Our Mission
The Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation is dedicated to improving the emotional health and well-being of children living in Allegheny County by providing grants and collaborating with public and private organizations to implement innovative policies, practices and programs.

Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania Celebrates 30 years

Congratulations to Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania (GWP) on its 30th year of supporting a vibrant philanthropic community. Founded in 1985 by 35 charter organizations, GWP currently comprises 80+ member foundations located throughout the region. In 2015, the organization hosted 76 programs, both in-person and web-based, and provided assistance and resources to more than 300 individuals in the grantmaking community.

Community Engagement with 100 Women Who Care

PCGF Executive Director Pam Golden recently had an opportunity to speak about the PCGF mission to “100 Women Who Care,” a national organization founded in 2006 “as a brilliantly simple way to raise money efficiently and quickly for local charities.” The Pittsburgh Chapter of 100 Women Who Care was launched in 2015 by three women: Alice Greene, Kim Patterson and Brandi Phillips. The women gather quarterly, hear pitches from three non-profit organizations and then cast votes to select one of the organizations. Each woman writes a check for $100 (or $35 for those 35 and under), raising approximately $10,000 for the chosen charity at each gathering.
Thanks and Farewell

The PCGF Board and staff say thank you to Dr. Diego Chaves-Gnecco (pictured with a patient), for his five years of service as a Foundation Trustee, including time spent as a member of the Nominating Committee. Dr. Chaves-Gnecco is Director and Founder of the Salud Para Niños (Health for the Children) bilingual clinic at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. PCGF expresses its appreciation of the doctor’s ongoing work to deepen the Foundation’s engagement with the Latino community.

Welcome to New Trustee

The Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation is pleased to welcome a new member to the Board of Trustees to serve a three-year term.

Brian S. Allen is Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager, Fixed Income with C.S. McKee, a Pittsburgh-based institutional investment management firm. The chartered financial analyst and market technician holds an M.B.A. in Finance from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a bachelor’s degree with honors in Business Administration from James Madison University. Mr. Allen is a member of the Pittsburgh chapter of the Society of Financial Analysts. He and his family reside in the Sewickley area, and his interests include golf, food, wine, travel, music and real estate.

Mr. Allen was introduced to the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation by former Foundation Treasurer Lloyd Stamy.

Remembering Steven E. Burke

PCGF honors the legacy of Steven E. Burke, treasurer and chief financial officer of The Grable Foundation, who passed away suddenly on January 19, 2016.

Mr. Burke joined family members – including his brother, Chip Burke, a PCGF Trustee – on the seven-member, unpaid board overseeing The Grable Foundation, a Pittsburgh-based grant-making organization focused on helping youth become successful, independent and compassionate members of society.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the entire Burke family.

Mark Your Calendars:

We ask Trustees to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend these meetings:

BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 6
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Foundation Office

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, September 13
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Foundation Office

BOARD MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 15
4 to 5:30 p.m.
Foundation Office
Celebrating Our Success:  
PCGF Major Accomplishments in 2015

PCGF was quite literally “on the move” in 2015. After operating from temporary office space for several years, the Foundation settled into its permanent home on the third floor of the ALCOA Building. While the surroundings may have changed, the Foundation’s mission remained on target to advocate for families with young children who are experiencing homelessness. In support of its chosen Area of Emphasis, PCGF continued to partner with many other foundations and organizations working to mitigate the circumstances of these families.

Highlights of what we accomplished as a team include:

**FOUNDATION**
- **Elected new Trustee**: Brian S. Allen
- Said thank you and **farewell to Trustee** Dr. Diego Chaves-Gnecco for his five years of service.
- Actively engaged Board members in four committees: Finance, Nominating, Grant Review and an ad hoc related to programming.

**ADMINISTRATION**
- Negotiated a five-year lease and **relocated the PCGF office to new space** within the ALCOA Building.
- Received a **clean audit**.

**GRANTS & PROGRAMMING**
- Allocated more than **$200,000 in grants to 16 organizations**, the majority of which are focused on serving families with children who are experiencing homelessness.
- Collaborated on the organization of the **training series “Serving Families in Crisis”** and sponsored the free, five-part series that attracted more than 150 participants from 22 organizations who attended the training sessions. Seventeen Licensed Social Workers received Continuing Education Credits (a requirement to maintain licensure).
- Supported the **training of Pennsylvania child welfare professionals** by providing PCGF’s “Family Ties” video for use at an education seminar presented by the PA Child Welfare Resource Center.
- Continued the Foundation’s **commitment to mitigating the circumstances of families experiencing homelessness** through both programming and grantmaking.