

Live United at Wing King

On Wednesday, June 16 several hundred wing lovers in the Shenango Valley traveled to Tully's in Sharon to participate in the United Way's annual Wing King cook-off. This once-a-year chance to experience the best of the best wings all in one place also offers representatives from various United Way agencies the chance to act as official "celebrity" judges for the competition. This year, Natalie and Erica volunteered as judges to represent POPC!



Congratulations to Our Gang's Lounge, the 2011 Wing King overall champions!

As of the start of this month, all agencies operating a PA WORKWEAR program have been asked to *halt closure procedures* until further notice. This means that until we hear otherwise, PA WORKWEAR of Mercer County is...neither closing nor opening.

We hope to have some *good news* in the near future about this program! PA WORKWEAR is such a great opportunity for members of our community to learn about interviewing and professional attire when approaching a new career.

PA.
Workwear
— of —
MERCER COUNTY
724-704-8862

Summer Block Party Bash

Thursday June 30

Don't forget—this event is open to the public and fun for all ages!

Scrapper's Game—Date Change

Thursday, July 14

Please note this change!

The rain date is Thursday, August 4.

On June 15, several participants in both branches of Family Supportive Services—Project RUTH and HOPE Advocacy—were invited to attend a breakfast celebrating their successes, both in the program and in rebuilding their lives. Recent successes include new jobs and promotions, years spent clean and sober, maintenance of safe and stable homes, marriages, and new children.

Each of the 12 participants invited to attend the breakfast had made significant progress and met many of her program goals. There are two special awards that are part of the ceremony: the Shooting Star award, for a client who has shown significant progress, and the Service Champion award, for the person who has given the most back to the community even while being served. The Shooting Star award was shared by Tameka T. and Nakkia L., and the Service Champion award went to Stephanie M!



The Olive Branch

Volume 8

a Prince of Peace Center newsletter

We want to know...

At the May FSS support group meeting, all participants were asked to answer this question: **If you had \$30 million to do with as you wished, what would you do?**

- ✂ Build an apartment building for the homeless families [in Mercer County] with an office for the coordinator to be on-site. (Helen Hupp)
- ✂ Fulfill my dad's dream of opening a pizza shop, and open a camp for obese kids. (Michelle Miller)
- ✂ I would do something to help people struggling with addictions to drugs and alcohol. I would also open a shelter to help stray and injured animals. (Amanda G.)
- ✂ I would do something with hair or cleaning, because I like doing both. (Jeannie T.)
- ✂ I would buy a house for myself and one for each of my family members. Then I would put the rest in the bank for my son and me. (C.F.)
- ✂ I would open up a women's center, and set my family up [financially]. (Amanda S.)
- ✂ Help Mrs. Lisa M. with a building for children [in the community] to use. (N.L.)
- ✂ Take care of my family first, then donate to help build a bigger Prince of Peace Center! (Stephanie McDonald)
- ✂ Put half away. Then I would go back to school, and design and build a house. (D.W.)
- ✂ Go back to school for psychology. I would also build a home to help men get back on their feet and better themselves. (R. Williams)

THANK YOU TO:

- ✂ **Freedom Wireless** of the Shenango Valley Mall, for hosting a food drive for POPC from the 13th through the 19th of June!
- ✂ **The Sharon Rotary**, for a generous donation toward the purchase of a new ice-making machine for the Soup Kitchen!
- ✂ All groups and individuals that have remembered us in their prayers in recent weeks.

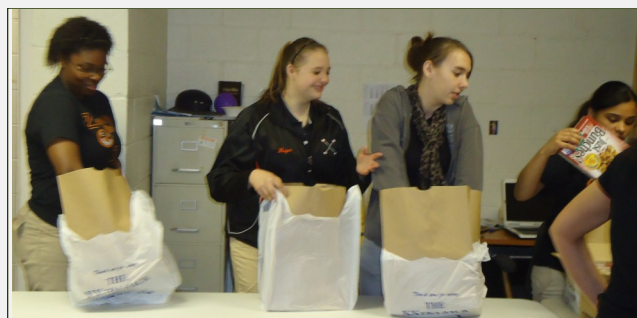
News Bytes

Filling a summer need, local residents lend a hand packing June food bags.



To read these stories in full and see more photos, visit www.princeofpeacecenter.org/news.

Staff members hard at work as they define the strengths of POPC as individuals and as a team during the spring 2011 Staff Retreat.



Students from Sharon High School work hard and fast to pack bags, and highlight the importance of students learning to help in the community.