**Summer 2014 McGivney Matters** 

### The Great McGivney Hunt



Thanks to **Sacred Heart University** volunteers, McGivney members were able to celebrate Easter with a giant Easter egg hunt! The SHU students organized games to play and set up the hunt. Everyone had a blast! In addition, thank you to everyone that contributed to the

Youth Council's Easter Basket Drive. McGivney members were able to give back during this holiday by making baskets for children at Bridgeport Hospital.





### The Annual Auction & Dinner



Guest speaker, Karl Hobbs; Volunteer of the Year, Barb Susi; former Board President,

On May 8, 2014, the McGivney Center hosted its largest fundraiser at Vazzano's Four Seasons. This event celebrated the true spirit of McGivney. We

heard from Keith Pettway, a McG member, who explained that McGivney helped him succeed on and off the basketball court at 2014

Fairfield Prep. The Volunteer of the Year, Barb Susi, contributes countless hours further our programs and impact. Karl Hobbs,

UCONN Men's Basketball Assistant Coach explained that supporters like you may never see the impact they make, but you are helping people live to their greatest potential. We are excited

to say that the Annual Auction and Dinner was a success, raising more than \$35,000. With great speakers, friends, auctions, raffles, food and drinks- a great time was had by all!



## The 1995 Band

McGivney Board member, Brian Gardner, is the drummer in a '90's tribute band called **The 1995**. He showcased his musical talents on July 19, 2014 when his band performed at **Windmill Tavern** in Brian Gar Stratford to benefit McGivney.

Brian Gardner, Board of Directors,

Guests had a blast as The 1995 took us all straight back in time. The event was a success, and both raised awareness and almost \$600.00 for the Center.



Thank you so much to The 1995 for performing and to the Windmill Tavern for hosting us!

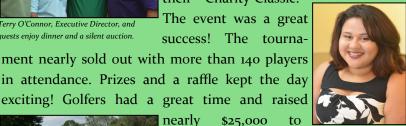
The 1995 plays '90's rock

# Vazzy's 20th Annual Charity Golf Classic

We enjoyed beautiful weather, friends, food, drinks, and golf on Monday, July 28, 2014 at Mill River Country Club. Many thanks to John Vazzano

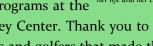


and everyone at Vazzy's for their hard work and for supporting the McGivney Center with \_ their Charity Classic. The event was a great success! The tourna-



exciting! Golfers had a great time and raised nearly \$25,000 support the educa-

> tional programs at the McGivney Center. Thank you to all the sponsors and golfers that made this the most successful year yet!



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## **Summer Camp Fun!**

McGivney had a very successful Summer Camp 2014! The 6 week camp began on June 30th and ended on August 8th. Each day, campers participated in gym, computers, game room, arts & crafts, performing arts, team building, literacy and math. Special events like "Wacky Water Day", "Tie Dye Day" and "Olympics Week" kept everyone excited. Tennis and golf were also offered to the kids at Central High and Fairchild Wheeler. Campers traveled to a number of field trips including the Bronx Zoo, Bounce U, a Bridgeport Bluefish Game, Lake Quassy and Lake Compounce.

Thank you to all of you that supported McGivney Summer Camp by "Adopting-A-Camper". Because of your support, no child was turned away due to inability to pay. Also, thank you to the Fairfield County's Community **Foundation** for allowing us to hire qualified and enthusiastic instructors. Our staff provided a fun and educational summer for our campers while also acting as positive mentors. Thank you to the City of

Bridgeport Mayor's Office and the Bridgeport Arts & Cultural **Council** for providing support to our arts & crafts program. Campers enjoyed learning about photography and digital media while preserving summer memories in Summer Camp yearbooks.

> A safe and fun summer was truly had by all!





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# **New Programs for Fall**

Keep your eyes and ears open for new programs at McGivney! This school year, we are finishing kitchen renovations and planning a brand new cooking program. Members will be able to learn about nutrition, healthy living, and practice recipes to try at home.

We are also working on a new Friday Club collaboration with the Barnum Museum. Members will be able to spend Fridays at the Barnum Museum learning about the one of a kind pieces housed there and about museum culture.

Please come by to visit us for a tour and to learn more about our new programs!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Stump the Schwab**- Monday, November 17

5:30 pm at Marisa's in Trumbull! Test your sports trivia knowledge with an evening of fun, food,

drinks, and friends! \$600 per team. Benefits the McGivney Center and

#### **Shehan Center!**

Holiday Party- December 9th 6:00pm at St Catherine's in Trumbull. Get into the holiday spirit while supporting McGivney's programs! For more information, please call (203) 333-2789, visit our website (www.mcgivney.org), check out

> McGivney Staff on Facebook or @McGivneyCenter on Twitter!