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PENNINGTON: Family pledges \$10K to 'Turf's Up!'

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"Murf" Butler, Chris Murphy and Jon Butler hold a sample of the AstroTurf that will bear their family name for their \$10,000 gift to "Turf's Up!"

The Murphy-Butler family, of Pennington, has pledged \$10,000 toward the construction of a turf field at Hopewell Valley Central High School.

"The foundation is within \$100,000 of its goal of raising \$1 million for the field and hopes to break ground on the project this summer and have the field ready for use when school reopens in September," said Sheryl Stone, of the Hopewell Valley Recreation Foundation.

Chris Murphy is owner of The Front Porch gift shop on South Main Street in Pennington.

Her husband, Jon Murphy is an executive with Pop Warner football and was elected last month to Pennington's seat on the Hopewell Valley Regional Board of Education.

"The Murphy-Butler family believes!" Ms. Stone said. "They believe in the value of youth sports, in supporting the youth of Hopewell Valley, and in the Recreation Foundation's goal to bring a turf field to Hopewell Valley Central High School. Their belief is so strong, they are pledging \$10,000 to the project."

"As a parent, resident and business owner, this is a fabulous, exciting project — and an even better opportunity for our student athletes and members of the marching band. This project will benefit our students for years to come," said Ms. Murphy.

The Murphy-Butler family joins the recent contributions of the Pennington Quality Market and area businesses in their support of the "Turfs Up!" project.

All contributions of \$500 and above will be recognized permanently at the field.

Gifts of \$10,000 and above will be sewn into a medallion on the turf.

The foundation has been fundraising for the project for the last year and is within \$100,000 of meeting its fundraising goal for summer construction of the field.

"The Murphy-Butler donation reinforces our commitment to positive youth development," said Ms. Stone "Our purpose has always been to advocate and fundraise to support opportunities for young people in Hopewell Valley as they develop into competent, caring, responsible adults."

For more information on the "Turfs Up!" project and to make a donation, visit www.hvrecfoundation.org.