



Honoring the Aboyouns: A family that provides for the needs of others

Link Community School is delighted to be honoring our valued and trusted friends, Robin and Joseph Aboyou, during its 14th annual *A Taste of Newark* benefit event. For over a decade, Robin, Joseph and their children, Stacy and Mark, have been dedicated supporters of Link by providing for the needs of our students. Robin and Joe first learned about Link from their friend, Edward Reitz, a former Link trustee. They became involved initially as event sponsors; however, over the years, their support for Link expanded as they began to embrace the school and its mission.

Robin and Joe have supported Link in a variety of ways that have also inspired others to get involved. In addition to their generous financial support, they have been advocates for Link, sharing stories of the school with friends and colleagues while raising critical funds for the school. Currently, Joe sits on the Link's Advisory Council, and he has helped bring in support from various businesses and individuals through his law firm, Aboyou & Heller, LLC. His firm has also provided our staff and students with much needed supplies. Robin has served on the benefit committee for *A Taste of Newark* and continues to be an ambassador for Link.

Giving back to Link Community School is a family affair for the Aboyouns. Following their parents' example, Stacy and Mark, also support the mission of Link. For two summers, Stacy devoted her time to teaching the students as a volunteer in the Link Summer Academy. Additionally, in honor of her sixteenth birthday, Stacy requested friends and family send monetary gifts to Link. At an age when most teenage girls would request gifts for themselves, she wanted the students at Link to receive a greater gift—a better education. Her younger brother, Mark, has encouraged his friends to support and contribute supplies and financial gifts to the school as well. It is evident that Robin and Joe have instilled the gift of a generous spirit in their children.

The contributions of this family are great in number and in impact. It is because of supporters such as the Aboyou family that Link can continue in its mission of providing its students with a first-class education that establishes a foundation for success beyond middle school. For their invaluable dedication and support, we celebrate and recognize the Aboyouns.