

JRC Cares



JRC Newsletter

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Financial Literacy at JRC Learning Center

Save it, Invest it, Spend a little, plan it and donate. That's the money cycle mantra that was the theme of the financial literacy program presented by North Canton resident, Scott Glasgow, executive director and founder of FinMango. Through a creative use of tokens and a makeshift "store", students were involved in learning how money can grow through savings and investments. They also had the choice to spend their money, which some did. The classes illustrated a range of money choices with most students choosing to save some tokens. The end result was that all the children learned that when money is used wisely, it can provide a better sense of well-being, along with some "toys".

The future's so bright, we "gotta" wear shades !

Thank you to Scott Glasgow and FinMango. FinMango is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering lives through the use of finance. They believe that financially literate individuals save, invest, spend, plan, and make donations. "It's important for our well-being and young people to know the fundamentals of managing their money to ensure they are on a path that will give them more choices for their future." See www.finmango.org for more information about this dynamic group of young people.

"FinMango is dedicated to providing the resources and training needed to help prepare our teachers. A financially literate society starts with our teachers!..."

*- Scott Glasgow
Executive Director, FinMango*

"Having great collaborators, like FinMango is an opportunity to reach children in an exciting non-traditional method ..."

*- Tom Thompson,
JRC Executive Director*



Financial Literacy Class at the JRC Adult Day Care

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THANK YOU CITIZENS BANK AND VOLUNTEERS! ! !

The JRC Learning Center accepts donations of used clothing (all sizes), children's underwear (brand new in package), pencils, paper, notebooks, folders, markers, art supplies such as yarn, glitter, paint and glue. Please drop off at the main desk with your name, address, and what you are donating.

Thank You

Citizens Bank Shopping Spree

As part of a financial literacy program, school age children were asked, "if you had \$100 to spend for Christmas, what would you buy?" During that exercise children had to prioritize wants and needs, learn how to calculate sales tax and juggle emotional/financial decisions such as.... do I buy for someone else....how much do I want to spend on someone else? Then the children made a wish list.

That wish list became a reality for 30 children thanks to a grant from Citizens Bank and the help of their employees and JRC teachers who volunteered and helped the children shop, keep track of their budget and carefully calculate taxes at. Many thanks to Citizens Bank and its employees, it was #BestChristmasEver for 30 JRC children at Target!

Save the Date: March 9, 2017 Women in History Luncheon

The 21st Annual JRC Women in History Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 9th at Brookside Country Club. Barbara Daniel, Publisher of the Cleveland Women's Journal is the keynote speaker. The event includes a Grand Raffle, Silent Auction and 50/50. Doors open at 10:30 am, the program begins at 12:00 pm.

Twenty-one years ago, a group of concerned women started the Celebrating Women in History luncheon to honor the contributions that women bring to our collective history while helping to raise funds for the JRC Learning Center.

The Grand Raffle includes 2-\$500 Round Trip travel vouchers to anywhere Spirit Airlines flies, a Wine Cooler filled with wine, a Tory Burch handbag, a Big Green Egg Grill and a 55", 4k UHD smart TV. Grand Raffle Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. You do not have to be present to win and tickets will be available online after January 1st at www.JRCcares.org.

For more information, call Jim Bentley, 330-455-3873 extension 406.



Honoring Women and Applauding Children at the 2016 WIH luncheon



Thank you to all the volunteers, donors and supporters of JRC. We are certainly blessed to have so many dedicated people who strive to lift up the lives of children and senior citizens.

We are very fortunate to be surrounded by selfless and giving volunteers. The volunteers bring that extra set of hands and hearts that provides a "first class" level of service to children and seniors.

The Women in History Committee meets monthly, 10 months out of each year to plan a luncheon that raises funds that helps JRC achieve its 5-Star Step Up To Quality rating.

Through United Way's Day of Caring, hundreds of volunteers have spent time on service projects at the Learning Center, the Adult Day Center and JRC Senior Housing showing how much they care about their community.

At the JRC Adult Day Center, volunteers are in the center every week helping with programs, special events, social activities and sometimes, just being a friend. The social bonding that happens at the adult day center is astonishing.

We would especially like to thank Wanda Covert for her dedication to the seniors at JRC. At 83, Wanda volunteers three days per week and is an inspiration to all of us.

Did you know ?

JRC takes great pride in delivering quality services to children and senior citizens. Unfortunately, the reimbursement rates for some programs are not enough to cover the actual programs costs .

That's where support from donors like you helps to ensure that children and seniors get the best education and care possible. JRC gladly accepts donations year round. You can designate where you want your donation to go, children or seniors. You can also donate in honor of a loved one.

If you would like to create your "Legacy" for future generations, donating to the JRC Endowment Fund at the Stark Community Foundation is a perfect opportunity. The endowment fund was created to ensure a sustainable source of funds to continue helping children and seniors at JRC.

Volunteer Opportunities

JRC Adult Day Center

Do you Play a musical instrument? Like to sing? Lead games? Have pictures or artifacts about history? The adult day center is always looking for volunteers who like to get involved with senior citizens. Call Melanie Griffith 330-454-3471 to find out more information.

JRC Learning Center

Volunteers are always needed to help in the nursery with the babies and toddlers. Preschool children appreciate someone who likes to read, have a talent they can share, or help with educational games. Call Jennifer Palmer, 330-452-8376 learn more about volunteering at the learning center.



Happy Thanksgiving



Dessert—the best part!



The Invocation



Good Times With Friends



Serving the Meal



Amazing Volunteers

Thanksgiving at Adult Day

49 members of the JRC Adult Day Center celebrated Thanksgiving dinner with over a dozen amazing volunteers. For two days, volunteers prepared a veritable feast with salad, rolls, turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, deviled eggs, cranberry sauce and six different kinds of pies to choose from.

Meyers Lake Ballroom donated the use of the ballroom adjacent to the Adult Day Center and the volunteers went to work decorating tables with colorful napkins, individual "turkey" name cards, candles and fall décor.

The members were so surprised when they entered the room, smiles lit up their faces and you could tell that they truly felt special. The food was delicious and the décor was beautiful, but the best part was sharing the day with friends.

Thank you volunteers for giving of yourself so freely. A special thanks to our Volunteer Coordinator, Lesley Venturella, who worked so diligently to make this a special day for the members.

To learn more about the JRC Adult Day Center, or how it might benefit someone you know, call Melanie at 330-454-3471.

Executive Director's Corner



As the holiday season has come to a close and winter is upon us in full force, I'd like to take a few minutes to look back at the past few months at JRC. The seasons change, but nothing stops our senior citizen members at the JRC Adult Day Center and the children at the JRC Learning Center from taking part in a plethora of activities.

A Thanksgiving feast fit for a king and queen was held at the adult day center in mid-November. Our volunteers made it a special day. Thank you volunteers as every day is special when we see your smiling faces! Each month, our senior members take a field trip to Strike Zone Lanes, where they have a great time! They also go out for a monthly lunch at different local eateries in our community. During the week before Christmas, Santa paid a visit and handed out gifts to all those in attendance. Some seniors even sat in Santa's lap!

The kids at the JRC Learning Center went on a variety of field trips, including the Citizens Bank Shopping Spree. Our school agers held a bake sale to raise the funds to support a tubing trip on the ski slopes in December. From six weeks – 12 years old, every day is special with fun developmental and learning experiences at the JRC Learning Center!

The JRC Annual Appeal began in late November and goes to support the children and seniors at JRC. You can also designate the area you'd like to see your donation allocated. JRC has some exciting initiatives occurring as we head into 2017. Join us as a volunteer or supporter as we step into new opportunities for our children and seniors.

- Tom Thompson

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Give us a call for more information about our services and volunteer opportunities

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