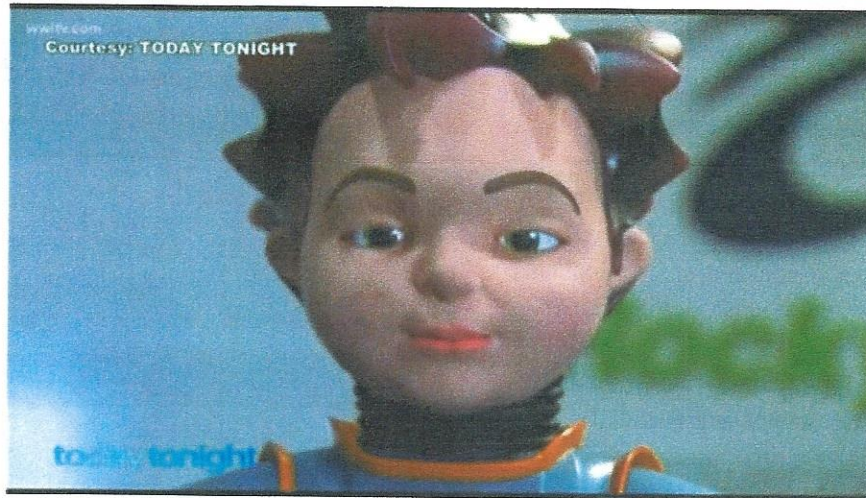




MEET MILO !



With a heartfelt smile and friendly “hello”, Milo was introduced to the students at the Charleroi Area Elementary Center earlier this year. What made this “new student” introduction so special? Milo is a 22-inch, wide-eyed, walking, talking robot designed to help children with autism, emotional support issues, or other special education needs learn to express empathy, self-motivate, and navigate social situations.

Funded by a \$16,200 grant pledge by the Education Foundation, the Board of Directors were so impressed by his ability to interact and keep the attention of special needs students that they immediately committed the funds, which cover the purchase of the robot, initial training, and technical support for three years. Board member Joe Caruso Jr. has been designated chairman of a special committee established to raise the amount pledged, and has already had several fundraisers to fulfill the pledge, including a flag sale and ornament paint party. Planned for the near future are a penny drive at both the Elementary and Middle schools. “We are also in the early planning phase of a big event, designed to be fun for adults and kids. We hope when we announce it that the public will come and support it and help us raise funds for this very important addition to our schools. “We don’t want to forget any child in our district,” said Mr. Caruso.

Mrs. Elaina Zitney, Program Director at CASD, immediately identified around 20 students that she felt would benefit from Milo. Her recommendation was to start in the Elementary Center for early intervention so students would have skills prior to going to CAMS. Issues such as anger, frustration, and the inability to interrelate with other students were some of the targeted problems. Milo has the ability to interact in these situation by starting with calming techniques, then progressing to various levels of development based on findings through activities. This may be done with an individual or in small groups. Milo teaches emotion and social skills by engaging students using facial expression, voice, movements, and a chest screen to back up his message. The recommended use for each student is 2-3 x week for 1 – 1 ½ hours per session.

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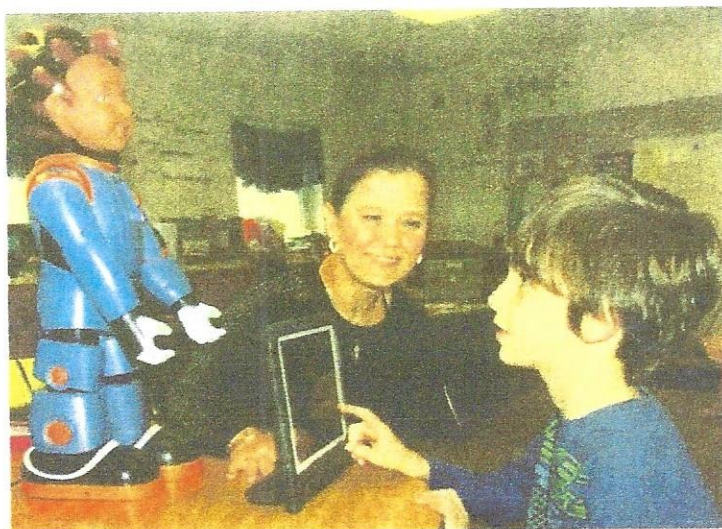
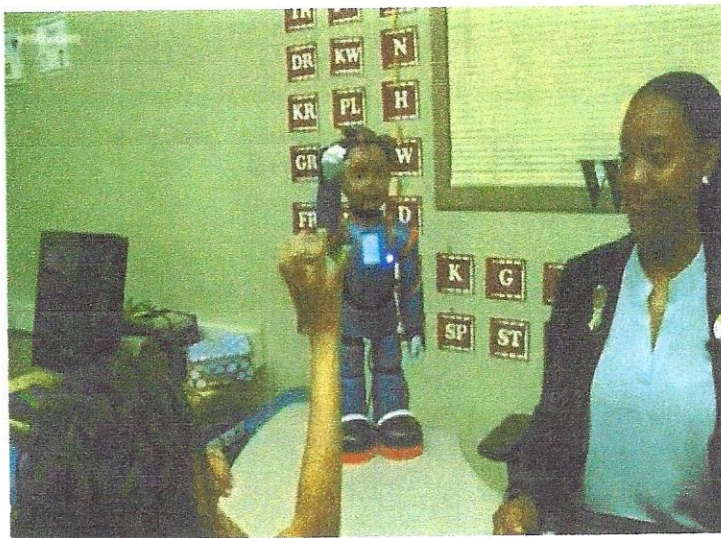
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MEET MILO

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Christina Teaters, an Autism Support teacher, is the educator tasked with the bulk of the responsibility of incorporating Milo into her students' curriculum. At a recent demonstration for the Board of Directors, we were able to see the impact it has had on the students. Watching as Mrs. Teaters ran the students through the various functions of Milo, we were able to get a first hand look at the absolute fascination the student has with the robot. Without prompting, he related some of the many coping strategies he had learned from Milo. They even broke out in a dance together! Mrs. Teaters related how her students seemed better adjusted in situations that would have formerly caused emotional trauma, and credits Milo for their progress. "It's an amazing tool," she said. "He is really providing them with skills they need to interact with their classmates and friends I may no be able to teach them. It's a different approach to education for them because it's fun and they don't realize they are learning because they are laughing and playing." If Milo's success continues, the CASDEF is hoping to expand the program, perhaps into the Middle School, by securing another Milo for other classrooms. To do that, we need your help. You can aid us in our efforts to raise funds by spreading the word about our endeavor to help our autistic students with Milo, by participating in our fundraisers, or by direct support. Donations for the Milo Project may be sent to P.O. 382, Charleroi, PA 15022 and earmarked "For Milo".



CASDEF 2020 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The CASDEF is proud to announce that we will once again facilitate a number of scholarships to eligible seniors at Charleroi Area High School, including those funded by our own organization.

Last year, \$16,000.00 was awarded to 22 deserving recipients.

Scholarships are awarded for a wide variety of criteria that cover many areas of study, including but not limited to STEM related fields, education, medical careers, the arts, and vocational careers.

Though academia is the basis for some of the scholarships, a number are awarded based on standards that include leadership, athletic accomplishment, community involvement, and many other aspects of a student's life.

If you know a Charleroi student that is a senior this year, please encourage them to look into and apply for one or more of our scholarships.

Many are available by simply filling out one single application.

We are excited to announce two new scholarships this year. The first is the Richard and Caroline Smith Building Trades Scholarship. This scholarship is open to a Charleroi senior that is completing their education in the electrical, carpentry, or construction technology field that plans to either enter into a training program or join the work force in one of these fields.

It is intended to provide either education assistance or help a student planning to enter directly into the work force to get a start on their career. Applications are available at the Mon Valley CTC office. The Jean Roberts Scholarship will be offered to students planning to study either nursing or physical therapy. Created in honor of her 100th birthday, the scholarship honors the legacy of Jean's accomplishments in her life as a nurse and being instrumental in the establishment of the physical therapy industry in the state of Pennsylvania.

Our scholarship program is funded in a variety of ways, including private donations, individual organization/booster group scholarship program donations, memorial contributions, and through funds generated by the Education Foundation Board of Directors.

WANT MORE INFORMATION ON ESTABLISHING OR CONTRIBUTING TO ONE OF OUR SCHOLARSHIPS?

If so, contact: Jojo at 724-344-9750.

A Tribute to Carol Claybaugh
A Blast from the Past vol. 7

The Fabulous
GEMTONES



FRIDAY
MAY 8

CHARLEROI AREA HIGH SCHOOL

5:00 PM Pre-Show Events - Food, D.J. & Car Show

6:00 PM Doors Open

7:00 PM Showtime

***Opening act to be announced**

VIP SEATING \$50.00

GENERAL ADMISSION RESERVED SEATING \$35.00

Tickets can be purchased from CASDEF Board Members or orders may be sent to:
PO Box 382, Charleroi, PA 15022. All checks made payable to: CASDEF.
Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for ticket shipping.

No tickets will be reserved without payment.

For more information Call Tom Nutting 724-963-5331



Check out our Facebook page for updates @CharleroiAreaSDEducationFoundation

Test Drive a New Ford on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020
AT THE CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CAMPUS AND
EARN \$20 FOR THE SCHOOL**

CHARLEROI

For every test-drive taken, Ford Motor Company along with Davies Ford will donate \$20 for a total of up to \$8,000! These No-Cost... No-Pressure... No Purchase Necessary test drives should only take 10-15 minutes of your time. The more people that drive... the more money that Charleroi Area School District can earn!

These events are just one more way that Davies Ford has been doing our part for the communities that we have been serving now for over 50 Years.

* Must be 18 years of age or older with a valid driver's license and auto insurance. Donation of \$20 per valid test-drive, up to 300 total test-drives, for a maximum total donation of \$6,000. An additional \$2,000 can be achieved by taking a second test drive of either the new Ford Ecosport or Ford Expedition. Limit one (1) donation per household. We hope to see everyone there!

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 1, 2020 CASDEF SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Student scholarship applications must be complete and in the guidance office by March 1, 2020
Charleroi Area School District High School Guidance Office

April 28, 2020 DAVIES FORD DRIVE 4UR SCHOOL

Take a quick test drive at the Charleroi SD Campus & Davies Ford will donate \$20 to our foundation
Charleroi Area School District Campus

May 8, 2020 BLAST FROM THE PAST VOL. 7 - A TRIBUTE TO CAROL CLAYBAUGH

FEATURING: THE FABULOUS GEMTONES

Tickets \$50 VIP or \$35 General Admission Reserved Seats

Charleroi Area School District High School Auditorium, 125 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi, PA 15022

June 19, 2020 A NIGHT AT THE CAPITAL GRILLE

TASTING EVENT - WINE & BEER SAMPLING/APPETIZERS

Tickets \$75.00: Tickets are Limited Reserve Your Spot Early

Valet Parking Included

The Capital Grille, 301 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222



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CASDEF LOOKING FOR CLAYBAUGH COURAGE NOMINEES

Nominations are currently being accepted for the
Claybaugh Courage Awards.

Each year two students will be selected to receive
a monetary award: one to a student pursuing higher
education, and one to a student that has successfully
completed training in any discipline at the
Mon Valley Career and Technical School.

These awards are granted via nomination process,
and are open for recommendations
not only by school faculty and staff,
but also by community members.

The awardees are chosen using criteria that include
character, citizenship, and overcoming adversity.
If you would like to nominate a Charleroi senior for this
award, please visit our website at charleroisd.org and
download the form, contact the
High School Guidance office, or call 724-344-9750.
Deadline for nominations for this year is
February 25, 2020.

GO BUCKETS DRIVE

SCHOOL SAFETY

The CASDEF is continuing to work on
completing the GO BUCKETS DRIVE
in each classroom.

Items being focused on this quarter are:

Lighters	(long version)
Shower Curtains	(non-clear)
Wasp Spray	
Whistles	

If you would like to contribute one or more
of these items, you may drop them off at
the Administration Office
or the lobby of any of the school buildings.
A complete list of items needed may be
found on the web page at:
www.charleroisd.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP



*Be A Part of Education
in the
Charleroi Area School District*

DONATION FORM

NAME: _____

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STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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DONATION DESIGNATION

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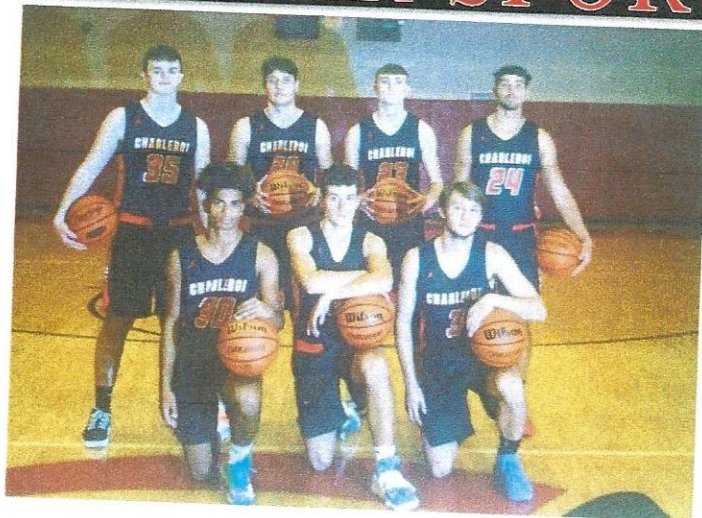
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Remember: The CASDEF is a 501 [c] 3 Entity. So, Your Contributions are Tax Deductible.

WINTER SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



Boys Basketball Seniors

Front – Malik Nails, Alex Conrad, Ryan Withers
Back – Joe Ramsey, Dom Pellegrini, Joe Caruso,
Legend Davis



The boys' and girls' Charleroi Cougar varsity basketball teams are both experiencing very successful seasons.

The boys' team is leading their section with a record of 10-1 (15-5 overall) while the girls' team is sitting in third place (8-4, 12-7) in their section.

Currently ranked fifth in the WPIAL AAA, the Cougar boys are in first place in their section and tout a balanced scoring attack with four Cougars averaging double figures. Those players include: Joe Caruso (17), Will Wagner (12.8), Legend Davis (11.2) and Zach Usher (10). Dom Pellegrini & Alex Conrad have anchored the team's stingy defense limiting their section opponents to 45 points per game. Also contributing to the team's success are seniors Ryan Withers, Malik Nails, and Joe Ramsey.

The girls are led by Bella Skobel who is averaging 19 points per game and garnered WPIAL player of the week on February 1. Bella poured in 27 points against Washington and 20 points in their upset win over section leader Seton LaSalle to earn that honor, and is flirting with a possible 1000 career points. Also anchoring the girls' success are seniors Kaitlyn Wagner and Ciera Gazi. Both teams are anxiously awaiting the WPIAL playoff seedings which will be revealed on February 11th.