

CNSCC Attains Four-Star Rating From Grow NJ Kids

CRANFORD — Calvary Nursery School and Child Care (CNSCC) has received a four-star rating from the state's Grow NJ Kids assessment program. CNSCC is one of only three early childhood centers in Union County to receive the four-star distinction, and only 38 have been issued in total in New Jersey. Currently, more than 1,200 centers in New Jersey participate in the program.

CNSCC offers a morning Nursery School Program, a full-day Child Care Program and a Kindergarten Wrap-Around Afternoon Program. The play-based, year-round program focuses on nurturing and educating the whole young child in a Christian setting and serves over 150 students ages 2½ to 6 years.

"We are excited to begin our 25th year of ensuring our children are offered the highest quality educational experiences during this critical time in their development," said Director Stacy Nick. "The Grow NJ Kids program has allowed us to raise that bar even higher by providing additional resources and materials to our children and staff to enrich our program."

"Our congregation founded our school in 1993 based on the belief that educating and nurturing young children are ways of sharing God's grace — helping them to love and respect others, themselves and all creation," said the Reverend Dr. Carol A. Lindsay, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church. "Our school's ministry continues that important work today by bringing our congregation's welcome into the lives of people in our community."

Grow NJ Kids is a rigorous, research-based rating program administered by the New Jersey Departments of Children and

Families, Education, Health, and Human Services. It offers child-care and early-learning programs access to training, professional development, staff scholarships for continuing education and targeted technical assistance. Professional raters visit a program to review quality standards, and program participants receive ratings by meeting an extensive list of quality benchmarks.

CNSCC is located at 108 Eastman Street, Cranford. For more information about becoming part of the program for the 2019-2020 school year, visit calvarycranford.com or facebook.com/CNSCC/, or call (908) 272-3962 to schedule a tour. New student registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis at CNSCC's open house and registration on Saturday, January 26, from 10 a.m. to noon.



CELEBRATING A MILESTONE...Calvary Nursery School and Child Care (CNSCC) recently celebrated the installation of a new school sign to mark its 25th anniversary of serving the Cranford community. Pictured at the unveiling are students with, from left to right, Karen Steven, CNSCC head teacher; the Reverend Dr. Carol A. Lindsay, pastor of the Calvary Lutheran Church; Tom Hannen, Jr., Cranford Township commissioner; June Kaiser, founding member of CNSCC and a school board representative, and Stacy Nick, CNSCC director.

— Obituary —

Helen S. Doerr, 91, of Cranford, N.J., passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Raised in Hillside, N.J., by her parents, Helen and Charles Schleuning, Helen lived in Cranford for the past 65 years. Predeceased by her husband, George Doerr, Jr. (1958), Helen is survived by her daughters, Cynthia Doerr Gladis and Georganne Doerr Jussel, and her sons-in-law, Daniel Gladis and David Jussel.

While growing up in Hillside, Helen was very athletic and enjoyed archery, softball, rifle club and swimming. It was while going to school in Hillside that she met her lifelong friends, the "sorority sisters" of the Omega Sigma Psi Sorority, Beta Chapter.

Helen and George married in

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1949 and moved to Cranford in 1954. They bought a boat and loved to water ski when they weren't working at George's Atlantic Service Station on the corner of South and Centennial Avenues in Cranford, where Helen could often be found pumping gas and helping George run the station.

While raising her daughters, Helen worked in the Cranford obstetrics and gynecology practice of Drs. Charles Spear and Richard Lang. Later in Helen's work life, she was the office manager at Blake Industries in Scotch Plains and retired in 1992. Helen was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Cranford, where her daughters were baptized, and most enjoyed services that included the little children.

Helen was artistic, loved photography, music and the arts, was an excellent seamstress, loved doing crossword puzzles and was an avid reader of just about anything. Her favorite pastime, however, other than being a mom, was spending time with her family and many friends. Helen continued to meet her sorority sisters for lunch on a regular basis over the past 70 years, while forming new friendships wherever she went. There were many enjoyable family vacations, often spent with Helen's parents, and always at a beach, and Helen enjoyed a yearly "girls' weekend" with Cindy and Georganne in their beloved Cape May, N.J. Helen's personality, sense of humor, and ready smile made her a joy to be with.

Helen S. Doerr, 91, Devoted Mother



Helen S. Doerr

Blessed with an inquisitive mind and born of a generation that saw so very many developments in science and technology, Helen always said she wanted "to stick around to see what the future holds."

Helen is also predeceased by her brother, Charles A. Schleuning, and his wife, Roberta; her sister, Dorothy Lasky, and her cousin, Robert C. Wheeler. She is survived by her brother-in-law, James Lasky of Toms River; her sister-in-law, Bernice Doerr Andrews of Oviedo, Fla.; her cousin, Mary Wheeler of Cranford, and nieces, nephews, cousins and their families, with whom she had many good times and lots of laughs, and who will miss their "Aunt Helen."

Please join Cindy, Dan, Georganne and Dave for Helen's Life Celebration at Gray Funeral Home, 12 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, N.J., on Saturday, January 26, 2019, from 10 a.m. until noon, with a service at 11:30 a.m. You may go to grayfuneralhomes.com for online condolences. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Helen's favorite charity, or to Center for Hope Hospice.

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