



# TOWNSHIP of HOPEWELL

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to take this opportunity to express my support of Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 of Free & Accepted Masons of Pennington, NJ in its pursuit of the 2009 Mark Twain Awareness Award.

Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 continually seeks out opportunities to assist the community at large as well as specific individuals in need.

Thus far in 2009 Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 has provided the following projects and services:

1. **Krolic Project:** On June 17, 2009 I was privileged to attend and be involved in a remarkable ceremony at Lodge #5 as they presented Matthew Krolic with a digital communication device. This exceptional donation allowed Matthew, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy and had just graduated from a special needs high school, to accept a job in a sheltered workshop. **This gift aided Matthew in overcoming his speech incoherency and to move on to a rewarding and productive occupation that otherwise would not have been accomplished because his family could afford the \$1,750.00 device.**
2. **Youth Enrichment:** Lodge #5, realizing the entire community's interest in its youths' enrichment, showed once again its great generosity as it made significant donations to:
  - Little League Project by sponsoring a team:** \$1,000.00
  - Boy and Girl Scouts Troops:** \$250.00
  - Hopewell Valley Bulldog Pop Warner Football Program:** \$300.00
3. **Child Identification Program (CHIP):** Lodge #5 continued to participate in providing child identification safety kits. It instituted this program in 2005.
4. **The community at large** is important to Lodge #5 as it continues its ever expanding assistance with its donations to:
  - Mercer Street Friends and the Home Front Organizations:** \$600.00
  - Trenton Soup Kitchen:** \$500.00
  - Blood Drives:** Aiding the ever increasing demand for blood.

The community greatly appreciates Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5's financial support and realizes that such donations come from the hard work and dedication of its members.

I enthusiastically recommend Trenton Cyrus Lodge #5 to receive the 2009 Mark Twain Awareness Award!

Sincerely,

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Hopewell Township Committeeman