

MILFORD'S PROMISE



The Alliance for Youth

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News from our Executive Director

This month we will be celebrating our first annual "Be A Hero" event. We hope to see you all there (see article in this issue for more details). We thought it would be wonderful to host an event that honors the people who have made a difference in our lives. Often when we think of heroes we think of the people who make a huge difference to the world; our political leaders, our soldiers, police and firemen to name a few. These people make sacrifices every day to insure our safety and happiness. Without a doubt they are heroes and deserve our recognition. But what about the ordinary every day heroes that make a lasting impact on our lives with their gestures of kindness, courage, selflessness and love and often go unnoticed. In this sense, our heroes can be our family members, our best friends, our co-workers or just someone we admire.



Danielle Dumont

"Heroes walk among us, they appear without a sign or voice or a sound to rescue those in need. From very near or very far away, they come to comfort, protect and touch the lives of known or unknown names and faces.

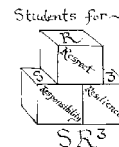
Who they are, their actions, their dedication and their accomplishments are seldom printed on any page....Not heralded on television or honored on the radio; Sometimes they are not even noted at all.

Without the blare of trumpets or a cheering crowd, an ordinary hero steps forth. Such heroes will simply take action because they know the difference that a minute or even a second can make.

Heroes inspire us. They open our minds to the larger landscape of life. They help us see who we are and who may someday become. They show us that every ordinary day is filled with extraordinary surprises"

-Flavia Weedn

Join us on November 19th to honor the ordinary heroes in your life. Let them know that without them you would not be who you are today. This is a wonderful opportunity to say thank you for the difference that they have made in your life.



SR³ Brings the Hero Message to Our Youth

SR³ (Students for Respect, Resilience and Responsibility) is a concerned and dedicated group of high school students that meets monthly to discuss how to convey the importance of their mission to all youth in Milford. They are overseen by adult advisors from the Milford's Promise Board of Directors, primarily, Michael Jacobsen, Dave Ullman and Cheryl Fitzpatrick

Students from the SR³ club have been meeting monthly to discuss plans to introduce the HERO message to elementary school students. To them, HERO stands for "Have **E**mpathy and **R**espect for **O**thers". As high school students, the members of SR³ understand the importance of teaching kids at a young age the importance of being considerate of other people's feelings. They know that simply by caring about someone else we can really make a difference in someone's life. Having empathy and respect for others will foster self-respect, self-esteem and a sense of pride in knowing that how you behave can have a positive impact on others. SR³ students are currently devising skits to perform at our local elementary schools to get the message out there that *it is cool to be nice!* Future goals include bringing the HERO message to the middle and high schools. SR³ welcomes new members year round and would love to meet YOU! If you are interested in learning more or attending our next meeting where enthusiasm, creativity and laughter flow, please contact Cheryl Fitzpatrick at cufitzpatrick@att.net.

To learn more about us and our work in the community visit us online at www.milfordpromise.org or join us on facebook!!

News from Our Organization of Promise

United Church of Christ in Devon
Rev. Karl Deutzmann



The United Church of Christ is located at 30 Ormond Street, the building is handicap accessible and their doors are open to all. The UCC is proud to announce that their Teen Center re-opened for the school year on Friday, October 2nd with the aid of several generous donations. They are excited to share that they have purchased *Guitar Hero World Tour*, *The Beatles Rock Band* and a *Duel Pop-A-Shot Basketball* game. A new sport game has also been added that will allow two players to shoot hoops either against each other or individually and features an electronic scoreboard and 3-point capability. These new additions will bring lots of fun to the teen center. They still offer the same activities that they have had in the past; ping-pong, pool, foosball, air hockey, board games, video games, crafts, music, etc. for the kids to enjoy while spending time with friends in a teen-friendly environment.

Youth Center Schedule:

Nov. 6 Youth Center open - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Nov. 13 Youth Center open - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Nov. 20 Hot Dog and Movie Night - "Up"
\$6.00 donation request inc dinner& popcorn
Nov. 27 Youth Center open - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 4 Youth Center CLOSED
Dec. 5 Christmas Fair and Tag Sale 9:30 - 2:30pm
Dec. 11 Youth Center open - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 18 Youth Center open - 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Dec. 25 Youth Center CLOSED

For more information on the programs, feel free to contact Jean Klink at 203-874-6422.

Join Us at our 1st Annual Be A Hero Dinner!!



On Thursday November 19th, Milford's Promise and Boys & Girls Club of Milford will be partnering together to host the "Be A Hero Event" at Costa Azzurra from 6:00pm - 10:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor the people who have made a difference in your life, be it your family, friends, co-workers, customers, employees or anyone who has made a difference whose efforts often go unnoticed. Individual tickets are \$30 and you will also receive a name badge honoring your hero. For \$300 you can purchase a table for 8, which also includes your words of recognition for your hero in our program and option to hang your banner (if applicable) at the dinner. Your ticket Even if you cannot attend the event, we encourage you to make a donation in your hero's name. We thank you in advance for your support! Every little bit helps. For more information email us at milfordspromise@gmail.com or visit our website at www.milfordspromise.org

Congratulations to Three New Organizations of Promise This Month!

Milford's Promise continuously recognizes organizations (businesses, schools, churches, agencies) in the community that are committed to fulfilling the Five Promise for our youth in Milford. These five promises are to provide all youth with Caring Adults, Safe Places, Healthy Starts, Marketable Skills and Opportunities to Give Back.



This month we are proud to honor three new Organizations of Promise:

- **The Woodruff Family YMCA**
- **People's United Bank**
- **The United Way**

We thank you for all that you do and look forward to working with you to continue to meet the ongoing needs of our youth. If you feel that your organization meets these 5 Promises and that you qualify to be an "OOP" please contact us for application information at milfordspromise@gmail.com

BECOME A HERO!!

Become a hero to a child today by becoming a mentor. All it takes is 1 hour per week and their life, (and yours!) will be changed forever! Our program takes place at Milford elementary schools, during the school day. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please contact us at milfordspromise@gmail.com or 203-490-9160. What are you waiting for!! They need a hero today!!

