

YMCA receives \$10,000 child literacy grant from Verizon

POTTSTOWN — The Freedom Valley YMCA announced that it has received a \$10,000 grant from Verizon's "Check Into Literacy" program to support the literacy program at its Pottstown branch. The funding will be used to add to existing technology in Pottstown YMCA's 10-classroom preschool program.

"Check Into Literacy" initiative allows Verizon's land-line telephone customers to indicate on their phone bills that they wish to make a \$1 tax-deductible donation to promote literacy in the U.S. Verizon then distributes these donations to local literacy organizations.

"A dollar a month may not seem like much, but it can go a long way toward improving literacy skills in local communities and giving people the opportunity to succeed," said Daniel J. Reavy, director of external affairs, Verizon Pennsylvania.

The Early Childhood Computer Literacy program at the YMCA was previously funded with \$5,000 by the Verizon Foundation in 2006. Four classrooms currently have computers purchased with that funding.

"With almost 200 children in the program, the additional software and supplies provided by this generous donation will aid children in their learning, and get the teachers excited," said Joan Daly, executive director, Pottstown YMCA. New software and supplies for the classrooms include Listening Centers, Blueprints for Literacy materials, oversized books and a digital camera.

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