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## YOGA CLASSES

**Mary Callan**, a registered yoga instructor, provided classes every Monday from 7 to 8 PM. This began in April and will continue again in November. Some of the children have participated with their mothers. It is a time to relax and renew after a hard day of **work and stress**.



INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

CALL SISTER CECILIA AT  
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*We need all levels of teaching. However, one special need that we have is for our pre-literate group, who never learned to read or write in their own native language. Knowledge of phonics would help.*

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## CHILDREN'S GROUP

The children and their parents are fortunate to have **Janet Fenton** as the coordinator of the Children's Program. Getting homework assistance and reading books have helped some of our youngsters improve in their school work. Everyone enjoys games and doing crafts. Here children are making Mother's Day gifts.



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## STUDENTS



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# AWARDS' NIGHT FIESTA DE ÉXCITO

*What Students Say About Their Success*



## **SISTER NANCY RICHTER'S LITERACY CLASS**

When I came to **One to One Learning**, I was hoping to learn more English, such as reading and writing. I learned about the eight parts of speech and we studied nouns, pronouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs as well as subjects and predicates. One to One is a program that helps a lot of people. I recommend it to everyone. Thanks to Sr. Cecilia, Sr. Nancy and all of the teachers. **Raul Martinez**

I think that I am doing very well and I feel grateful. It is an excellent program and has meant many things to me such as helping me to increase my language skill for my work and life in general. **Alfonso Orozco**

One to One means more than a school to me, it's a family. **Gabino E. Xal**

## **LUCILLE LEVINE'S ADVANCED ENGLISH CLASS**

Learning English has made a better life for me because now I feel more comfortable. For example I can talk with people when I go to the store. I can understand what people say. Also I need to learn English if I am going to stay in the United States where English is the first language. I'm grateful for this school. You are helping me a lot. **Edgar Ortega**

I am grateful to my teachers for their patience to teach. Knowing English is very important in this country, because it is the language on television, in the newspaper, and in all the stores. **Brenda Aguilar**

One to One Learning helped me a lot with communication. Before I was isolated when I saw my friends or my cousins but now I have a lot of friends from different countries. Thanks to One to One and Mrs. Lucille. **Hector Esquivel**



I hope to continue coming to this class every year. I really want to learn and thanks for all your support of all Hispanics. **Carlos Castro**

We are very grateful for all your help. I know that you work hard and all you do is because you want us to reach the reality of our dreams. Sister Cecilia, we love you so much and you are in our prayers all the time. God bless you. **Rudy Felipe Hernandez**

# Hands of Hope Gala

May 1, 2016

On May 1, 2016 **Sister Cecilia La Pietra OP** and the **Board of One to One Learning** hosted the **Hands of Hope Gala** celebrating the **19th year** of faithful service to the mission. **Paul Piperato** did a fine job as the **MC** moving the program along in grand style. The evening brought much hope to guests as they heard the stories of the honorees, each with a mission or a stance of life that coincides with the mission of One to One Learning, empowerment and unity; each representing the beautiful mosaic that is America.

**HRHCare** came about because four black women saw a need for health care for the poor people in Peekskill New York and they acted on it. Now over forty years later HRHCare centers provide health care to all with no distinction. One of the Founding Mothers, **Rev. Jeannette Phillips** received the **2016 Humanitarian Award**. **Adriana Bernal**, Community Coordinator was praised for her direct service to our students through workshops and BP Screening.

**John Patrick Schutz** received the **2016 Advocate Award** for enriching the spirit through song and entertainment and advocating for the powerless through lyrics of freedom, unity, and peace. JP was thanked for hosting and gathering local Stars from Broadway and New York City to perform in **Star-Fest, a benefit concert for One to One Learning, now anticipating its 7th performance, on September 18, 2016, 4PM at 640 North Midland Avenue, Nyack.**

**Our Haiti Circle of Support, Valorie Lordi OP, Jeanne Shary OP, Didi Madden OP, Jackie Baptiste, and Patt Kenny** received the **2016 Founder's Award** for embodying the spirit of the foundress of Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, **Mother Catherine Antoninus Thorpe**, through their response to the cry of children in a small town in Haiti through presence and fundraising.



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*Hands of Hope Gala  
May 1, 2016*



**Wells Fargo**, represented by **Danielle Torres and Yancy Aguilar**, received the **2016 Corporate Service Award** for relating to the language needs of their patrons, for a grant award to One to One Learning, and for providing finance workshops in Spanish for our students.

**Gerard Geisinger and Jessica Carchichabla** received the **2016 Teacher Awards**. **Nyack High School English Honor Society with Simona Moldovan** as their adviser received the **2016 Youth Award**, providing past, present and future volunteer teachers. **Phoebe Holland** accepted the award representing **Jeremy Cairo, Samantha Casanova, Hannah Curley, Eva Friedberg, Andrew Handrea, and Diana Juechter**. Each, from different cultural backgrounds, offers time to support our students in their quest for the American dream.

**Elias Mayllazhungo** born in Ecuador of the indigenous Quechua culture and **Irma Vazquez** born in El Salvador, soon to be sworn in as an American citizen, were awarded the **2016 Student Award**. They come to One to One Learning and work hard to achieve the dream,

You can view the 2016 Hands of Hope Event on line at [one2one-learning.org](http://one2one-learning.org)



## **SOCCER TOURNAMENT-FOURTH OF JULY 2016**

The weather was beautiful, a perfect day to be outdoors, playing and watching soccer and enjoying delicious food and desserts. Of the 8 teams who played, the two who survived were “San Francisco” players originally from Guatemala and the winning team “Centro America” players from a mixture of countries. Efrain Aquilar set up and supervised the games. One player broke his arm and went by ambulance to the hospital. A collection was made to support him.

Salvadorian dishes, pupusas, pan con orniado, plates of food, cucumbers, watermelon, choco bananas, ices, iced milk, corn pudding were prepared and sold by many volunteers who worked all day long and did a great clean-up at the end.

This community spirit of “One to One Learning” alumni, students, and servidores from St. John the Baptist Church in Piermont makes our organization so special. All are involved in helping because they want to be sure that we continue on into the future. Come by on Labor Day September 5th to enjoy another tournament. Come see our Women’s Team and Young Team play. We missed them in July.



# a special thank you...

Celebrating our 20th Anniversary

## RESPONSE FROM OUR BENEFACTORS

We are grateful to you as you assist us in paying our monthly bills. Since our last newsletter we received the following donations totaling \$5,805. We remember our friends and benefactors each morning in prayer.



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(Memory of Michael Gregg)



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(Memory of Jackie Chesman)  
Sister Marilyn Fallert  
Sisters Pius and Mary Jo  
(Honor 2016 Jubilarians)  
Sister Margaret Murphy  
(Honor 2016 Dimond Jubilarians)  
Sister Miriam Joseph  
Sister Catherine Tahaney (Honor 2016 Jubilarians)

The following donations and Ad for Hands of Hope Gala arrived too late for inclusion in the listing posted on our web site [www.one2one-learn-ing.org](http://www.one2one-learn-ing.org)

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**Thank you for supporting  
Hands of Hope Gala by  
attending and/or  
purchasing raffle tickets.**



## MEMORIAL CARDS

In our list of donations you may notice names noted with

*"in memory of"*  
or  
*"in honor of"*  
or  
*"in the name of"*

We now have cards for your use on these occasions. When such a donation is made, if requested, a card will be prepared.

## AMAZONSMILE

One to One Learning is on AmazonSmile  
Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to us.

## GOODSEARCH GOODSHOP

Please continue to help us on Goodsearch and Goodshop



### PARTNERING WITH ONE TO ONE LEARNING

*John and Eileen Lawler*

**HELP SUPPORT OUR MISSION  
WITH A DONATION TO EDUCATE  
ONE STUDENT FOR THE YEAR**

## RAFFLE WINNERS

**\$500  
DAN CALLAHAN  
(teacher at One 2 One)**

**\$200  
SR. ANNE FOLEY**

**\$100  
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## 20TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

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September 5, Labor Day

– All day Soccer Tournament, Masonic Park, Kings Highway, Tappan

September 7, 6:00 PM

– Teachers' Meeting and Welcome Dinner, Russian Orthodox Church, 51 Prospect Street, Nyack

September 8, 6:00 PM

– One to One Learning Board, Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill

September 12, 8:00 PM

– Evening English Classes resume, Russian Orthodox Church, 51 Prospect Street, Nyack

September 18, 3:30 PM

– Star-Fest VII, 640 North Midland Avenue, Nyack. Grounds of Marydell Faith and Life Center

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