



**Hamilton Township
CYO/Bromley
Neighborhood Center
Annual Report - 2021**



This report summarizes the programs, events and activities that have taken place at the CYO Bromley Center during 2021. This Center has played an essential role in improving the lives of men, women, children and organizations in Hamilton Township.

Office hours of operation-- Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Tom Mladenetz--CYO Executive Director

Pat Hardiman--Center Director

Asia Williams—Front Desk/ Office & Program Assistant

Tom Valyo---(Part time)--Teen Center Supervisor & Mentor/ Evening Security (Retired Police Officer)

Lisa Lewis, Michael James, Donna Valyo--(Part time)--Teen Center Mentors

ARC Employee--Building Maintenance--8:00am--5:00pm

Food Pantry

- The distribution of no cost State & Federally funded and privately donated non-perishable & frozen food to needy, income-eligible families in the Township of Hamilton is provided through this program. Hamilton Township's Department of Public Works provides monthly assistance for the food drop-off from the Southern Regional Food Distribution Center in Vineland, N.J. to both the CYO Bromley Neighborhood Center & the J.O.Wilson Neighborhood Service Center. John Kilcoyne, a dedicated CYO volunteer, is a huge help with the monthly food deliveries and donated foods, sorting and organizing the foods.

We distribute monthly food packages to an average of **80-90** families per month.

A total of **188** families are registered for the food pantry, as compared to **198** last year. Due to the continued effects of the pandemic and related job losses, the demand for assistance from the food pantry has remained very high although the numbers are lower than 2020.

Month	Adults		Children	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
January	111	109	55	55
February	112	91	57	46
March	113	133	57	74
April	125	190	66	120
May	129	194	70	122
June	130	196	70	125
July	134	219	72	141
August	139	227	76	147
September	143	224	77	160
October	175	275	117	182
November	182	302	123	210
December	185	304	120	214
Totals	1,493	2,484	960	1,596

Distribution days and hours for the Food Pantry are: **Tuesdays & Thursdays & the 3rd Wednesday of each month 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:30-3:30 pm.** (If needed, residents can make an appointment to pick up food in the evenings 6:30-8:30 pm from Tom Valyo of the Teen Center). Emergency distribution is made for individuals who may live outside of our area if a referral is made through a social service agency.

The Southern Regional Distribution Center, in Vineland, NJ, is our primary source of food for our food pantry. Additionally, we receive food and monetary donations from local schools, churches, civic organizations and individuals including:

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| New Jersey Office Of Faith Based Initiatives | First Commerce Bank |
| Crockett Middle School | Vishwa Hindu Parish Of America |
| Greenwood Elementary School | St. Mark's United Methodist Church |
| Hamilton Township Recreation Department | WaWa |
| St. Gregory the Great | St. Vincent DePaul Church, Yardville |
| Nottingham High School | Hamilton Senior Center |
| Community Foundation of New Jersey | Modern Recycled Spaces |
| Princeton Alliance Church | Keystone Engineering |
| DiPaola Turkey Farm | The United Way of Greater Mercer County |
| Dr. Brian Lavery's Office | The Rotary Club Robbinsville-Hamilton |
| Mercerville Elementary School | Mill One |
| Stop & Shop | RWJ Barnabas |
| The Massage Garden | Studio Park |

2. Teen Center

Our Teen Center, which opened in the summer of 2005, continues with 9 to 13 yr. old “pre-teens” & 14-17 yr. old teens, who utilize the center’s video games, with the Xbox, PS3, Xbox One & PS4 consoles. We also have a pool table, ping pong table, foosball table, basketball shoot game & air hockey table, along with various board games. Our average daily attendance is **25--30 teens**. Additionally a yoga and mindfulness class provided by Sheltered Yoga.

The Teen Center is designed to provide local youths with educational, recreational and social activities & has become a “safe haven” for Bromley neighborhood youth.

2021 Monthly Teen Center Attendance

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
110	125	51	60	71	80	0	0	91	152	68	111	919
						2020						
Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
232	236	92	COVID	COVID	COVID	0	0	153	152	103	125	1093

3. Computer Room Access/Computer Classes

Hamilton residents have access to our computer room from 9:00 am until 3:15 pm. The computer room contains 16 computers, a networked printer and continues to be available for both adults and students. Uses include job searches, on-line applications, career searches, e-mail checks, researching school projects or business topics and word processing. The usage numbers are an average, as many residents make multiple visits.

2021 Monthly Computer Lab Usage

Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
7	11	9	9	8	6	2	11	5	10	10	8	96
						2020						
Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
15	13	4	COVID	COVID	COVID	COVID	COVID	3	5	6	10	56

4. Copy, Fax & Notary Service/Job Postings

Residents continue to use our copier and faxing services free of charge. In addition they are able to get documents notarized at no cost, and view our current list of local job openings

5. Gateway Head Start

The Center continues to maintain and support the Head Start program which consists of two classrooms with 19--3 & 4 yr. old children. The program uses our kitchen facilities for daily breakfast and lunches. They also use the rear playground and social hall for meetings. Gateway also continues to utilize the social hall and computer room for staff in-service training, local and regional meetings and learning activities. The Gateway Head Start rental payments are made directly to Hamilton Township. The Center also hosted Greenwood Elementary School's Summer Enrichment while the school was under construction as to not have the students learn remotely.

6. Mentoring Program

Toshua Turner & Sonia Williams have continued with the girls mentoring program called R.O.Y.A.L. Mentoring. (Reaching Out to our Young A amazing Ladies). They have weekly Wednesday night meetings in our computer room (during teen center hours) with 25-30 teen girls in weekly attendance. They do crafts and other projects and the program continues to grow. The objective of this program is to help mold young girls into mature, inspired, successful young women. Their group volunteered during our Halloween parade, Thanksgiving Food Giveaway and also our annual Children's Christmas present distribution. The CYO has provided financial assistance toward enhancing this mentoring program.

7. Health Services

The Center was host to three COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics and a Flu clinic for Hamilton residents.

8. Social Hall Usage

We have rentals all year round on Saturdays. There were a total of **12** rentals/hall usages in **2021**. Most rentals are baby showers & birthday parties, although we also have had bridal showers, wedding receptions, special meeting and community events. Public work employees cover the events & are paid through the rental fee. Special public service meetings are held by Hamilton Fire Co. & Ladies Auxiliary, Mercer County Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Dapper Bus Company safety meeting and Gateway Head Start. The Tabernade Chosen Generation Church rents for church service every Sunday from 9am to 12pm.

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute

The annual tribute to Dr. King was modified this year due to COVID 19 and held at the Bromley Center on January 13. Only the three scholarship winners and their parents attended along with Mayor Martin to have their scholarship checks presented.

10. Annual Easter Party

The Easter Party was held on Saturday, March 27th at the Bromley Center. **80** area children stopped by for candy, prizes, and an Easter Basket.

11. Spring Food Festival

The CYO provided a Spring Food Festival to all Food Pantry Clients on Tuesday, April 13 in partnership with United Way of Greater Mercer County. The festival included a free lunch from a food truck, additional monthly food bag, and a \$25 store gift card. **75** Food Pantry members attended!

12. CYO Bromley Neighborhood Clean-Up/Earth Day

On Saturday, April 17th, the CYO Bromley Center held the 9th annual "Bromley Clean-up/Earth Day". With the help of volunteers, community residents & the Hamilton Twp. Public Works Dept, the following areas were cleaned: the 1700 Block of East State St., Adella, Victor, Rosalia Aves, and Bromley & Farmingdale Parks. Dumpsters were made available by Hamilton Township and many residents were able to clean out their yards and basements. Park benches and tables were painted as well.

13. CYO/Bromley Summer Camp

Summer Camp ran for **8 weeks** from June 21st to August 13th. A total of **30** campers attended (5 to 9 years old). Daily activities included Arts and Crafts, music, outside play, sprinkler days, and more. Special camp events included a Talent Show, Yoga and Hip Hop dancing.

14. Summer Free Lunch Program

The Center was again a feeding site for the Summer Food Service Program through the N.J. Department of Agriculture. Mercer Street Friends was our sponsor for this program. Lunch was provided for 30 children from the Bromley neighborhood, Monday – Friday for 39 days. Karson Foods was the vendor that provided the meals. Mercer Street Friends provided weekend food packs for the children on Fridays.

15. Farm To Family Program

For 16 weeks(from July 8 to October 21), the CYO Bromley Center partnered with RWJ Barnabas and Snipes Farm to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to 25 families and also provided healthy eating and drinking education. The program also addressed food insecurity at a very needed time.

16. Back to School Cookout

On Saturday, August 28th, local resident “Big Rob” of Bromley Brothers & Sisters held their annual “Back to School Cookout” at the Bromley Park serving hamburgers, hot dogs and other refreshments to over 200 local residents. They also distributed back packs to needy area children. We supported this event by purchasing hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and drinks.

17. Fall Food Festival

The CYO, in partnership with New Jersey Office of Faith Based Initiatives had a Fall Food Festival for all Food Pantry clients on Tuesday, November 9. The festival included free lunch from a food truck, an additional monthly box of food, and a food store gift card. 75 Food Pantry Clients attended!

18. Halloween Parade and Party

The 9th annual CYO Halloween parade and party was held on October 29th. 50 local children walked the parade route and then came back to the Center for grab and go candy and pizza.

19. “Giving Back to the Community – Thanksgiving Food Giveaway”

Our 19th annual Thanksgiving Food Giveaway distributed food to over 90 people and was held on Tuesday, November 23rd from 9:30am-2:30 pm. We were able to feed local men, women, and children. This event continues to be one of our largest yearly events. With 90 turkeys, gift cards, and food baskets distributed to Food Pantry clients! This event was sponsored by DiPaola Turkey Farm, the Hamilton Senior Center, Crockett Middle School and Nottingham High School.

20. “Giving Back to the Community – Children’s Christmas Celebration”

Our 19th annual Children’s Christmas Celebration was held on Wednesday, December 15th, 4:30 – 6:30 pm at the Bromley Center for grab and go presents and food. Over 60 income-eligible children & parents attended! Toys were donated by Dr. Brian Lavery’s office, Bank of Princeton & St. Greg’s.

Christmas



R.O.Y.A.L. Mentoring



Halloween



Thanksgiving



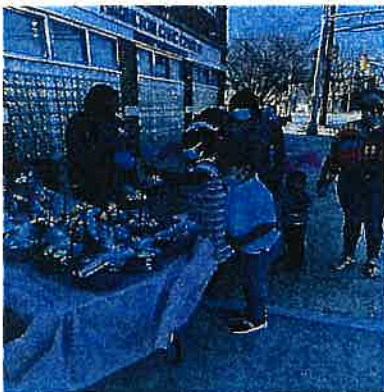
Clean Up Day



Teen Program



Easter



Clean Up Day



Bromley Park Soccer Fun



Fall Food Festival



COVID – 19 Vaccination Site



Fall Food Festival

