

Special Parent's Night Out





Saturday, May 17th, 2014, 5 – 9 pm

Sponsored by

Volunteers Needed!

The Church of The Hills 3545 Route 206, Far Hills, NJ www.tcoth.org SPNO.

Call J 908-719-9200 ext 232 or email: SPNO.VOLUNTEER@gmail.com

Your Special Needs child (and their sisters and/or brothers) will be cared for and entertained by loving and qualified volunteers while you take in a *complimentary* night out on the town. Dinner, music, movies, games and other activities for your children will be hosted at The Church of the Hills, 3545 Route 206, Far Hills, NJ.

Child Care supervised by volunteers from the following area Special Needs Schools and Hospitals



Cafe Azzurro

Horizon School/CPNJ Morristown Medical Center Regional Day School Park Lake School New Beginnings School Matheny School

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* Complimentary dinner for two (2) to one of the following local area restaurants:





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The Publick House Restaurant Redwoods Grill The Black Horse Tavern Long Valley Pub & Brewery Thai Kitchen The Lamplighter Restaurant domo 7 Gladstone Tavern Giuseppe's Trattoria Piattino Café Azzurro







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Special Parent's Afternoon Out – A Huge Success: Many Blessed!

On Saturday October 12th, 2013 Over 200 volunteers from within and outside the church body turned out to care for and entertain over 100 special needs children and their 90+ siblings while their parents were blessed with an afternoon out on the town including a complimentary lunch for two. Activities for the children included a hay ride, pony rides, bounce house & slide, petting zoo, canvass painting, pumpkin painting, face painting, spin art, movies, kids disco, games and more. Before and after lunch the kids were treated to snow cones and popcorn. The parents were all smiles as they returned from their date afternoon to find their children having a great time – some just didn't want to leave! Volunteers marveled at what an incredible blessing it was to spend quality time with these wonderful children. Thank you notes abounded after our 2013 spring (evening out) and fall (afternoon out) events...here are just a few:

"What an amazing gift you gave to parents and children at "Special Parent's Afternoon Out" last Saturday! I am overcome with emotion as I look at all of the pictures from that day. My children, Patrick and Thomas, had such a wonderful time while my husband and I enjoyed a very rare lunch date. Thank you for planning such a truly incredible event. While we continue to be amazed by the magic the day holds for both parents and children, you also gave us the greatest gift of all: the renewal of our faith in mankind and the goodness in the hearts of perfect strangers. Your mission to recognize the challenges of families with special needs and honor us in this way is a tribute beyond measure. Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of love and the memories that will forever fill our hearts and souls. May God Bless you." Sincerely, Kathleen, Mike, Patrick and Thomas

"We cannot put into words how much we appreciated everything that was done for all of us. The kids had such a great time. They talked about it for days. They loved the pony rides and playing with the animals. Alexandra and Chloe were so nice to our children. We rarely have the opportunity to go out on a date and feel comfortable that our children are being cared for. We were able to have our 8th wedding anniversary lunch that day. Thank you so much for everything!" Irene & Pete

"Thank you for an amazing afternoon for both us and the kids....this was the first time we left our daughter with others and really appreciate all of the hard work that made this so successful. Thank you!" Naomi

"Thank you for again hosting this event. My boys had a wonderful time. The painting and the bunnies were a big hit! The volunteers (the whole group) were so kind and attentive. The boys loved spending the afternoon with them. I really appreciated the photo gift to remember the day. Love & light", Cheryl

"Thank you so much for this wonderful event! As always, we had a great time, and it was so nice out that our restaurant still had outside seating! I remember you saying a couple years ago that the sun always seems to come out for this event, even when bad weather is expected-and you were right! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts." Sue and Brad

"Thank you so much for having us come to the program. Language can't express our thanks for the wonderful people who devoted their time, love and care for our kid. You wonderful people truly express the love of God to the community. I told my son, Joshua, that these people love God so much and they show people the love of God. Joshua had such a great time; he already asked when he could come again. Once again, thank you so much." Kwan

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Yes, we're going to do it again, <u>our ninth semi-annual event!</u> Special Needs children, and their siblings, will be cared for and entertained by loving and qualified volunteers while their parent's enjoy a complimentary "night (dinner) out on the town". <u>Volunteer Needs:</u>

1. Qualified special needs teachers, therapists, nurses and aides – who can help supervise the balance of the one-on-one volunteers

- 2. One-on-one volunteers One volunteer assigned to one child for the evening
- 3. Food preparation and donations
- 4. Entertainment & toy donations for giveaways
- 5. Setup/Cleanup
- 6. Buy a dinner (Donations welcome) \$50 treats one set of parents!

To <u>Volunteer</u> please email your contact information to: <u>SPNO.VOLUNTEER@gmail.com</u> (please type 'Volunteer' in the subject line) or call: 908-719-9200 ext 232

For more information or to make a <u>Donation</u> please visit <u>www.special-parents.org</u>