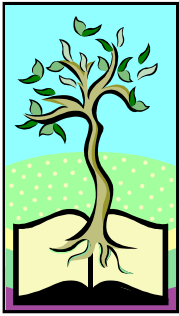


Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.  
*Learning, Growing, Succeeding*



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**Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.  
Allocates \$15,000 to the Egg Harbor Township School District in First Year**

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP – Since it's inception in 2006, the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.* has allocated approximately \$15,000 to the Egg Harbor Township School District.

Supplemental funds necessary to cover a High School budget shortfall for Advanced Placement Tests were secured, a pilot program with the Atlantic Riding Center for the Handicapped (A.R.C.H.) was co-funded for Township special-needs and at-risk students, two new Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and equipment were donated to the High School and Middle School for accessibility during after-school extra-curricular activities and sporting events, mandated upgrades for nine defibrillators already in use district wide were funded, and a Tennis Equipment Starter Kit for the district's after-school program was donated.

The curriculum-based "*Leg Up Program*" at the Atlantic Riding Center served 'At-Risk' Middle School students by strengthening their life skills including respect, positive attitude, honesty, courage, integrity, punctuality, and sportsmanship. Skills were taught in the A.R.C.H. classroom and practiced using the horses in real-life situations. The pilot program, developed by A.R.C.H. Executive Director Sue Adams, was funded through grants secured from the Egg Harbor Township Elks Lodge #2563, Ocean City Home Charitable Foundation, and Foster Karney Charitable Foundation.

The District received \$3,000 from the *Community Partnership* to supplement the AP Test funding needs. The Advanced Placement Program®, a cooperative educational endeavor between secondary schools and colleges and universities, provides motivated high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Students who participate in the Program not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases they also earn college credit while they are still in high school.

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Additionally, the *Community Partnership* applied for and was designated a Tennis In the Parks (TIP) community organization by the United States Tennis Association and the National Recreation & Park Association to help establish future summer tennis feeder programs for all students, as well as concentrated efforts to provide tennis instruction to youth who have had limited opportunities to participate in extra-curricular activities at school and who are at-risk of failure academically. The TIP Tennis Equipment Starter Kit included a portable net, two regulation-sized tennis rackets, 24 indoor and outdoor tennis balls, posters and tennis educational materials for students in the Kids Klub after-school program.

The necessary AED district-wide upgrades, costing \$2,520, extended the district's current five-year warranties by two years. According to Phillips Medical Systems representatives who manufacture the HeartStart devices, the American Heart Association reviews guidelines every five years and this is the first time in 15 years that upgrades have been mandated. The *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.*, a 501(c)(3) public charity also donated two new portable AED's, carrying cases, storage cases, and secondary equipment to the Egg Harbor Township High School and Middle School in December after receiving a grant from the Ocean City Home Charitable Foundation.

**Naming Opportunities** are also available district-wide through the *Community Partnership* to supplement future essential building projects, academic enhancements, technology upgrades, extra-curricular activities, and other capital improvements. Philanthropic individual and corporate donors are now being sought by the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.* to make **tax-deductible** contributions to the organization in exchange for naming rights of various buildings and other areas of the district that need upgrades and improvements including district-wide athletic fields, meeting rooms, classrooms and libraries; the high school track, scoreboards, tennis courts, and swimming pool; and the yet-to-be expanded high school auditorium. District officials are open to suggestions and willing to work with donors to capture their corporate and/or personal interests when considering an area of need to fund.

For more information or to donate to the Egg Harbor Township School District through the *Community Partnership for Egg Harbor Township Schools, Inc.*, please visit their website at [www.eht.k12.nj.us/~CP4EHTS](http://www.eht.k12.nj.us/~CP4EHTS), or contact Ellen Gregory at 646-8441, ext. 1017 or via email to [gregorye@eht.k12.nj.us](mailto:gregorye@eht.k12.nj.us).