We’re Living in a ‘We’ll See’ World!

This year, summer celebrations are different than ever before – as is life in general! The answer to every question in every aspect of our lives is either “I don’t know” or “We’ll see.” But it’s still summer! There are barbeques to hold, games to play, music to hear, friends and family to cherish.

ACTS is in a "We'll see" mode for fall but, with recent guidance from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, we know we can offer tutoring this fall. It looks like we'll be wearing masks and distancing, but we can still fulfill the ACTS mission and vision under those circumstances. In fact, the need for tutoring and mentoring is probably greater than ever! Not everyone will be comfortable returning, and the program may be smaller this year, but we'll be here, Making a difference… one child at a time.
The next issue of *ACTS in Action* comes out in August. Celebrate the sunshine, enjoy your summer, and be well!

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**Three Outstanding Seniors Earn Weinhold Scholarships!**

We are pleased to be able to award Weinhold Scholarships this year to three graduating seniors. All three have been tutors with ACTS for two years or more. We are extra pleased that all three winners are Springfield residents! Congratulations! We ask blessings for Chasity Cronin, Springfield Renaissance Academy; Roberta Hannah, Springfield High School of Science and Technology; and Kareem Wedderburn, Springfield Central High School.

*Read more from the Scholarship Committee*

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“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13.
Two Site Directors Begin New Journeys

We are happy for them – not so much for us – that Jeannine Ruccio and Gloria Arce are stepping down from their roles as site directors. Their reasons are very different and yet are similar expressions of a desire to begin a new journey. We offer our prayers and blessings for them as they start their new chapters!

Read more about where they are headed
St. Andrew’s Puts ‘Mission into Motion’

ACTS has had a tutoring site at Faith United Church on Springfield’s Sumner Avenue since the earliest days. Sadly, just as the virus hit in March, we learned that the church was closing and would be put up for sale. Just like that, the site was closed! ACTS Board Member MaryEllen Brush and St. Andrew’s Rector Charlotte LaForest knew a God-given opportunity when they saw one and immediately – the very same day in March – invited ACTS into the church. St. Andrew’s is the first ACTS site outside Springfield, and we’ll continue to serve children from the Sumner Avenue School there, just as we’ve done for years at Faith United.

Read more about how St. Andrew’s puts ‘Mission into Motion’
Did You Know?

"Before 3rd grade children 'learn to read.' After 3rd grade they 'read to learn.'" Reading Success by 4th Grade, Davis Foundation, Springfield, MA

You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and coffers of gold. Richer than I you can never be. I had a mother who read to me. —Strickland Gillian, American poet and humorist, 1869-1954