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The Community's Foundation names Chester Upland Youth Soccer 'Community Organization of the Year'

The Community's Foundation (TCF), committed to enhancing and improving the quality of life in Delaware County, has named Chester Upland Youth Soccer (CUYS) its "Community Organization of the Year."

Chester Upland Youth Soccer uses soccer as a channel to teach healthy living habits and provide mentorship for nearly 500 at-risk students within the Chester, Upland and Eddystone communities. Employing the US Soccer Foundation's Soccer for Success curriculum, the organization's trained, caring coach-mentors help children and enjoy and embrace an active, healthy lifestyle.

According to TCF's Executive Director, Heather Finnegan "Chester Upland Youth Soccer's program is a 'complete program'. They are using the game of soccer as a tool to teach so much more than just soccer skills. The young people who participate in their programming love it; one youngster in Eddystone said that the people at Soccer for Success were like family, always there for him.

The award was presented virtually at TCF's Recognition Reception this week. Also honored were TCF's scholarship recipients and Project W, recipient of this year's Community Impact Award.

In order to kick off the award process and jumpstart community giving, TCF generously granted each of its awardees an opportunity to direct a portion of TCF's budget to benefit organizations that serve the local community. Through this imaginative gift, unexpected funding was infused into the local non-profit community at a time when many are in need.

"We partner with and respect the work of so many organizations that support Delaware County's at-risk children, but when forced to choose only one to receive TCF's generosity, we selected Pastor Chuck Kieffer's Wallingford-based organization, Lifewerks, which provides food, clothing and books," said Jeannine Fallon Anckaitis, executive director of Chester Upland Youth Soccer and a resident of Swarthmore.



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According to Pastor Chuck, "Lifewerks' number one focus is to give people the necessary tools to have hope. We seek to extend hope by meeting people at their need, whether it's food, knowledge or personal, so that they know they matter, that they have value and that there is a brighter tomorrow."

Last year's recipient of TCF's "Community Organization of the Year" award was The Breathing Room Foundation, which supports families affected emotionally, physically and financially by a cancer diagnosis.

Registration underway for Medicare individual counseling sessions

Due to the COVID-19 situation, Medicare individual counseling sessions, which were originally scheduled to be at the Springfield Township Building, will now be offered by telephone only, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 27 and June 24 and are free of any charge.

Medicare individual counseling sessions are 30 to 60 minutes in length and are designed to assist Medicare beneficiaries with questions and concerns, Medigap plan comparisons, and other Medicare and Health Insurance associated information. Attendees can be Medicare beneficiaries, Medicare caregivers, and anyone new to Medicare for the 2020 calendar year.

Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Glenda Radical at 484 494-3769 or gradical@scs-delco.org and provide name and email address.

Ridley Park resident inducted into Aquinas Society

Eugene Gibbons of Ridley Park, a Ridley High School graduate attending King's College in Wilkes-Barre, was one of 42 students to be inducted recently to the Aquinas Society, the college's honor society that recognizes students of superior academic ability and achievement who are involved in significant service-related extracurricular activities.

A senior economics major with a minor in political economy, Eugene is the son of Denise and Gerry Gibbons. He is a member of the college's football and lacrosse teams, is a Class Representative in the Student Government Association, a Resident Assistant, secretary of the Economics and International Business Club, member of the International Economics honor society, and is a dean's list student. He has been accepted into Drexel Law and will be attending in the fall.

