

Request to the Township of Union Board of Education to name the
gymnasium at Jefferson School in Vauxhall in honor of

Mr. Paul Robert Hayes

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"Each One Teach One"

Paul R. Hayes was employed by the Township of Union Department of Recreation from 1962 to 2001. During nearly all that 40-year period he worked evenings at Jefferson School in Vauxhall. At "*The Gym*", Mr. Hayes had a positive impact on a countless number of young boys and girls who looked to him as a father figure. He demanded that not only were the kids to respect him but also they were to respect and help each other. Oftentimes he not only had to help with homework but also had to provide lunch money or sneakers for some children.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday nights Mr. Hayes provided a safe place for anyone to come and have fun. He always protected the kids, making sure that no one was being bullied and that everyone had an opportunity to participate in the activities. Monday nights were for the girls, Wednesday nights for the boys, and Fridays for the younger kids.

Growing up himself in Vauxhall, Mr. Hayes understood the need for guidance and education. Through his friendships and connections he created opportunities for college admissions,

scholarship, and employment. Mr. Hayes' "day job" was with the New Jersey Department Labor.

Many of the young people that Mr. Hayes influenced went on to college or trade school or began successful careers because of the advice and guidance he provided. Just to name a few of the people that came under his mentorship: Glenn Grant, Cliff People, David Daniels, Ronnie McDowell, Pat Westbrook, Michael Foster, and Lenny Horton. These are just a few of the people that went on to become lawyers, mayors, professional athletes, coaches, teachers, and other professionals.

The one thing that all these people have in common is that they helped others because Mr. Hayes instilled it in them. They all understood that being successful took hard work and dedication. But to be completely successful you had a responsibility to help others who came after you. That was the most essential point that Paul Hayes taught the kids and young adults that came through the doors at the Jefferson School gymnasium: "Each one teach one".

Because of Paul Hayes' tireless effort in helping the children of Vauxhall and Union we are requesting that the gymnasium at Jefferson be named in his honor.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Daniels

Cliff People

Ronnie McDowell

and other colleagues and friends.