

The Nicholas Center

Innovate, Inspire & Include



June 2023 Newsletter

Hello Friends,
 We love spring/summer at The Nicholas Center (TNC)! The warmer weather allows our participants to be out and about in the community – Port Washington and Pleasantville – interacting with businesses and neighbors, taking in the natural surroundings and engaging in hands-on activities. Community partnerships are an important TNC Core Value.

Thank you to our Community Partners for offering opportunity, training and hope to an often-marginalized population – all who have much to offer! And, thank you for your ongoing support of our mission. It takes a village and we appreciate you! When TNC participants offer their time and talent with one of our many partners, they offer needed service to organizations and businesses in their communities, while learning invaluable and transferable vocational skills, gaining independence and confidence and making important peer connections. This has created a win-win scenario with far reaching results.

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Nav Newsletter



Did you know? The monthly Navigator News is written, designed, produced and distributed in Port Washington and Pleasantville by our TNC participants. Each issue includes fun facts, events and original artwork. The free newsletters are displayed in businesses and organizations in town.
 Read the newsletters at tncnewyork.org/navigator-news

Great Day For Philanthropy & Fashion



Thank you to all who came to our Spring Luncheon, including our Corporate Partner, Neiman Marcus Roosevelt Field- Doris Wilshere and David Kirschenbaum and guest speakers, Sister Kathy Somerville of Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church and Elaine Phillips, Nassau County Comptroller. Thank you event sponsors - Loren King, Bianca DeGaudenzi, Cerini and Associates, LLP, Fryer Dermatology, PLLC and Kathryn Madison. Visit tncnewyork.org/photo-gallery to see more images.



TNC Chocolate Lab Launched!

TNC is proud to announce the launch of our new vocational skills program - TNC Chocolate Lab! Participants will explore the world of chocolate decorating in the Lab! Watch for special creations as we get started!

TNC WC Community Service

Our TNC Team constructed "Birthday Bag Bundles" for the residents of Westchester Center for Independence and Assisted Living. These gifts are designed with love to ensure residents feel valued and celebrated on their special day!



1st Annual Spring Gala Benefits TNC In Westchester

What a memorable night to celebrate The Nicholas Center in Westchester! Thank you to all who supported our event. Congratulations to our Honoree, Chief Erik Grutzner of the Pleasantville Police Department. Our Gala raised over \$135,000 to support vocational skills training, supported employment and purposeful community projects. Visit tncnewyork.org/westchester-location to see more images.

In The Media - PIX11 News Features TNC

PIX11 News and Mr. G toured TNC and learned first-hand about our amazing programming and community projects. Mr. G was interviewed on our Podcast, Agents of Humanity and learned about our pantry delivery program, **Port Provides Powered by The Nicholas Center** in action.

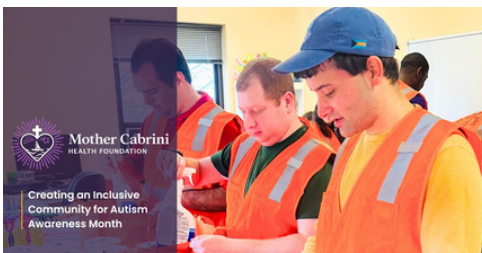


Smusht Celebrates Diversity & Inclusion and TNC

TNC is proud to partner with Port Washington's newest ice cream shop, Smusht - offering vocational training and jobs to our TNC team! Says owner, Steve Edelson, "I want this place (Smusht) to be an inclusive place for everybody and having an inclusive workforce is part of that!" Visit tncnewyork.org/press to read the article.

A Mother's Guide Through Autism

TNC Co-Founder, Stella L. Spanakos shares a personal message about her Autism parenting journey on Mother's Guide Through Autism podcast with author, Brigitte Shipman. Visit tncnewyork.org/press to listen to the podcast.



Grantee Spotlight - Mother Cabrini Newsletter

TNC is proud to be a Grantee Spotlight in the recent Cabrini Health Foundation (MCHF) newsletter for revolutionizing the way people with Autism work and engage with their communities. Visit tncnewyork.org/press to read the newsletter.

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar

tncnewyork.org/special-events



NIGHT IN WHITE 2023

Honoring Daniel Ryan & Unsung Siblings Fd.
Thursday, July 20, 2023
6:30pm - 11:30pm
North Hempstead Country Club
Port Washington, NY



GOLF OUTING 2023

Tuesday, October 3, 2023
11:00am Brunch | 1:00pm Start | 5:30pm Dinner
Outing Hosts: Jim Madison & Tim Rooney
North Hempstead Country Club
Port Washington, NY

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