

**Our Mission: PAPA supports the youth of Phoenixville in becoming successful and productive adults through programs that have a positive impact on self-esteem and life skills development.**



2023 WINTER NEWSLETTER



**Look what we've been up to this year!**



**A Letter From Our Board President**



### **Empowering Futures: A Remarkable Success Story**

Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of another fulfilling year at PAPA, I am thrilled to share a heartwarming success story that epitomizes the impact of our commitment to providing free after-school tutoring to the youth in our community.

Meet Mya, a bright and determined young student whose journey with us began a little over a year ago. Facing academic challenges and lacking the resources for additional support, Mya was struggling to keep up with her classmates. That's when she started attending our after-school tutoring program, which has proven to be a game-changer for her educational trajectory.

When Mya first joined our tutoring sessions, she was hesitant and unsure of her abilities. However, with the dedicated support of our talented tutors and the welcoming environment we cultivate, Mya soon found herself gaining confidence and making remarkable progress.

Our tutoring sessions not only provided academic assistance but also served as a space for mentorship and encouragement. Mya began to see her grades improve, but more importantly, she discovered a passion for learning and a belief in her own potential.

This success story is a testament to the power of education and the impact of smaller learning environments like our tutoring can have on the lives of young individuals like Mya. We are immensely grateful to our tutors, volunteers, and donors who make stories like Mya's possible.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past year, we also recognize that there is much more work to be done. With your continued support, we can reach even more youth, providing them with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.

Consider making a year-end donation to PAPA and be a part of creating more success stories like Mya's. Together, we can empower the next generation and build a brighter future for our community.

Thank you for being an integral part of our mission.

All the best,

**Jon Kandrick**  
President, Board of Directors



**NEW DIRECTIONS AFTER  
SCHOOL TUTORING**

**PROGRAM UPDATES**



The New Directions After School tutoring takes pride in its committed volunteers and staff, fostering an excellent learning atmosphere for students. Through engaging activities, academic support, and enjoyable field trips, students not only enhance their grades but also experience a well-rounded and enriching program that fosters both education and fun.



**Help Us Satisfy Their Cravings:  
Calling All Snack Heroes!**

Hey Superstars!

Our after-school program is in full swing, and we need your snack superpowers to keep our little learners stay fueled up and ready for success!

Can you help us out with some delicious snacks? Whether it's granola bars, fruit snacks, or any kid-friendly munchies, your contributions will make a HUGE difference!

Drop off your snack donations at Barkley Elementary or make a donation online. Let's turn snack time into a tasty adventure for our future leaders!

Spread the word and let's make snack time the best time! #SnackHeroes #FuelingFutureLeaders

Thank you for being snack-tastic!

Make a  
donation today

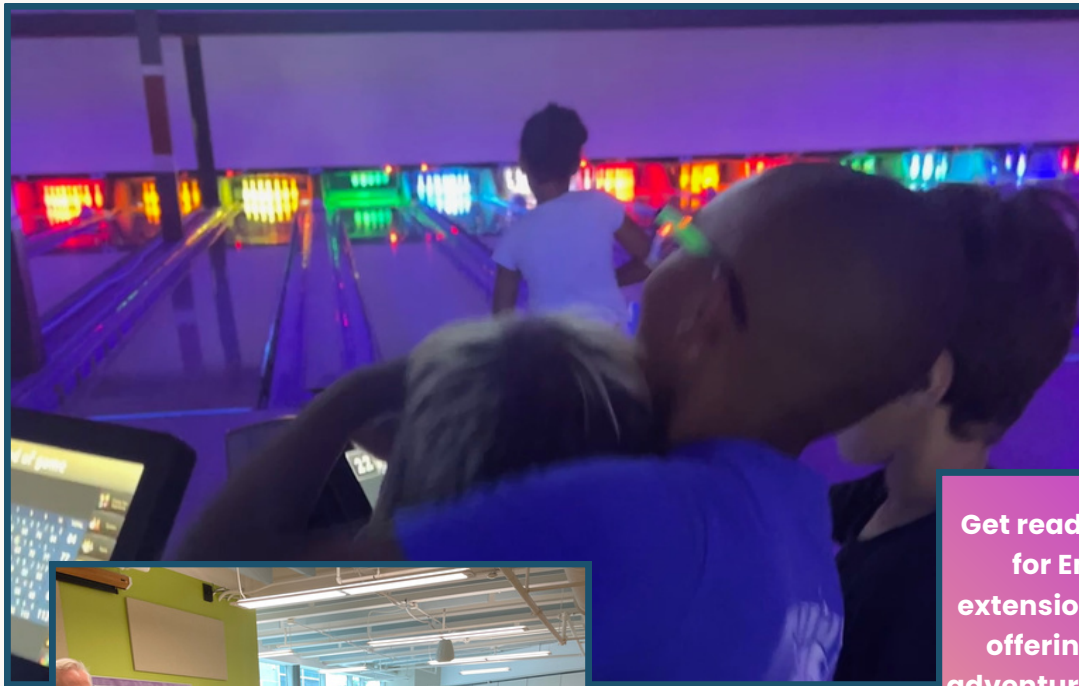
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**S.A.F.E. SUMMER  
CAMP**

**PROGRAM UPDATES**



Get ready for S.A.F.E. (Summer Activities for Enrichment)! It's an awesome extension of New Directions After School, offering exciting trips, activities, and adventures for elementary students in the Phoenixville Area School District. Our 4-day-a-week camp is all about boosting brains and having a blast over the summer break!



☀️🌟 Summer Camp Chronicles! 🌟🌲

From conquering the water limbo to crafting tie-dye masterpieces, our campers turned each day into an epic adventure! 🧠🎨 Memories made around the craft table, and the laughter is the soundtrack to our summer story.

New friendships sprouted like wildflowers, creating a garden of joy that lasts well beyond the season. 🌸❤️ And let's not forget about our incredible counselors—more like the architects of fun and the keepers of the coolest camp vibes! 😎🌲 Hanging out with them is like having your own personal cheer squad.



**SUMMER CAMP: WHERE EVERY DAY IS A NEW CHAPTER OF FRIENDSHIP, FUN, AND UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS!**

SUMMER BASKETBALL  
LEAGUE



PROGRAM UPDATES

# A SLAM DUNK OF GRATITUDE

A huge THANK YOU to our incredible community of support! To our 15 amazing sponsors, 21 dedicated coaches, 184 talented players, countless parents cheering from the sidelines, and the many volunteers who made this summer a slam dunk success on and off the court - you are the real MVPs!

Together, we created a summer filled with teamwork, skill-building, and unforgettable moments. Your passion and commitment turned every game into a celebration of sportsmanship and camaraderie.

Here's to the basketball family that made it all possible!



## COMING SOON

Help us slam-dunk those registration costs down by joining our upcoming Popcorn Fundraiser! Players who go above and beyond by selling over \$200 in delicious popcorn goodness will score themselves a sweet discount on their registration fee.

Check your inbox for all the details coming your way soon!  
Let's pop, lock, and drop those costs together!



**2024 REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 4th**

2023 Summer Basketball League Sponsors

Thornton Thunder • Phoenixville Federal Bank & Trust • Primetime • Chesterbrook Dental

Frees Insurance • BAC Sports Management • Good Neighbor • 3D Group • RARE Garments • Iron Cross Athletes • Team Restore

Team Unknown • No Escape • Plato's Closet - Paoli • Devlin Rosmos Gatcha Kepp Funeral Home



**FOUNDATIONS OF  
FATHERHOOD**

**PROGRAM UPDATES**

The fall Foundations of Fatherhood workshop triumphed as participants came together over the past eight weeks, acquiring invaluable insights and knowledge. This program curated an enriching experience, cultivating personal growth and fortifying the bonds of fatherhood through thoughtfully structured sessions.



**FALL '23 - Phoenixville, PA**

## Graduate Testimonies

“One thing that I took from Father’s classes is to be aware. Awareness of my children’s interests and needs as well as being aware of where I am in regards to those needs. It also gave me tools of dealing with my children when we are angry. I particularly liked the 4 “R’s”, Recognize, Retreat, Respond, Return.” - A.J., Fall ‘23

“The father’s workshop was an experience that I was honored to be a part of and something I will never forget. Being a first time parent, it’s not always easy to prepare or listen to what others share with you about being a parent. I am convinced that the experience of being a parent is the only valid way. Being in a room with men of varying ages from 22-75 years old, I was confronted with the same concerns, horror stories, & most importantly successes as many Dad’s get to experience.

The core pillars of Fathering: I CAN, is just one small part of this workshop I can utilize until my dying day. Because of this workshop, I have a new renowned appreciation for every mother & father, especially my own who adopted myself, my brother, & sister at such a young age. Family is never defined solely by blood. I would recommend the father’s workshop to any man, whether they are a first time father, or a grandparent.” -J.K., Fall ‘23

## NEXT SESSION BEGINS SOON!

Wednesdays 5-7:30 pm  
130 W. MINER STREET, WEST  
CHESTER, PA 19382  
Free 8 week workshop, light dinner  
provided.

[SIGN UP!](#)



**WINTER '23 - West Chester, PA**

# PAPA 2024

January  
24

## Foundations of Fatherhood

Free 8 week workshop, light dinner provided.

Wednesdays 5-7:30 pm

130 W. MINER STREET, WEST CHESTER, PA 19382

SIGN UP!

March  
4

## Summer Basketball League Registration

**OPENS ONLINE**

May  
17

## Summer Basketball League Registration

**CLOSES**

May  
TBD

## Summer Basketball League Assessments

Phoenixville Recreation Center

Assessment is not mandatory & is only held 1 day

June  
8

## Opening Day

Summer Basketball League  
Reservoir Park

*Join us in celebrating over 28 years of impactful community work by PAPA! Your unwavering support, whether through donations or volunteering, has been the heartbeat of our success. As we bid farewell to 2023, we extend heartfelt thanks to each member of our incredible community for your enthusiasm, commitment, and the vital role you play in making our initiatives possible. Wishing you all a joyous and healthy 2024!*

Make a  
donation today

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