

Another Successful Summer at Camp Kelly

UNC's summer programs at Camp Kelly in Tunkhannock had another successful year. Between Project Hope and the overnight camps, we had more than 500 children enjoying various outdoor activities this summer.

Project Hope was fortunate this year to have world-renowned tenor Tom Fallon as an Artist in Residence. Since camp started on July 9, Mr. Fallon worked tirelessly with the children to develop "Best of Broadway," a musical revue featuring songs from a variety of classic musicals, including *Annie*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Mary Poppins*, among others. The performance delighted the parents who came to camp on August 2, as well as the staff who have been working with the children throughout the program.

Now in its second year of Camp Kelly's overnight programming, Boys Resident camp more than doubled in size. We look forward to seeing it continue to grow in years to come.

All of us at UNC are already looking forward to another summer of fun at Camp Kelly next year!



Thanks for Your Generosity!



UNC participated in the United Way's Day of Caring on September 6. We had 65 volunteers from a variety of businesses in our area, including Fidelity Bank, Wegmans, Cigna, One Point Office Supplies, Bank of America, Citizens Savings Bank, PNC Bank, Ingargiola Wealth Management Group, and students from Penn State Scranton. Volunteers did some organizing, landscaping, and a lot of cleaning in various locations throughout our agency. Many thanks for all your help!



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LETTER FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

It's hard to believe that summer is over and the new school year is underway. We find that the seasons at United Neighborhood Centers are defined by our signature programs. Summer, of course, is defined by Project Hope which has been serving low income and at-risk children since 1970, almost 50 years. The autumn finds us planning the annual Thanksgiving Feed-a-Friend program which serves food baskets to well over 1,000 families each year since 1986.



Michael Hanley

Our newest seasonal event is "Welcoming Scranton," which was held during the second week in September in Connors Park on Orchard Street in Scranton. While this is only the second year for this event, I am hopeful that someday we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Welcoming Scranton.

The purpose of this event is to bring together all the ethnic groups in Scranton in a welcoming, street fair atmosphere. The event grew substantially this year in the number of community partners that took part in the day as well as the variety of ethnic groups that were present.

Farm to Fork



Many thanks to those who supported UNC's Community Health Department by attending Farm to Fork! Guests enjoyed music and wine from Marilake Wineries before sitting down to a delicious gourmet meal, catered by State Street Grill. The dinner used local ingredients grown by farmers who participate in UNC's South Side Farmers Market. Thanks to your generosity, we raised nearly \$10,000!

As the new immigrant population continues to grow these types of events help our new neighbors feel welcome in their homes and allows those of us who have been here for generations feel more comfortable with the changing faces in our community. Welcoming Scranton is the very definition of the "melting pot" that has defined our country since its inception so many years ago.

We are proud that in Scranton we are able to celebrate this event with similar groups across the country. Many thanks to the staff and community members that made this day possible.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Hanley".

AROUND THE AGENCY

Keeping Busy with Older Adult Programs



The Active Older Adults department hosted the annual picnics for the older adults from our four Centers. Participants from Mid Valley and Carbondale gathered at Aylesworth Park, and South Side and West Side convened at McDade Park, where they enjoyed music, food, and the swearing in of their new Center Councils.



Cindy DeSarno and Betty Griffiths represented the Active Older Adult Department at the Lackawanna County Senior Health Fair.

Our South Side Active Older Adult Center always has something delicious to eat from their cooking classes! Some of their recent delectable creations include veggie pizza, apple crisp, and avocado stuffed deviled eggs, pictured right.



UNC partnered with the REV Theater Company to produce an original musical called *1940's Canteen*. The participants were thrilled that turnout was so high, the performance was standing room only!

Save the Date!



Sunday, October 14

Scranton Cultural Center

\$25 for General Admission, 5-7pm

\$50 for Patron ticket, 4-7pm

UNC is carrying on the tradition of Chocoholic Frolic, but this year, we're mixing it up by introducing wine vendors, sweet and savory dishes, and the sights and sounds of Broadway! Visit 20 vendors throughout the ballroom, including: Alter House, Backyard Ale House, Barbour's Bakery, Bartolai Winery, Capra Collina Winery, Case Quattro Winery, Center City Wine Cellar, Edible Arrangements, Food and Fire BBQ-Taphouse, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates, Harvest Seasonal Grill and Wine Bar, Hilton Scranton and Conference Center, Igourmet, Lucchi Family Wine Cellars, Manning Farm Dairy, Pittston Popcorn Company, Morrison Healthcare Food Service, Space Time Mead and Cider Works, State Street Grill, and Texas Roadhouse.

Come out and enjoy an evening of show tunes and delicious samples galore, while supporting a great cause. Proceeds will benefit UNC's adult literacy and ESL programs. Buy your tickets today at uncnepa.org or call Jill Eidenberg at 570-346-0759 ext. 114.

All attendees must be 21 or older.



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LIT participants take field trip to Lake George



Members of Leaders in Training (LIT) celebrated another great year of the program with a trip to Lake George in upstate New York. They work hard all year to attain their academic, personal, and community goals. The trip to Lake George gave them the opportunity to stay in a log cabin and take a steamboat cruise on Lake George!

2nd Annual Welcoming Scranton Brings Neighbors Together



UNC's Community Education & Revitalization Department hosted the 2nd Annual Welcoming Scranton on September 15. This event brings together long term local residents and those new to the country to promote cross-cultural understanding and raise awareness of the benefits of welcoming everyone! Attendees enjoyed games, interactive art, yoga, dance, children's story time, and cultural exchange.