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The Arc of Somerset County had its official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Camplain Road Adult Training Center at 2320 Camplain Road in Hillsborough on May 20. From left: Randy and Cynthia Jones of Bridgewater Nissan; Jim Lopa; Lisa Marie Arieno of The Arc; Gary Kummer of The Arc; Michael Stefani, board member of The Arc; Chris Corvino of The Arc; Lauren Panarella of The Arc; Charlie Huck, board member of The Arc; Jim Richart, previous board member of The Arc; Tim Deluccia and Anthony Deluccia of Deluccia Commercial Group; Hillsborough Deputy Mayor Greg Burchette and Assemblyman Jack Cittarelli.

Arc of Somerset opens Camplain Road Adult Training Center in Hillsborough

LISA MARIE ARIENO
THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY

HILLSBOROUGH — The Arc of Somerset County had its official grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for its new Camplain Road Adult Training Center at 2320 Camplain Road on May 20. Several supporters of the Somerset County community were on hand to participate in the event.

The Camplain Road Center is 6,000 square feet and was renovated to create an inviting and open space for the 45 adults with developmental disabilities who attend the program. The program provides these individuals a day program that includes craft activities, Yoga, music ther-

apy and contract work. "I believe that this new center has already made a difference in the spirits of the individuals we serve on a daily basis due to the larger space and brightness of the rooms," said Gary Kummer, director of employment services for The Arc.

"It is so important that the individuals we serve enjoy their day center environment which ultimately brings health and wellness to the adults in this program as well as providing meaningful activities and an enhanced quality of life," said Lauren Panarella, executive director for The Arc.

The Adult Training Center serves as an adult training center program

that offers work and recreational activities from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, along with contract fulfillment work for the employment services department for The Arc.

The Camplain Road Adult and Training Center is looking for newly donated items that can help enhance the programs services. Some of these items include some cheerful and colorful wall art, a refrigerator, a flat-screen TV and an Xbox or Nintendo Wii video game system for exercise programs.

For more information about the Camplain Road Adult Training Center, visit www.thearcofsomersetcounty.org or call 908-725-8544.

Three join Union County College Board

Community welcomes the new members

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Union County College has welcomed three new community members to serve on its Board of Trustees.

At the April 28, board meeting, Union County College Board of Trustees Chairman Vic Richel, joined by Union County College President Margaret M. McMenamain, presided over the swearing-in ceremony of Cherron Rountree and Marlenes Teixeira. Abubakar T. Jalloh, who was sworn in at the May 19 meeting, is the municipal clerk for the city of Plainfield.

Richel is pleased with the appointments, believing that "we have three citizen leaders who will bring fresh perspectives to the Trustees in their service to the college."

Jalloh is the third clerk to serve Plainfield in 33 years. Jalloh has more than 10 years' experience serving the public in state and local government positions. He is an active member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and the Municipals Clerks Association of New Jersey. Jalloh has a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and is pursuing a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers



From left: Union Vic Richel, Marlene Teixeira, Union County College President Margaret M. McMenamain



Abubakar T. Jalloh

University. Rountree is a business administrator for the city of Plainfield. This is her first position. She has worked in the day-to-day operations of the city and coordinated activities of various departments. Rountree is currently the deputy director of the Department of Public Works and Community Development. In this position, she managed the

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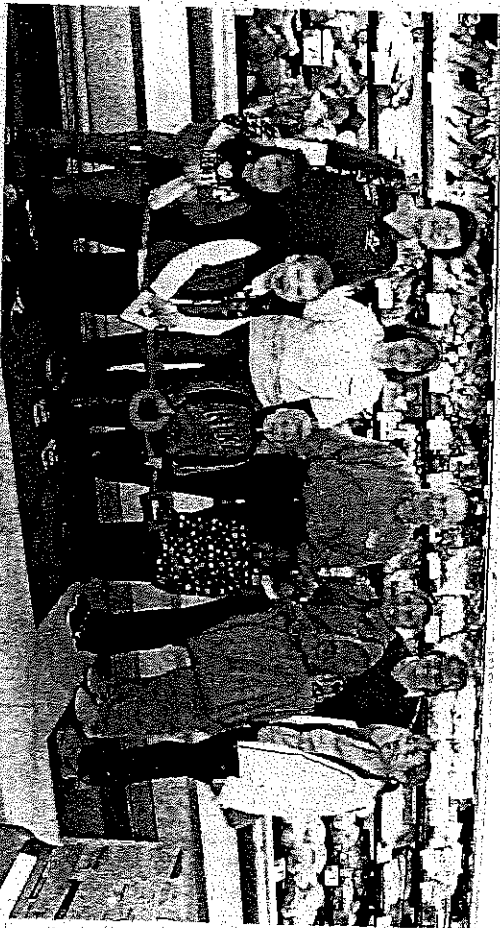


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Stop & Shop has awarded a grant of \$1,000 to The Arc of Somerset County's Jerry Davis Center for Children & Families. This grant will support the Developmental Daycare "Veggies and Fruit Friends" program which will help bring enhanced nutrition and education to the center this spring. The program was kicked off on April 22 at the Stop & Shop in Raritan as the Assistant General Manager Bill Gulden and store employee, Tammy Weber greeted some of the children who took a field trip to learn about the variety of colorful fruits and vegetables that the produce department offers. Back row, left to right, are: Judy Menkowski, Jerry Davis Center teacher, Tammy Weber, Stop & Shop of Raritan; Bill Gulden, Stop & Shop of Raritan; Elizabeth Miranda-Hatto, Jerry Davis Center teacher; Jennifer Orlick, director of The Jerry Davis Center for Children & Families; and Angelita Yepes, Jerry Davis Center Intern. In front of some of the children from The Jerry Davis Center for Children & Families. The Jerry Davis Center for Children & Families is participating in a quality improvement process through Grow NJ Kids. This New Jersey quality standards program requires providing nutritious meals and education in daily nutrition, and physical activity. For more information on The Arc of Somerset County's Jerry Davis Center for Children & Families, call 908-725-2266 or visit www.thearcofsomerset.org