



## Mother's Day Tea

Our 2010 Mother's Day Tea, held on May 1 at Milestone Events in West Chester, was a great success. More than 150 women and girls attended, raising more than \$19,000. All enjoyed a delicious menu, gorgeous teapot cakes, and a fashion show featuring spring attire from area boutiques. Many thanks to our event sponsors: The Springbank Foundation, Mrs. J. Maxwell Moran, Mary Lou Sterge, Therese Bentley, Blue Dog Printing and Design, DeBaptiste and Associates OB-GYN, Alice Moorhead, Franny and Franny Abbott, Brandywine Health Foundation, Citadel Federal Credit Union, Lillian DeBaptiste, and Countryside Consulting.

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This signature event has become a tradition for many of mothers and daughters in Chester County. Tonya DiGiuseppe, a guest this year, remarked, "Three generations of my family come every year to the Tea, and we love it! It's a family tradition now."

Funds raised at the Tea will support all of MCHC's programs to help children start healthy, stay healthy, and succeed in school.



## Thank You Volunteers!

This spring, MCHC received a number of wonderful gifts from volunteers across the county to support the families we serve. Employees of Omni Cable collected seven large boxes of infant care supplies for Healthy Start families. Several local faith communities also contributed baby items, including the Keshet Israel Sisterhood, Beth Chaim Sisterhood and St. Michael Lutheran Church. The West Chester Church of Christ Paoli Methodist Women's Group collected infant supplies for MCHC, and plans to conduct an ongoing infant supply drive over the summer.



*Omni Cable volunteers for MCHC: Left to right kneeling: Sean Mooney, Pat Lynch, Jennifer Constantine, and left to right standing: Janet Krause, Rob Orio, Ed Kargbo, Rob Marotta*

As always, area Girl Scouts provided wonderful volunteer support. The Scouts' Brandywine Valley Service Unit, Girl Scouts of Coatesville, and the Huntsfield Service Unit of the West Chester Girl Scouts contributed a huge range of infant care items, including clothing, diapers, baby food, and formula.

The East Fallowfield Newcomers Club donated baby supplies to MCHC this spring. We are also excited to announce our new relationship with the Jennersville YMCA, which is kicking off a summer Infant Care Package supply drive for MCHC this year!

Every new mom in our Healthy Start program receives a package of infant care items. We are always in need of donations of new items to include in these packages including newborn and size one diapers, baby wipes, baby lotion and wash, and onesies for age 0-3 months. If you can help, please contact Courtney Coleman at 610-344-5370, ext. 108 or at ccoleman@ccmchc.org.

## Thanks to Our Funding Partners

MCHC has been the recipient of several generous grants over the past few months.

- \$20,000 from the **Robert E. Lamb Foundation** for Healthy Start
- \$2,500 from the **TD Charitable Foundation** for the Family Center
- \$10,000 from the **CHIP Marketing Group** for our Health Insurance Enrollment Initiative
- \$5,000 from **Genuardi Family Foundation** for Healthy Start
- \$65,000 per year for three years from **The Pew Charitable Trusts** for the Family Center
- \$5,000 from **Endo Pharmaceuticals** for Healthy Start
- \$20,000 from the **Chester County Fund for Women and Girls** for general operating support
- \$19,800 pledge from the **United Way of Southern Chester County** for Healthy Start in Kennett Square and Oxford
- \$5,000 from the **Girls' Advisory Board of the Chester County Fund for Women and Girls** for Healthy Start for young women
- \$500 from **Phoenixville Area Youth and Philanthropy** for infant supplies

Many thanks to all who give generously to make our work possible!

## MCHC's Annual Luncheon

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Thursday, September 23** at the **Chester Valley Golf Club** in Malvern, PA for our Annual Luncheon. Our speaker for the event will be Pauline Seitz, Director of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships (LFP), one of the original funders of Healthy Start of Chester County. We will be honoring the RWJF's contribution to the success of Healthy Start, as well as celebrating our program's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary and accomplishments, including the benchmark of 6,000 women served!

To learn more about sponsoring this event, please contact LeeAnn Riloff at 610-344-5370, ext. 112 or at [lriloff@ccmchc.org](mailto:lriloff@ccmchc.org).

## One Family's Story

Noemi came to MCHC's West Chester Healthy Start office in 2004. She was pregnant and alone, spoke no English, and was very frightened. She met Sonia, a Family Health Advocate with Healthy Start, who was able to speak to her in Spanish and listen to her concerns. Noemi wanted the best possible health for herself and her new baby, but didn't know how to get the care she needed. Sonia helped her find a medical provider and translated for Noemi so she could understand the doctor's instructions. She taught Noemi about healthy habits she could adopt that would give her baby the best chances for good health. She also helped Noemi cope with raising a baby, providing emotional support and encouraging Noemi to get her driver's license.

Today, Noemi is a healthy, happy mother of two, who speaks English and enjoys good health for herself and her family. She is now a leader in her community, active in Latina groups and with her local church.



Noemi is just one of thousands of Healthy Start moms since the program's start who is extremely grateful for the help she received at a very vulnerable time. She remains in touch with Sonia, who continues to work at MCHC's West Chester Healthy Start site, helping more women get the care they need to experience healthy and safe motherhood.

### Healthy Start Offices

**COATESVILLE Healthy Start**  
Coatesville Center for Community Health  
1001 East Lincoln Highway, Suite 104  
Coatesville, PA 19320  
610-383-0630

**KENNETT SQUARE Healthy Start**  
625 C East Cypress Street  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
610-444-4002

**KENNETT SQUARE Family Center**  
637 Millers Hill  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
610-925-4631

**OXFORD Healthy Start**  
Neighborhood Services Center  
35 North Third Street  
Oxford, PA 19363  
610-444-4002

**PHOENIXVILLE Healthy Start**  
723 Wheatland Street  
Level 2, Suite B  
Phoenixville, PA 19460  
610-917-1360

**WEST CHESTER Healthy Start**  
Cambridge Square Plaza  
323 East Gay Street,  
B-1-C  
West Chester, PA 19380  
610-696-5122

## Family Center's "Night of Dreams"

On Wednesday, May 5, MCHC's Kennett Square Family Center held its second annual "Night of Dreams" event. Parents and children alike arrived wearing their pajamas to enjoy an evening of storytelling, puppet shows, and imagination. Volunteers from the West Chester Rotary were on hand to assist our staff in making the event magical and memorable for all who attended.

Thanks to Bruce Larkin for donating new books to each family at the event!



As required by the PA Solicitation of Funds Act, a copy of the official registration and financial information for Maternal and Child Health Consortium may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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