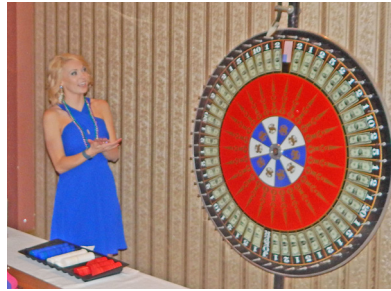


JOIN IN THE REVELRY AT UNC'S PARTY GRAS!



UNC invites the community to “let the good times roll” at the 17th Annual Party Gras on Friday, February 24, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel in Scranton. The annual Mardi Gras-themed fundraiser supports UNC’s Crisis Services, which help local families experiencing emergency situations that leave them unable to meet their basic needs. UNC’s Crisis Services first provide immediate help in terms of food, clothing, and shelter, then offer guidance for long-term stability. Serving thousands each year, there is no dedicated funding for these services. Party Gras and its supporters are responsible for helping ensure that these families are able to get back on their feet.

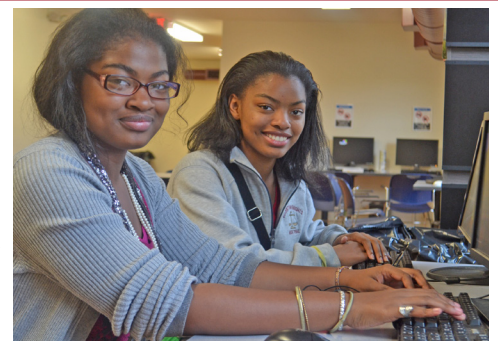
Guests at the event will enjoy a New Orleans inspired dinner, along with dining, dancing, gambling, fortune-telling, music by the East End Vipers, feathered masks and beads galore! Magician & Mentalist John Graham will give a featured performance. Tickets are \$80 per person and may be purchased by calling 570-346-0759 ext. 114 or online at www.uncnepa.org. The deadline to RSVP is February 15th.

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UNC LINKS YOUTH TO ‘GIRLS WHO CODE’ PROGRAM

Thanks to support from the United Way of Lackawanna & Wayne Counties, UNC was recently able to add a new career development component to its teen programs.

Young women in UNC’s Leaders in Training program were provided with support in applying to the University of Scranton’s Girls Who Code (GWC) program. GWC is a national initiative that is working to increase the number of female computer science professionals, and which has partnerships with more than 100 companies that have pledged to hire GWC alumni with a starting earning potential of \$60,000.



Nine UNC youth were accepted into the program and are being provided with ongoing transportation and support from UNC in order to ensure they maximize this opportunity. This support includes weekly review sessions with agency staff.

“I’m most excited to use what we’re learning to fix a social problem,” said participant Taahairah Muhammed. “One group created an app to address bullying. I want to do something like that.”



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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Well here we are, the Holidays are behind us already and time is quickly slipping away. It's hard to believe we have already started registration for the "Camp Kelly" summer season. It is an exciting time as we plan for renovations of the camp, as well as the expansion of programs to benefit children and families. For the first time in many years, we will be offering a week of Boys Resident Camp. We are also bringing back the Father Son Weekend and a women's retreat weekend as well. We are continuing to explore the possibilities of developing additional programs to offer the community in the spring and fall.



Michael Hanley

On other fronts, we are cautiously waiting to see how the results of the recent presidential election will affect our programs. Already we are seeing changes in the housing tax credit market, which provides the bulk of the funds for our recent development work. With the anticipated dramatic reduction in corporate tax rates, investors in this tax credit program are reducing their investments, or pulling out of the market altogether. Additionally, if the Affordable Care Act is repealed, thousands of households in Northeastern Pennsylvania will be negatively affected by either a loss of insurance or an unmanageable increase in premiums. These are just two of our immediate concerns, we are expecting many more in the years ahead.

Despite these concerns, we refuse to be discouraged. UNC has existed since 1923, survived the Great Depression, the Great Recession, and numerous downturns in between. We have survived because we are recognized as an agency that changes lives and strengthens communities. Our ability also depends more and more on supporters such as you. We are grateful for all your past support and look forward to continuing this relationship into the uncertain future.

— *Michael Hanley*

ACTS WANTED FOR 5TH ANNUAL SENIORS GOT TALENT!

UNC will host the fifth annual Seniors Got Talent on Sunday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. at the Theatre at North (former North Scranton Jr. High School) to raise funds for the agency's four active older adult community centers in Lackawanna County.



Registration is now open for individuals over the age of 55 who would like to audition for the show. Acts of all types, including singing, dancing, and comedy are welcome to try out, and can be up to four minutes long. To register, call UNC's Oppenheim Center for the Arts at 570-961-1592, ext. 104 to obtain a registration form by February 8th for auditions on February 16th. There is a registration fee of \$10 for acts of up to three people and \$20 for acts of four or more.

During the show, a panel of celebrity guest judges: Nick Toma from Eyewitness News WBRE/WYOU; Dan Santinello, President & Chief Executive Officer at Fidelity Deposit & Discount Bank; and Teresa Osborne, Pennsylvania Secretary of Aging, will score the acts. Evie Rafalko McNulty will emcee the event and Tony Nicosia is the director. Several celebrity exhibition acts will also take the stage to entertain the audience. For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.uncnepa.org/events.

Event sponsors include: Eyewitness News WBRE/WYOU, Lamar Advertising, Grimm Construction, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Entercom, Lackawanna County, The Pines Senior Living, Evie Rafalko McNulty, Texas Roadhouse, PDQ Print, PNC Bank, and Citizens Savings Bank.

AROUND THE AGENCY

HOLIDAY TOY STORE



Thanks to numerous community donations, the Toys for Tots program, and hard work by staff and volunteers, UNC was able to distribute more than 1,400 toys to 539 families in need this holiday season. Thank you to all who supported this program!

UNC YOUTH PERFORM MACBETH

UNC's Youth Theatre participants recently had the opportunity to take part in an intensive drama workshop hosted by REV Theatre Company. The professional group, based in New York City and Philadelphia, worked with the youngsters for about a month to prepare a contemporary version of Shakespeare's Macbeth at UNC's Oppenheim Center for the Arts.

"What I have learned from them (REV) has gone far beyond just how to read words on a page with emotion, I have learned to love and appreciate myself."

- Bree Heffley
Youth Theatre Participant



SAVE THE DATE

KICKS FOR KIDS

APRIL 29, 2017

Scranton High School Valor Field at Veterans Memorial Stadium

Start putting together your team of ten to play rounds of kickball in support of UNC's Project Hope summer camp for children from low-income families! More information can be found at www.uncnepa.org/events.



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

UNC's 2016 Annual Report is now posted on the agency's website at www.uncnepa.org/annual-report. Check it out to learn more about our accomplishments last year, as well as read compelling stories of our clients and their successes.

CAROL SING



As part of UNC's efforts to revitalize South Scranton, the agency's Elm Street Committee once again coordinated the annual Ethnic Carol Sing, hosted at New Life Assembly of God Church. This unique event drew a full audience to enjoy holiday performances highlighting different ethnic traditions found in our community - from German to Jamaican, and many more!



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CAMP KELLY REGISTRATION



Registration is now open for 2017 summer programming at UNC's Camp Kelly, formerly Camp St. Andrew! In addition to the long standing Girls Traditional, Girls Basketball, and Boys Basketball Resident Camps, UNC is excited to also be offering a week of Boys Resident Camp, a Father/Son Weekend, and a Women's Weekend. Cost is \$375 per week and \$200 for weekend programs. To sign up, use the online registration form found at www.uncnepa.org/campkelly. Camp fills up quickly, so don't wait too long!

MLK DAY PARTNERSHIP



Youth in UNC's Leaders in Training program recently partnered with members of The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania to conduct a service project in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The group worked together to distribute and collect food donation bags throughout Scranton, then gathered to sort and organize the donations, which were given to UNC's Angel's Attic food bank. The youth also took part in the Greater Scranton MLK Commission's annual march in downtown Scranton.