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# News

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## **Open Vistas Donates to YMCA's Strong Kids**

Participants from the Open Vistas Day Habilitation program in Middletown have donated \$280 to the South Orange Family YMCA 2012 Strong Kids Campaign. The funds collected through the redemption of 5300 refundable bottles and cans, over the past year will be directed toward scholarships for children and families with economic hardships that are preventing them from experiencing the activities offered by the YMCA's Monroe location. The YMCA philosophy believes that everyone should have the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Open Vistas is a day habilitation program that makes community inclusivity possible for adults with intellectual disabilities and spectrum disorders. Its mission is to build social capital for the individuals participating so that they may realize full, meaningful lives in their community as contributing and valued citizens. According to Open Vistas Program Manager Shelly Fabiszak, the program actively seeks partnerships with community organizations for volunteering opportunities. "The fundraising for the YMCA has made it possible for the people in our program to create ongoing relationships with the people they meet at the pick-up sites for the recyclables each week and also at the redemption center at Hannaford's," Fabiszak said. "The volunteers help other people be good to the environment and at the same time are provided with a way to help a worthy cause."

Open Vistas is a satellite program of Crystal Run Village, Inc., a provider of services for the integration and empowerment of people with disabilities. Crystal Run Village is a private not for profit agency providing services and opportunities for people with developmental and other disabilities of all ages—at their homes, at school, at their places of work and day programs. The agency operates in Orange, Sullivan and Rockland Counties and employs approximately 850 people. **For information about Crystal Run Village, Inc. visit [www.crvi.org](http://www.crvi.org). To learn more about how to lend a hand at the YMCA go to <http://middletownymca.org/home>**

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