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AkzoNobel Take 2015 Spelling Championship Honors

2015 Champions Crowned at PFCS Adult Team Spelling Bee Fundraiser

Brewster, NY – Putnam area businesses, organizations and residents came together last Thursday evening to support Putnam Family and Community Services (PFCS) at their 6th Annual Putnam Adult Spelling Bee. Teams of spellers, cheerleaders and spectators from across the county – and beyond! - formed 23 teams and vied in a rousing competition for the championship trophy. Deputy Commissioner for the Putnam County Department of Social Services, Mental Health & Youth Services, Joseph DeMarzo, kicked off the competition by reading the first round of words. Veteran emcee, Bill Hammond of Edward Jones, and newcomer emcee, Noreen Mahoney of the ‘Say Anything!’ Improv Troupe, then took over to lead the teams through 10 rounds of spelling challenges before moving to a single elimination championship round.

The AkzoNobel Bees claimed the championship by correctly spelling the word ‘zymurgy’, an noun meaning ‘a branch of chemistry dealing with the fermentation process’, in the final round, leaving the 2014 Champion Patterson Library Ninjas to take second place honors. The Ninjas were also recognized with the Judge’s ‘Most Enthusiastic Cheerleaders’ award. Other teams who donned colorful bee costumes, capes, masks, and team tee-shirts in the spirit of rousing competition included teams from Drug Crisis in Our Backyard, Putnam Hospital Center, Kent Fiscal Watch, PFCS, the Brewster/Carmel Garden Club, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, Meridian Benefits Consulting, MHA of Putnam, Patterson Rotary, Putnam County Women’s Bar Assoc., Putnam Ridge, Putnam County Dept. of Health, and Sunshine Home Care.

Volunteers from Edward Jones, United Way of Westchester & Putnam, Putnam/Northern Westchester Women’s Resource Center, the Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, and the PFCS agency itself partnered to make this increasingly popular event a great success.

The funds raised by this event and its generous sponsors, including Kristin Burke, Tracey Bernstein, Putnam Hospital Center/Health Quest, AkzoNobel, Putnam Ridge Nursing Home, Meridian Benefits Consulting and others, help to support the comprehensive range of services offered by Putnam Family & Community Services, dedicated to bringing hope and healing to people of all ages all across Putnam County and surrounding areas.
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About Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc.

Putnam Family and Community Services, Inc. (PFCS) is a private non-profit agency providing recovery-based outpatient mental health, social/emotional and substance use treatment and prevention services in Putnam County, NY. PFCS offers hope and healing to people of all ages through a comprehensive range of services including individual and group counseling, care management, family advocacy, parenting education, community outreach, psychiatric rehabilitation, and medication management. For more information, visit www.PFCSinc.org or [www.Facebook.com/PFCSinc](https://www.facebook.com/PFCSinc).