

Fall 2015

Dear Friends of the Island Community Center:

Over the last year the Island Community Center has done some pretty exciting things, not the least of which was to hire our new, amazing Executive Director Jeannie Hatch. We've also concentrated our efforts on revitalizing our programming to include increasing significantly the number of programs geared to children and on undertaking some much needed repairs to our aging facility so that it can better serve our community.



Thanks to your support, we were able to install energy efficient lighting, refinish our gym floor, and redo several other areas that had fallen into disrepair. In particular, as a result of a generous donation from Richard Saada, we were able to completely renovate our west room to make it suitable for programming. We have renamed the west room the Greenlaw Room in honor of (insert member names), members of Mr. Saada's family.



With the renovation of the Greenlaw Room we moved one of our signature programs, Camp Kooky, from its dank quarters in our basement to a fresh new space that allowed us to accept more children into the program. Now every child attends camp in a bright and beautiful space. The Greenlaw Room has allowed us to double our program space to accommodate a number of new programs. Over the last year we have had a dance camp, hula lessons, a father-daughter dance, and Spanish classes for kids and adults. Many of the island's seniors availed themselves of Tai Chi lessons and, of course, the Community Cafe and Bone Builders

continued to grow. The Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts now meet regularly at the center. This fall we have scheduled a Halloween Fun Run for families and a Children's Health Fair, aided by financial assistance from the Island Medical Center.

Last winter was a particularly harsh one with many power outages. Working with the Town of Stonington, Island Medical Center, several private donors, and C. L. Haskell and Son, we installed a new Generac generator that allowed us to be a warming center for those on the island without power (and without generators). We will now be available to those who need a safe place to warm themselves and recharge for a bit. The generator will also protect the Island Food Pantry's significant food stock which is located in our building, in the event that this winter proves as difficult as last year's. These are just two more ways that the ICC serves the needs of our community.



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Your past support has made these programs and much-needed repairs possible and we thank you for your generosity.

Your continued support is vital to our future growth and development! Your *tax deductible* gift will go towards our continuing efforts to improve our facility and expand our programs.

Thank you! And as always, if you have ideas for programs you'd like to see the ICC sponsor, please give Jeannie a call.

Add an auction photo

Add Community Café photo of Laurie

Heartfelt thanks to Laurie Hutchinson who has been donating her time to run the Community Café. You're an angel Laurie and we truly appreciate all that you do for our seniors.

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**Mark your calendars and plan to join us for
our Annual Open House and Community
Thank You Luncheon
Monday, December 7th 11am - 2pm**