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*The Community Center would like to thank members of our **ZONE CLUB** for all of their generous contributions which support our various programs.*

Gold Members:

Ross and Donna Jones

Silver Members:

Marston and Geri Erwin

Larry and Carol Frigault

Jim and Becky Marzeski

Ray and Connie Nassar

Scott and Ronette Wiley

Faith E. Gay and Francesca Zambello

NEW FACES at the R.S.C.C...

The Community Center has two new faces, with the recent hiring of a new Program Assistant, and a Community Service volunteer who is an intern at a local organic beef farm.

Rachelle Robbins was hired in October to assist the Director in running the After School program and engaging youth in enrichment activities at the R.S.C.C. She is also working as the Assistant on Friday nights with the teen Zone Program. Rachelle is an experienced caregiver and Certified Nurses' Assistant. We are happy

to welcome Rachelle to the RSCC staff.

Through the fall and early winter, we have been fortunate to receive volunteer support from a local intern, "Haja" Issahaka (pictured right,) who comes to Richfield Springs as a third year Agro-economy major with Earth University in Costa Rica. Haja is a native of Ghana, and speaks 6 languages. She is volunteering at the Community Center for 5 hours each week, mentoring at the Friday night Zone program, and helping out around the center as needed.



Annual Holiday Auction and Dinner—SAVE THE DATE!

Come join us for the 7th Annual Richfield Springs Community Center Holiday Auction, which will be held on Saturday, December 6th this year. At 5:00pm there will be an auction preview and Holiday Dinner service.

At 6:30pm the live auction begins, which will be hosted again this year by Sid Talma. This is sure to be a lively and entertaining evening. Your \$7.00 donation /admission includes dinner, dessert, and auction number. Cash and checks are

preferred; Credit Cards are accepted. ****EXTRA FUN THIS YEAR**** Holiday Guess-timate Games and Mystery Boxes. Bring the family and score some great deals on your holiday shopping and gift items! Hope to see you there!!!

Rotary P.L.A.Y. Grant Boosts Program Offerings



This past summer, The local Richfield Springs chapter of Rotary International presented the P.L.A.Y. program with a wonderful opportunity to apply for a Nationally sponsored grant, with \$2,500 to be used towards educational games, supplies, and recreation equipment for

the younger students we serve after school and during the summer program. With this local support, we were approved for the grant and have received many wonderful new items to enhance the quality of our program for local youth. Thank You Richfield Springs Rotary!!!!

**Upcoming R.S.C.C
Events:**

Nov. 24- Blood Drive

***Dec. 6- Holiday
Auction***

Community Nights:

*Now every other Saturday
from 6-9 pm*

Nov. 22

Dec. 13 and Dec. 27

P.L.A.Y. After School Program-*Learning through play*



Imaginary play offers children the opportunity to learn about real life situations and practice social skills.

P.L.A.Y. stands for Positive Lifestyle Activities for Youth, and one of the focuses of this after school enrichment program at the R.S.C.C. is fostering positive social and emotional development. Children learn to solve problems, express emotions, and build important communication skills when they interact with their peers, and we

believe these skills are best practiced through play. This program is offered Tue-Fri, during the school year, and is open to students in grades K-5. Participants also engage in group games, physical activities, and creative projects, and are provided homework help and a nutritious snack. P.L.A.Y. is a licensed school age childcare program.

The annual Halloween Party at the Zone...



This year, our Zone Program for teens has experienced steady growth, and increased participation indicates the program success, as we are having an average of 30 teens attend the Zone Program regularly on Friday nights. Also popular with the teens involved in the Zone Program is our monthly "Coffee House Night," which is held on the last Friday of every month.

This regular event offers local teens a place to hang out with friends and try a specialty coffee drink or pastry, while enjoying musical entertainment and social interaction with peers and mentors in a safe "teen-friendly" space.

The Zone Program is held every Friday night from 7 to 10pm and students in grades 7-12 from all local schools are invited to attend.



Teens enjoyed an art workshop by Bridge to Skate

The R.S.C.C. would like to acknowledge Program Funding Support from our Community Partners for 2014:



Otsego County Youth Bureau



Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook! The Zone Youth Program and Richfield Springs Community Center!

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