



PFT YOUTH PARTICPATE AT THE PRINCETON BLAIRSTOWN CENTER STEM SUMMER CAMP

Fun & Learn Time
 “We had so
 much
 fun...we
 didn’t want
 to leave”

(Camp student Idaliza Perez)

HIGHLIGHTS

President’s Message by Paul Perez Barroso

The Partnerships for Trenton (PFT) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of our children, and improving our community by connecting people with resources. We strive to enhance the quality of services provided to our clients through the effective action and leadership of our trained volunteers.

This year Partnerships for Trenton went the extra mile in providing excellent opportunities to our children, Public School partners, Seniors, and families in need. Our schedule for 2016 was extensive and evident across numerous civic programs and non-profits that we have helped to build and support throughout our City of Trenton.

Our organization provided more than 100,000 volunteer hours across a wide range of activities. We were proud to partner with approximately 23 non-profits this year that support the arts, the public schools, Senior Housing and Welfare, feeding the homeless, and beyond. This year, we collected and distributed warm winter clothing, fed the homeless, honored our Veterans, and provided opportunities for our children to grow and learn through a one day Youth Summit at a local County Community College. Our children was exposed to Science, Engineering and Math while learning teaming and leadership skills, at the Princeton Blairstown Center, and took a History trek with a visit to the William Trent house, Trenton, NJ.

At our core, we are a group of 32 very dedicated volunteers utilizing and maximizing our networks to get things done. Our volunteers provide opportunities that include leadership development, fundraising, financial administration, event planning and management, and many, many more critical functions to our operations. We truly are an organization that harnesses the strength of our volunteers and puts that power to work in our community.

We are excited about our future and work to identify a building for our Community Impact Center that will serve as a venue for community organizations to gather, as well as serve as our future headquarters and food pantry for the food backpack program. New fundraising programs will be introduced this year and our focus for long-term success will continue with our strategic planning.

As President for the 2016-17 year, I am honored to serve this organization and its members. We have an exceptional team of highly motivated volunteers; but ask that everyone help by donating and contributing to our organization fundraising efforts. We look to the future with absolute excitement and hope to see you at our next event!

- Participates with Trenton Board of Education Teacher’s Union to plan their annual Youth Summit held at Mercer County Community College.

- Sponsors the first Spring into the Spirit Celebration and scholarship award

- Hosts the Beer Garden at the 6th Annual Mercer County Cultural Festival & Food Truck Rally

- Provides sponsorship to support the 1719 William Trent House Museum annual Ice Cream Social

- Sponsors Trenton Thunder Game Night: Honoring Heroes

- Night at the Theatre – Partnership with Princeton McCarter Theatres and attend production of Bathing in Moonlight

- Support of the TBOE Resolution and partner with Woodrow Wilson Elementary School

- Supports and sponsor Hispanic Heritage Month at Ellarslie

- Hosts a Veteran’s Day Dinner honoring our Vets.

- Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway at both the Abbott Building in West Trenton, and South Village



Trenton Youth Head for Summer Camp

Kids meet in front of Grace A. Dunn Middle school to catch the bus to Blairstown NJ in great anticipation for summer camp.



Trent House Ice Cream Social

Wonderful day spent at the William Trent House Circa 1719, listening to great jazz music by the Roy Richardson band. Visitors enjoyed a wonderful array of ice cream flavors donated by PFT.



Honoring Our Heroes

PFT volunteers and 135 summer camp kids, parents, and friends enjoyed a beautiful (hot) summer day watching a baseball game at Arm & Hammer Waterfront Park Stadium, home of the Trenton Thunder on August 16th. The theme of the night was: "honoring our heroes" where Capt. Paul Perez Jr (a native of Trenton) was honored for serving our country. Paul Jr has served over 11 years in the United States Army and served three tours in the Iraq War. It was an honor to officially welcome him home! Also that night, we had our very own Antonio Vitella sing the National Anthem along with our beautiful Aliyah Clark-Rodriguez singing God Bless America.



Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, Board of Education resolution and partnership. Below L to R: Principal Janet Nicodemos, President of PFT Paul Perez, Tyrone Gaskins, Santiago (Chago) Rodriguez



Feeding the Needy, Serving the Community

PFT Volunteers serving hot meals at the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen. Over 400 meals served that day! PFT exercising the spirit of service.



Honoring our Veterans and families dinner

This year PFT hosted a dinner in honor of our Veterans. The Veterans were thanked by the PFT Executive Staff, Committee members and volunteers.

We gave special thanks for their bravery, commitment, and service to our country. Military roll call included' Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and National Guard.

The veterans shared stories of their experiences in the military followed by an announcement of a new VFW charter in Trenton...COMING SOON!!!



Christmas Party and Toy Collection

St Mary's Cathedral of Trenton, NJ Monsignor Joseph Roldan is joined by NJ State Senator Linda Greenstein, and friends of PFT at the 3rd Annual Christmas party and toy drive. PFT collected over 350 toys. St Mary's is just one of the non-profit organizations we give toys for distribution

Spring into the Spirit

By Janet Perez

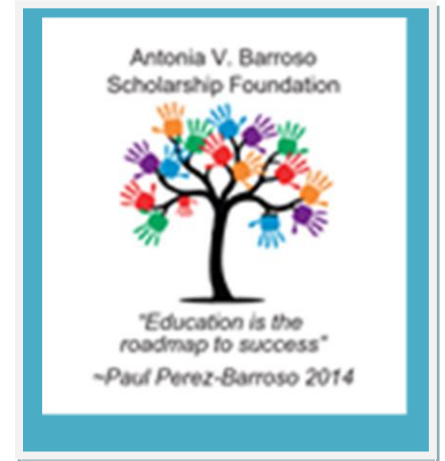
Our first annual scholarship award ceremony and concert proved to be a spectacular event. The purpose of the concert was to bring together people of all faiths to share a night filled with wonderfully inspiring performances from our non-profit friends lending support to the Antonia V. Barroso Academia Scholarship fund raising efforts.

AVB Scholarship Recipient & Family Photo

Family of Antonia V. Barroso presents the organization's first Scholarship to winner and recipient Brianna A. Rodriguez of Trenton, NJ. Brianna was a senior at Trenton Catholic Academy with a 3.6 GPA, made the honor roll three consecutive semesters in her senior year, was awarded a scholarship by the Hamilton Elks for student of the month, and was honored at TCA's eleventh annual banquet. She has participated in numerous community outreach events where she learned valuable lessons about helping her community in the City of Trenton. Brianna's proud parents, Richard & Lillian Rodriguez were with her to receive the award.



Vice President Janet Perez and President Paul Perez



Antonia V. Barroso Scholarship Fund recipient Brianna Rodriguez and Family



Spring into the Spirit Celebration at the New Jersey State Museum

Antonia V. Barroso Scholarship Fund

If you are interested in learning more about the Antonia V. Barroso Scholarship Fund, how to get involved, make a donation or apply, please contact committee Chair Deborah Collins at: dcollins@partnershipfortrenton.org



PFT deliver Turkeys to seniors and residents of the Trenton Abbott and Josephson Buildings, South Village and needy families of Trenton. The Turkeys and Turkey dinners were delivered to over 175 families. We would like to thank Pastor Terry Wells of the My Brother's Keeper Program, Bishop Sydney Gaines and Dr. Shirley Gaines, Dr. Jennifer Warren and the members of the PFT Executive Board for their hard work, dedication and contributions to make this happen!

Partnerships for Trenton (PFT) is a community outreach organization based in Trenton, New Jersey that operates with a unified volunteer force of businessmen, educators, civic associations, certified professionals and individual citizens living or conducting business in the City of Trenton.

In order to continue to operate, we need financial help. We hope that you are able to offer financial support as you deem appropriate.

We appreciate any donation you can make.

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