



MILFORD'S PROMISE

The Alliance for Youth

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News from our Executive Director

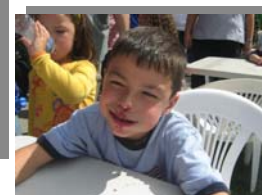
Hello Everyone,

It is with deepest gratitude that I send my message this month. In the last two months Milford's Promise has hosted two successful events: a toy tag sale (August 16) and our annual Red Wagon Youth Fair (September 13). I am humbled by the outpouring of generosity from the community to assist with these events. We received MANY generous toy donations from families in Milford for our tag sale. Milford Bank was generous enough to offer their parking lot to host the tag sale and even gave us bags for people to use as they shopped. For our Red Wagon Youth Fair, Milford Bank was once again a generous sponsor of the event and also donated water bottles and yoyos for the kids. People's Bank was also a generous sponsor and also donated the use of their popcorn machine with materials included! Al de Cant, a local children's singer/songwriter donated his time to entertain the kids at the fair. Joe Meade and Milford Pedicab offered rides and made a generous donation to the event as well. A variety of local business and restaurants donated raffle items. Bridges, a Community Mental Health Organization allowed us to partner and cross promote with their highly successful Folks on Spokes/Folks on Foot event the same day at Fowler Field. It was a successful partnership that we look forward to again next year. Countless volunteers adult and youth alike came out to assist us with the fair. The point of all of this is that we could not have done these events without everyone's generous support and assistance. We know that meeting the needs of the youth in Milford is too big of a job for any one organization or person to do alone. It is only through collaborations and partnerships that we will be able to make a difference. Whether it is coming together for a fun youth fair or for an effective youth program, we value the partnerships and collaborations we have made in the community. All proceeds from these events will go to Milford's Promise youth programs including an elementary school mentoring program, a middle school and our annual RESPECT initiative. As you all know, our logo is the little red wagon, symbolizing childhood. Thank you for helping us to pull that wagon full of hopes and dreams for all youth in Milford.



Danielle Dumont

2009 Red Wagon Youth Fair



**UNITED WE
PLAY!**

LIVE UNITED



On October 17 from 10:00am - 2:00pm, Milford's Promise will be partnering with the United Way's annual Bocce Tournament at Walnut Beach to offer our first annual Lawn-a-thon. While the Bocce Tournament is going on, a variety of lawn games will be offered for kids of all ages. We will have horseshoes, beach volleyball, lawn darts, lawn golf, can Frisbee and assorted kids games. Tickets will be sold for \$1.00 per game or \$5.00 for an all day play pass. Hotdogs, popcorn and water will also be available to purchase. All proceeds from this event will go to Milford's Promise Youth Programs. For more information on Lawn-a-thon, contact Milford's Promise Executive Director Danielle Dumont 203-490-9160. For information on the United Way Bocce Tournament, contact Dan Worroll 877-5278.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO NEWEST ORGANIZATIONS OF PROMISE!!

This month we are happy to recognize Rev Karl Duetzmann from the United Church of Christ in Devon and the staff at the Woodruff Family YMCA. They were both named Organizations of Promise this month for their ongoing commitment to delivering the 5 Promises to all youth in Milford. We look forward to continuing to work with these organizations in the future and congratulate them on this great honor. If you believe that your organization (church/school/businesses /agency) is committed to fulfilling **The Five Promises** for youth in Milford (*Caring Adults/Safe Places/Healthy Starts/Marketable Skills/Opportunities to Give Back to the Community*), please contact us for an application. The application can also be found on our website at www.milfordspromise.org Join the growing network of organizations commitment to meet the needs of youth in Milford!



ORGANIZATION OF PROMISE SPOTLIGHT: Grace Baptist Church

Throughout the year, Grace Baptist Church is involved in many outreach activities in the community. Grace Fest is an outreach event where parishioners and other community members gather together for food, games, music, and Biblical messages. World Vision is another outreach into the community where youth and adults participate in a 30 hour famine to learn about the impact of world hunger. The youth also participate in various community service projects to collect funds and non-perishable food items that help feed the needy in Milford and nearby communities. Grace Baptist Church also serves as a safe place for many of its youth by offering weekly, twice-weekly, or monthly events at the church. Some of those events include The House of Grace Coffee House, Wednesday night Family Nights, and Youth Retreats. The House of Grace Coffee House occurs on the 2nd Saturday of every month and features dinner and some of the top Christian Bands in the Northeast to entertain community members with music. Wednesday night Family Nights offer youth another opportunity to enjoy games and youth-group activities. Youth can bring their whole families on Wednesday nights as there are activities available for all ages. More information about Grace Baptist Church is available on their website, www.gbcmilford.com.



Centsible Kids Savings program offered at Milford Bank

The Milford Bank wants to help raise awareness with the children in our community and teach them about the importance of saving money. They are implementing a savings program at many Milford schools that will enable children to save money weekly... whether it is 50 cents or ten dollars. Milford Bank believes that raising awareness and developing good saving habits will teach children about saving, spending and investing. There is a child friendly newsletter that will go home throughout the year. They are also developing a new interactive web site that will allow children to log in and watch their money grow online, as well as use some fun web programs. There is also an incentive program for those who open accounts and special offers available only to Centsible Kids and their parents. The Milford Bank is committed to working closely with our neighbors. We hope you will find this program useful and that we can work as a team in guiding our children to financial responsibility. Come and visit our child friendly window at the Main Office! We want to make banking fun! **For more info, contact Tami Jackson at 783-5789.**

SAVE THE DATE!

Milford's Promise
"Be A Hero" Dinner Dance
Thursday, November 19th
details to follow...