’s Valor Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The players of all ages enjoyed a fun day of competition with Team Freed Brady (pictured at left) taking home the first place trophy. However, the real winner of the day was UNC’s Project Hope summer camp, which raised more than \$12,400 from the event! These funds will help UNC provide local children from low income families with a fun and educational summer camp experience.

Thank you to all who participated or volunteered, as well as to UNC’s Auxiliary Board for planning the event. Thank you as well to the sponsors: Scranton School District, WNEP -TV, Grimm Construction, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, PNC Bank, Times Shamrock Communications, Community Bank, Benco Dental, Geisinger, Megcomm Films, Texas Roadhouse, Hilton Scranton, Citizens Savings Bank, Eric Rogan, Scranton Social Sports Club, American Janitor, and Hinerfield Commercial Real Estate.

AROUND THE AGENCY

BOARD UPDATES



Justin MacGregor, Lackawanna County, and Peter Rosecrans, Lockheed Martin, recently joined UNC’s Board of Directors. New officers were also elected, including: Thaddeus Kenny, President; Rose Broderick, First Vice president; Ida Castro, Second Vice President; Gail Waters, Secretary; Debra Trickel, Assistant Secretary; and Kenneth Okrepkie, Treasurer.

SAVE THE DATE

FARM TO FORK

AUGUST 26, 2017

Spring Hills Farm, Dalton

Don’t miss this delicious farm to table dinner prepared by Epicurean Delight and enjoyed in a tent overlooking the fields.

Proceeds benefit UNC’s Community Health Department. More information can be found at www.uncnepa.org/events.



HEALTHY COOKING DEMOS AT MARKET

UNC’s South Side Farmers Market hosts free healthy cooking demonstrations the first Saturday of each month. All dishes incorporate ingredients found at the market or nearby ethnic stores. Get the recipe cards and try the dishes at home! The demonstrations are part of an initiative funded by the Aetna Foundation to encourage healthy habits in the neighborhood. For more information, call 570-346-6203 or visit the Market’s Facebook page.

“We are excited to spread the word about the delicious, healthy foods that are available locally and to bring more shoppers to South Side!”

- Chrissy Manuel
Farmers Market Coordinator



NEPA MATCH DAY

UNC was one of 25 local nonprofits to participate in the Scranton Area Community Foundation’s (SAF) NEPA Match Day on May 5th. Donations made to UNC for the event were matched by the SAF, up to \$1,000. In total, UNC raised more than \$3,850 through the event. Thank you to all who contributed to help us exceed our goal!

WORK IN SOUTH SIDE FUNDED



UNC, in collaboration with Peoples Security Bank, PNC Bank, and PPL Electric Utilities, recently received approval to take part in the PA DCED Neighborhood Partnership Program. Through this tax credit program, UNC will make significant progress on its ongoing work to revitalize South Scranton. UNC is the first organization in the region to receive approval for this state-wide program.



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SENIORS GOT TALENT



An audience of 500 packed the Theatre at North in Scranton for the 5th Annual Seniors Got Talent! A total of 10 acts performed by individuals ranging in age from 57 - 91 competed for prizes, with singing duet team Morrill and Dorothy Reed taking first place! For the second half of the show, local professional performers and entertainment groups showcased their own talent as well for the enjoyment of the audience. All together the event raised more than \$16,400 to support UNC's Active Older Adult Programs. Great job to all who participated!

LION KING PRODUCTION



UNC's Youth Theatre Program is currently rehearsing for a production of "The Lion King." More than 35 children between the ages of 5 and 18 will take part in this large musical production! Performances are scheduled for Friday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 27th at 2:00 p.m. at UNC's Oppenheim Center for the Arts in Scranton. There is no cost to attend and all are welcome. Please come out to support and recognize all of the hard work put in by these dedicated students!