



Teen's program meets special need

By Paul Bonasera
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Zachary Certner of Morris Township is an example of someone rewarded for doing good.

The 16-year-old has won several awards for directing a program that teaches sports and social skills to special-needs children.

He has received the Russ Berrie Award and the Hasbro GenerationOn Community Action Heroes Award, and is scheduled to receive the National Jefferson Youth Service Challenge Award during a June 17 to 19 visit to Washington, D.C.

But awards are not what he's after, Certner says. "Receiving the awards is not my goal," Certner said. "I do all my work to better the lives of the children with special needs and help the mentors gain valuable life skills."

The Russ Berrie Award included a \$35,000 prize, which

will go into the program, said Certner, a straight-A student.

His Special Needs Athletic Program is operating in Morristown, Morris Township, Warren Township and Lodi.

"It's a two-fold program," said Certner, who will be junior at Morristown High School. "It helps special-needs children and teens 5 to 15 years old with teamwork and social skills, and improves their athletic ability. It also provides a hands-on workshop that puts mainstream into the lives and shoes of children with disabilities."

The Special Needs Athletic Program includes teaching the fundamental skills of basketball, baseball and soccer, while fostering communication, teamwork and self-esteem. The program also offers Tae Kwon Do, yoga, art, music, golf, swimming and scouting. Most of the



Zachary Certner (far right) of Morris Township with Girl Scouts who participated in his Special Needs Athletic Program. ALEX LEWIS/FOR THE DAILY RECORD

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AT 104, HE'S STILL SINGING



Albert Bornstein wears a party hat his granddaughter gave him for his 100th birthday, which he updates each year, as he celebrates his 104th birthday last week. AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Albert Bornstein, wearing his birthday hat, celebrates his 104th with a small gathering of housemates and family last week at his Chester Township residence. AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Laura Bornstein with her father-in-law, Albert Bornstein, during his 104th birthday party last week in Chester Township, where he lives. AUGUSTO F. MENEZES/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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CHESTER TWP. — Few things satisfy Albert Bornstein more than wheeling into his private room and looking at the framed family photographs arranged on a high shelf that extends along two walls.

"Sometimes I look around and I say, 'There's So-and-

So! There's So-and-So!'" explained Bornstein. "This way you keep in touch."

Bornstein, who turned 104 on Friday, has plenty to remember. Back in the day, he bought merchandise for Bamberger's and Ohrbach's before opening his own children's wear shop in Irvington and then moving it to

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Kelsey could use time at camp to find some friends

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Kelsey loves meeting new people. She is outgoing and eager to make new friends but doesn't have much opportunity for that right now. Camp

would allow her to make many new friends.

Kelsey is 9 and lives with her dad. Her mom left the family when Kelsey was 3 and has cut off contact with them. Kelsey doesn't talk about missing her mom, but her dad says he can tell she is bothered by it from time to time.

Spending time with friends seems to help her focus on positive aspects, but needing to be in after-school care and the demands of her dad's work schedule make it difficult for Kelsey to be able to see friends outside of school.

The fact that Kelsey has remained a cheerful young girl despite her family situation is something her teachers have encouraged. They say she is outgoing and eager to volunteer or answer questions.

While she has also begun to take her work very seriously and become a devoted student, she could use some help boosting her confidence and ability to advocate for herself. The camp experience could surely help her do this, but only with the help of Operation Sunshine.

For the last 24 years, Operation Sunshine, a camp program sponsored by the Daily Record, has raised more than \$1.4 million to send more than 2,000 children to camp.

This year we hope to send dozens of Morris County children who are homeless, orphaned, or otherwise living in difficult situations to Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania over four two-week sessions.

At camp, Kelsey could form valuable connections with new friends from near and far as well as meaningful connections with counselors and staff members.

Being able to bond with older girls and counselors would be particularly helpful.

Operation Sunshine wants to make it possible for Kelsey and many others like her to put aside any current troubles and enjoy themselves. Instead of having no place to go or no way to enjoy the warm weather on these beautiful summer days or having no meaningful activities to fill those long summer nights, many local underprivileged children can be fortunate enough to spend their days enjoying the fresh Pocono mountain air, sharing in fun activities with potential friends, and benefitting from nurturing relationships with caring adults.

Contributions may be sent to Operation Sunshine, P.O. Box 6382, Parsippany, NJ 07054. Donations are tax-deductible, and every dollar goes to camping costs. All administrative expenses are handled by the Daily Record and community organizations.

WHAT'S AHEAD THIS WEEK

Golf Outing benefits Saint Clare's

Saint Clare's Health System and Saint Clare's Foundation will host the 35th annual Johnny Rizzo Golf Outing on Wednesday at Skyview Golf Club in Sparta. A highlight of this year's event will be the presentation of the annual Jack Rizzo Leadership Award, honoring those in the community who have given their all to making the lives of their family, friends and neighbors better. Saint Clare's Foundation will present this year's leadership award to Eric Nielson, president of Nielsen Automotive Group, in recognition of his dedication and generosity to the Johnny Rizzo Golf Outing, as well as his outstanding support of Saint Clare's Health System. Information: www.saint

claresfoundation.org/rizzo or 973-983-5300.

Book explores Bell Labs' history

The Morristown & Morris Twp. Library will host Jon Gertner for a book signing and presentation on his latest book, "The Idea Factory: Bell Labs and the Great Age of American Innovation" at 7 p.m. Thursday. Refreshments will be served. In the decades between 1920 and 1980, Bell Laboratories in New Jersey was the most innovative and productive institution in the United States. Long before Silicon Valley, Bell Labs attracted the best and brightest, and fomented the genesis of most of today's technology. In "The Idea Factory," Gertner offers a compelling and eye-opening look at the unique magic of Bell Labs — and American innovation at its best. Information: 973-538-6161. The Morristown & Morris Twp. Public Library is located at 1 Miller Road in Morristown.

Night of music benefits Special Olympics

The Hanover Wind Symphony and the You Choose Band will present the Rock 'N' Winds '70s Night family concert from 5 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ukrainian

American Cultural Center at 60 N. Jefferson Road in Whippany. The event will benefit Area 3 Special Olympics, serving Morris, Sussex and Warren counties as well as the Hanover Wind Symphony. Information: 917-204-1929 or Dave@MyYouChoose.com.

The Jets are back

The New York Jets will hold mandatory mini-camp practices at the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center in Florham Park from Tuesday to Thursday. Practice will be open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday.

Fans also can enjoy Jets Fest, featuring inflatable rides for kids, face-painting and more. Also, the Jets Shop tent will have all the new Nike jerseys and apparel. Admission and parking are free, but parking is limited.

Jazz fest at Drew University

A day of nonstop music plus food and a variety of vendors is scheduled for Saturday at Drew University. The cost to get into the event, which runs from noon to 6 p.m. is \$65. For more information, call the New Jersey Jazz Society; 732-271-7721

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