

## JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

### Message from founder Connor Jacob Archer

It is my pleasure, to introduce our May 2016 newsletter. The Courageous Steps Project had a busy May, with a variety of events; which means, most likely, June will prove to be an event busier month. Please contact me if you have any questions and/or comments on the monthly newsletters. Enjoy this month's newsletter!



### Upcoming Events

**Thursday August 4 - 3rd annual  
 Courageous Steps Back-To-  
 School Drive @Governor's  
 Restaurant**

**Tuesday August 9 - Courageous  
 Steps Benefit Dinner @Governor's  
 Restaurant**

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### Green House Nursery School selected for \$5,000 Grant Award sponsored by Prudential & NASSP

On Friday June 10, the Courageous Steps Project founder Connor Archer awarded the Green House Nursery School with a \$5,000 grant award sponsored by Prudential Finance, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. This grant was part of the award that Connor Archer received during his Washington D.C. Prudential Spirit of Community Awards trip in May. Archer was one of ten high school honorees to be selected, out of 102 state honorees that attended. He was selected for the state honoree spot out of over 29,000 across the country and the world.



### Green House Nursery School receives \$2,000 donation

The Green House Nursery School received \$2,000 from the Courageous Steps Project on Thursday June 9th. This was made possible by the Courageous Steps Project's 3rd annual walk-run event. In the past three years, the school has received over \$11,000 in funding.



### Local Greenhouses donate plants to sensory gardens

Bagley’s GreenHouse and EverMay Nursery donated vegetable plants, and flowers to be planted at the Green House Nursery School Sensory Learning Gardens. This is the 5th summer that the gardens are in existence.

### Local sign business donates sign to sensory gardens

Sarah Shorette, a teacher at the Lewis Libby School, also runs her own business making signs. Sarah offered making a sign for the sensory gardens at the Green House Nursery School, as her kids also go to the school. Thank you Sarah!

### Black Bear Lawn Care donates soil for sensory gardens

Recently, Black Bear Lawn Care in Orono donated soil and mulch for the sensory learning gardens at the Green House Nursery School. This is the biggest donation for the gardens, and has had, and will continue to have a substantial impact on them.

## Courageous Steps Project donates over \$7,000 to local programs in Bangor area

Recently, founder Connor Archer has presented donations to seven organizations in the Bangor area, 2 scholarships to Old Town High School graduating seniors, and a grant to the Green House Nursery School worth \$5,000. The Courageous Steps Project is excited to give to local organizations that help young children with challenges, and give to local unified basketball programs in the Bangor area. These donations are possible because of the support from the project’s 3rd annual walk-run event. Next year, the project is hoping to expand to more programs in the Bangor area. If you’re organization is interested in the Courageous Steps Project, a Charitable Giving fund is in place. Visit our website at: [www.thecourageousstepsproject.org](http://www.thecourageousstepsproject.org), to find out more about how to apply.

## Charitable Giving Fund hoping to help more organizations in the region

Recently, the Courageous Steps Project founder Connor Archer, revealed the establishment of a new charitable giving fund for the Courageous Steps Project. “With over \$28,000 raised, we are comfortable making this move” said founder Connor Archer. Archer believes that this will help the project gain more connections, and will provide the project with a foundation to be able to support more areas where they need it most. To apply for this grant, please visit our website at: [www.thecourageousstepsproject.org](http://www.thecourageousstepsproject.org), and find the Charitable Giving section on our website.



Pictures of the Green House Sensory Learning Gardens all completed! Find a full gallery on our website!



### Back-To-School Drive set for Thursday August 4th

The Courageous Steps Project has its 3rd annual back-to-school drive set for Thursday August 4th, at Governor’s Restaurant in Old Town. A rain date is set for Friday August 5th at the same place. The drive will start from 9am to 5pm. School Supply bins will be available at certain businesses in Old Town and Orono. If you have any questions about those items, please contact Connor Archer at: [connor.archer@thecourageousstepproject.org](mailto:connor.archer@thecourageousstepproject.org).



On Thursday June 16th, founder Connor Archer visited the special education of Brewer School Department at the Brewer Community School where he shared his story and talked about the Courageous Steps Project. This is one of many speaking engagements that Connor hopes to do this summer in hopes to educate more people about Autism as well as other challenges. Connor also hopes to promote the Courageous Steps Project into other regions of the state. “It’s important for me to not only continue sharing my story, but also work towards expanding the project while doing these” said Connor. The video will be posted on our youtube channel soon.

### Benefit Dinner set for Tuesday August 9th

The Courageous Steps Project has a benefit dinner taking place on Tuesday August 9th, at the Old Town Governor’s Restaurant from 4pm to 8pm. 10% of proceeds will go towards supporting Courageous Steps endeavors such as our scholarship fund, charitable giving fund, and more.



### Questions? Comments?

Like our newsletter? Have any suggestions? Please contact Connor Archer at: [connor.archer@thecourageousstepproject.org](mailto:connor.archer@thecourageousstepproject.org). We are always open to improving our newsletters.