

The Board of Directors of the
Joseph H. Firth Youth Center
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31st Annual Banquet

September 15, 2022



HONORING

DR. JAMES BRENNAN

Lifetime Achievement Award

MRS. JENNIFER CATALLI-SANDT

Community Service Award

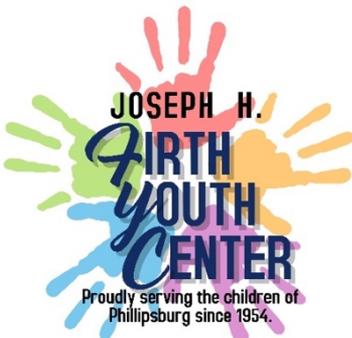
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PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

CHEER TEAM

Youth Volunteer Service Award





Letter from the President

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I'd like to both welcome and thank you for joining us in celebrating our 31st Annual Firth Youth Center Banquet.

The youth of Phillipsburg and the surrounding communities have enjoyed and learned valuable lessons about sports, and more importantly, life within the walls of the FYC for generations. These lessons cannot be measured in wins and losses or put into a dollar value but can only be gauged by the success of the kids who have participated in activities which the FYC has offered for over seventy years. It is because of the people here tonight and others who have contributed over the years, that the future generations of youth can enjoy the opportunities that are currently being offered and will continue to be offered at the FYC.

The children of Phillipsburg have experienced new diverse programming, extended hours of care, and even full-day care when the School Districts were operating virtually. I am pleased with the momentum and energy at the FYC and applaud the devoted staff as they continue to shatter goals!

This evening, we are pleased to honor Dr. James Brennan as the Elizabeth Firth Wade Lifetime Achievement Award recipient for his decades of service to Phillipsburg youth. Additionally, we're proud to recognize The Hajdu Group as the recipient of the Elizabeth Firth Wade Corporate Partner Award and to present the Elizabeth Firth Wade Community Service Award to Jennifer Catalli-Sandt for her immeasurable volunteerism. Lastly, we congratulate the Phillipsburg High School Cheer Team as the Volunteer Service Award recipients. Each year, individuals and groups that exhibit selfless devotion to the community are honored, and this year is no exception. Congratulations to our recipients!

Please enjoy the evening and continue to support the mission of the FYC!

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Russo
President, Board of Directors

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Jeff Russo, Board President

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Raffle Prize winners will be announced throughout the evening.

A Brief History of the Joseph H. Firth Youth Center

Because a girl who grew up in Phillipsburg never forgot her roots, Phillipsburg has one of the finest recreational facilities to be found in any community it's size—the Joseph H. Firth Youth Center. Due to the generosity of Miss Elizabeth Firth Wade, thousands of area youth have visited the Center to constructively fill leisure hours since the Center was dedicated in 1954.

Elizabeth Firth Wade graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 1899 and left to study music in New York. Within 10 years, she was the most famous star on the London stage, appearing in a long series of successful musicals. She left the stage at the height of her career to marry Joseph Homer Wade, a Cleveland industrialist, and returned to the United States. After her husband's death in 1941, Ms. Wade moved to Santa Barbara, California.



Ms. Wade contacted her childhood friend, Mrs. Mary Fisk Elliot in Phillipsburg for suggestions for a suitable memorial for her late father, Joseph H. Firth. Mrs. Elliot immediately suggested a Youth Center. It had always been Mrs. Elliot's dream that young people in Phillipsburg would have a place for their many activities. Late in January of 1950, it was announced that the lady who had left Phillipsburg as a girl 50 years before would donate \$65,000 for the construction of the Center to be named in honor of her father, Joseph H. Firth, who previously served as Mayor of the town. This donation was the first of many made by Ms. Wade. Before her death in 1960, she had donated over \$200,000 to the Firth Youth Center, which, because of her illness, she never visited.

In her Will, Ms. Wade established The Elizabeth Firth Wade Endowment Fund which has continued to support the Center's Board of Directors with a portion of the finances to operate and improve the facility including \$84,000 of the \$168,000 necessary to construct the gymnasium in 1963. Currently, additional funds are provided by many private donations and nominal program fees, as well as special grant monies for specific program use and major capital improvement projects.

In 1954, when the Center was dedicated, Ms. Wade sent these words to be read on her behalf during the ceremony:

"...it is with the hope that all young people of the town, rich and poor, are going to use it. Instead of meeting on street corners, meet here and see what it has to offer. Naturally, I want older people to also enjoy it in as many ways as they can. If you will promise to do this, you will make me feel that I have done something really worthwhile for the town. Make me happy, and make it a great success."

DR. JAMES BRENNAN Elizabeth Firth Wade Lifetime Achievement Award

Born and raised in Phillipsburg, one of 7 children of Joseph Brennan and Grace Smith Brennan; he and his siblings are the fifth generation of Brennan's with strong roots in "P'burg." Jim is a 1970 graduate of Phillipsburg Catholic High School. He served in the U.S. Army in the Republic of Vietnam as a Combat M.P. assigned to convoy security (1971-1973). After completing his military service, he went on to earn undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Wyoming, culminating in a Ph.D. in Lifelong Learning. While an undergraduate at UW, he was a sprinter and decathlete on the university track team.

Jim is married to his high school sweetheart, Camille Indorato Brennan, and is deeply proud to be the father of Shannon Brennan Troxell, father-in-law of Greg Troxell, and the super-enthusiastic "Pop-Pop" of Cael, Grace, and Brooke Troxell.



He retired in the Summer of 2022 from Lehigh University as a Professor of Human Behavior in the College of Business where he taught courses in Organizational Behavior, Strategic Leadership, and Human Resources. Prior to teaching at Lehigh, Jim served as Dean of Professional Studies at Muhlenberg College where he taught for 16 years. He worked with Jay Wright and the Villanova Men's Basketball Team as an advisor and sports performance consultant from 2005-2017, including the NCAA Championship Team of 2016. In 2011, Jim authored the book, *The Art of Becoming Oneself: A Fresh Interpretation of Our Possibilities*.

Previous professional affiliations also include Director of Human Resources/Labor Relations at Mallinckrodt Baker Chemical Company in Phillipsburg; International Consultant for USAID and the U.S. Department of Energy developing and facilitating leadership training workshops in Asia, South America, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. Jim was a start-up member of the Lehigh Valley Board of Directors for Team Capital Bank (now Provident Bank) and served on the Executive Council, Board of Directors of the United Way of Northern New Jersey. He was a member of the Joseph H. Firth Youth Center Board of Directors 1997-2007, serving as President of the Board 2000-2007. From 2015-2019 Jim was a member of the steering team of the Civilian-Military Humanitarian Response Initiative, a project co-sponsored by the United Nations, the U.S. Naval War College, and Harvard Humanitarian Initiative.

Current professional endeavors include his on-going role as strategic advisor to the CEO and Executive Team of Global Support and Development (GSD), a Silicon Valley based humanitarian disaster response organization. As well, Jim serves as a consultant and senior advisor to the CEO of Room to Grow, a well-established New York City based non-profit organization which provides a three-year program of critical support to families raising babies born into low-income circumstances. Jim recently accepted the position of Board President for the Elizabeth Firth Wade Foundation.

THE HADJU GROUP Elizabeth Firth Wade Corporate Partner Award

Founded in 1946, Louis Hajdu started constructing homes before transitioning to building gas stations, schools, and various projects for industries in the Phillipsburg vicinity. Louis, followed by his son Barry after his graduation from Virginia Tech and now Barry's son, Brian, after his graduation from Rider University, built an organization that has evolved over three generations into a dynamic, professional, and well-balanced Construction Group.



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Current owner and operator, Brian Hajdu, has served on the Firth Youth Center Board of Directors since March 2008. Throughout the years, his commitment to the Center has never wavered. Brian serves on many Board Committees, recommends future projects to improve the facility, and regularly enlists his two daughters, Samantha and Reese, to volunteer during the summertime directly with the children. Most recently, The Hajdu Group has aided in securing the facility with new and upgraded exterior doors, removed and repaired walls to create additional space for activities, and provided project management assistance throughout the year-long process to complete the air conditioning project. Along with building expertise, donated labor, and financial contributions, The Hajdu Group shares their wealth of business experience with the Board and Leadership Team, while always focusing on the future and mission of the FYC!



MRS. JENNIFER CATALLI-SANDT Elizabeth Firth Wade Community Service Award

Mrs. Jennifer Sandt was born and raised in Phillipsburg and spent many of her childhood days at the Firth Youth Center. Ceramics with Mrs. Stansbury was one of her favorite activities. She spent many hours on the basketball court playing with the Holy Name Saints and later worked at the Center helping with the annual "Eggsibits" and running time clocks for the youth basketball games.

Jennifer is the daughter of Vincent and Eileen Catalli. She has three sisters (Patti, Terri, and Anna) and a brother (Tom), some of whom also worked at FYC and were Playground Leaders. She attended St. Philip and James/All Saints Regional Elementary School and is a 1997 graduate of Phillipsburg High School. She is a member of St. Philip and James Catholic Church. Jenn and her husband of 19 years, Mark, have four daughters, Catherine (16), Victoria (14), Madelyn (9) and Charlotte (5) who all attend the Phillipsburg School District. Jenn spends most of her days working as a Store Director for Target, currently running the Lower Nazareth, PA location. When Jenn is not working, she is kept very busy with their daughters' sports and extracurricular schedules.

Jenn has had a passion for helping others all her life. She is/has been a member of PTOs in multiple schools throughout the Phillipsburg School District, she is currently the Treasurer of the Phillipsburg High School Cheerleading Booster Club, and, prior to Covid, was a Girl Scout leader for 8 years. When their two oldest daughters were 4 and 6, the Sandt family began holding lemonade stands to raise funds for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. The stands were held as birthday parties for the girls, and have become a family tradition, most recently hosting their 11th Annual Lemonade Stand this past June. When the events became larger than what the Sandt family anticipated, they partnered with the Youth Center and began hosting the stands on the sidewalk out front of the FYC. It is an event that they all look forward to kick off their summer.

Jenn lends a hand whenever time allows and when she can't squeeze it in, she enlists the help of others to make sure that her family and friends are successful in their endeavors. She partnered with FYC Executive Director, Kelly, and Target Corporation last year to help the Youth Center obtain a grant to make "Hooray! It's Back To School Day!" a

success. She also worked with the PHS Cheer Coach, Michelle Swick, to get support with stuffing backpacks for distribution, sort formal wear for the "FYC Boutique" and helped the Cheer team gather coats for the Coat Drive this past winter.

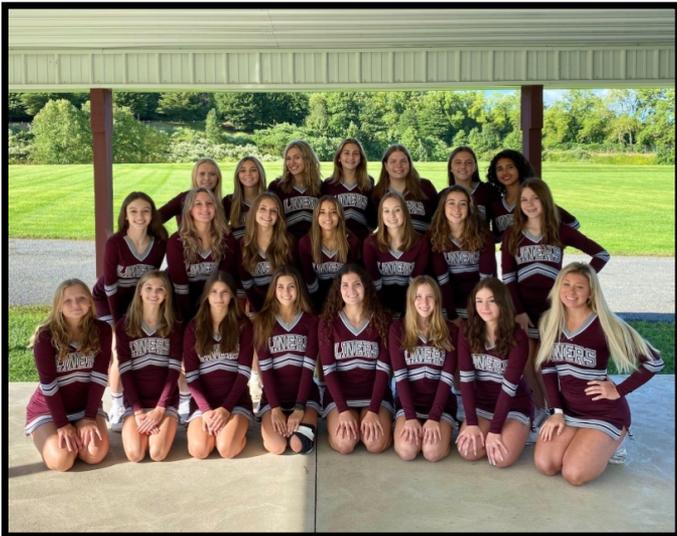


PHILLIPSBURG HIGH SCHOOL CHEER TEAM Youth Volunteer Service Award

The Phillipsburg High School Cheerleading team is made up of athletes ranging from 9th grade to 12th grade at Phillipsburg High School. The team cheers at football games in the fall and basketball and wrestling in the winter. In addition to cheering on Liner sports teams at the high school, the cheerleading team competes at the local, state, and national levels. Some highlights of the 21-22 competition season were their 3rd place finish at Skyland Conference Championships, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes at UCA regionals, and 3rd place finishes at the NJ State Cheerleading Championships.

Off the sideline and competition mat, the Phillipsburg Cheerleading Team also participates in/hosts community events and dedicates their time to volunteer work. The team hosts a youth clinic each summer that the local youth teams attend. The clinic has grown into a huge event, with this year's attendance topping 150+ cheerleaders! The clinic is not only a fundraiser for their program. It is, more importantly, a chance for the PHS cheerleaders to build relationships with the local youth organizations and to inspire the next generation of Phillipsburg Stateliners!

The team has made it a goal to give back to the community through service. They have helped teachers set up their classrooms for the upcoming school year, volunteered with the Miracle League organization, and participate in a food drive with Easton Cheerleading every Thanksgiving. The team also had the amazing opportunity to work with the Firth Youth Center on several initiatives last year. The team helped pack backpacks for students in the community, organized a winter coat drive in partnership with the Youth Center, and helped organize and set up the FYC's annual dress boutique during prom season! This year, the team plans to continue their partnership with the Youth Center with these initiatives and more. The FYC is a great resource for the Phillipsburg community and PHS cheer has been so grateful for the opportunity to be involved!





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The Firth Youth Center Board of Directors proudly dedicated last year's Annual Banquet in loving memory of Mr. John "Bull" Durnin.

Bull was raised in Phillipsburg, where he was an entrepreneur and owner of Durnin's Fast Plumbing, an avid Stateliners fan, the founder of Pohatcong youth football, and served on the Garnet Booster Club for many years. He was also a long-time and proud supporter of the FYC.

In recent years, Bull was a staple at the FYC. With many old pipes and new projects, Bull was always a phone call away. Even at the age of 79, he would wedge himself into tight spaces to triage rusty pipes, climb on the roof to assess drainage, and even work for hours on hard tile floor to install handwashing sinks. Upon arrival for each job, he'd proudly say, "Did you know I was here when this place opened?!?" He loved to walk through the building filled with children and always asked to see the latest renovations. It was abundantly clear that helping the FYC was not about business, it was Bull's way to help sustain a place that meant so much to him.

Bull's loving family continues to keep his memory alive by supporting the many organizations that held a special place in his heart. Bull is loved and missed by so many.

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Thank you to everyone who steps up to help make the FYC what it is today!

In addition to providing college and vocational scholarships each year, the Board of Directors allocates the proceeds from the Annual Banquet to off-set costs associated with dynamic programming, such as healthy cooking classes, youth yoga sessions, summer camp behavior incentives, and much more!





From the Executive Director

Thank you for attending the 31st Annual Banquet! We truly have an incredible slate of award recipients to honor for their commitment to the kids of P'burg. Additionally, I am proud to continue the Volunteer Impact Presentation by highlighting several individuals who whole-heartedly support our mission. I always look forward to the Banquet, as there are *many* selfless individuals and organizations who deserve to be recognized for their role in the FYC's growth!

I often find myself "hash-tagging" the phrase: "**Teamwork makes the dream work!**" I simply cannot show enough gratitude to the countless residents, agency partners, businesses, and community leaders who continue to step up and help expand our offerings, improve the facility, or add new opportunities for the vulnerable youth we serve. It has been heart-warming and humbling to work alongside so many devoted individuals who also believe that when we #FILLtheFIRTH, our youth have a safe place to *just be kids!*

With that being said, I must add that I caught myself uttering that phrase more often than ever about the FYC Team. Miss Meghan organizes our office and mandatory documentation, while also triaging all the mini crises that pop-up when you serve hundreds of kids each day. Miss Keely re-joined the team after completing her Bachelor's degree in May and immediately began new grant applications, while simultaneously enriching programs. Miss Ashlee handled her second year as Camp Director with grace, compassion, and incredible leadership skills. From Mr. Mark keeping the building spotless, to evening staff leading High School nights, and every team member in between exceeding expectations, it's clear that we are so blessed! Each staff member brings their unique style, positive energy, and team-first approach to the FYC. It is safe to say, the accomplishment I am most proud of this year has been to build, support, and aid the team we have surrounding and mentoring our FYC kids.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and children we serve, thank you for your generosity and continued support. We look forward to all that is good to come for the youth of Phillipsburg via the Firth Youth Center!

Kelly Post-Sheedy

Kelly Post-Sheedy
Executive Director

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dedicating the 3rd Annual Awards
Banquet in loving memory of
Mr. Harold J. Curry.*



Harold J. Curry was born and raised in Phillipsburg, where he established his law practice within the S. Main St. building where he grew up. He graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 1949 and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Lafayette College in 1953. From there, he served in the United States Army before graduating from Rutgers Law School in 1958. As an Attorney, Mr. Curry represented numerous Boards, Towns, and Community Organizations. He also served as Chairman of Phillipsburg National Bank and Trust Company, Vista Bank Corp., and Twin Rivers Community Bank. In addition, he served two terms in the New Jersey State Assembly.

Mr. Curry was proud to be from P'burg, and always had a deep and abiding love for his community. He brought his wife, Joanne, to Phillipsburg where they raised their children Maryellen, Matt, Rob, and Chris.

Mr. Curry was a sports enthusiast and enjoyed playing tennis, basketball, softball, skiing in Vermont, and playing pick-up football with his kids. He was a lifelong Phillipsburg High School football season ticket holder and attended every Phillipsburg v. Easton Thanksgiving Day Football Game for over 75 years, excluding the year he was serving his beloved country. Mr. Curry attended countless Phillipsburg wrestling matches, basketball games, and swim meets. Despite his busy schedule, Mr. Curry always found time to volunteer and give back to his community. He served on the Easton YMCA Board, volunteered at the Saint Philip and Saint James Church, and coached Steele Hill Youth Baseball. He also served terms as President of both the Lopatcong Swim Team and Penn Jersey Swim League.

Mr. Curry was the longest serving Board Member in the history of the Joseph Firth Youth Center Board of Directors, with 47 years of dedicated service and leadership (1961-2008). During his tenure, Mr. Curry was instrumental in fundraising to build the gymnasium addition, aided with legal work to solidify the non-profit status, and connected many key supporters to the many activities. He was a philanthropist, advocate, and servant to others.

Since the Firth Youth Center was a huge part of Mr. Curry's life, it became a huge part of his family's as well. The Curry children spent ample time at the FYC playing basketball, wrestling in competitions, and participating in after-school activities. Mr. Curry spoke fondly of his time serving on the Board of Directors and networking to continuously improve the Center for the youth of Phillipsburg.

Mr. Curry is missed by so many, especially his loving family and seven grandchildren.