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Call for Proposals

Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation is accepting proposals for the 2019 grant cycle. Nonprofit organizations serving Allegheny County are welcome to apply for a grant that supports programs related to helping families with children who are experiencing

homelessness. PCGF is particularly interested in learning about and supporting innovative programs and practices that encourage improvements to service delivery and/or policies.

PCGF has introduced a new element to the grant application that emphasizes outcomes over outputs and will help to identify ways to create systemic change. The application is available on the PCGF website.

Submit your application by Friday, October 11, 2019.

» **Download a grant application at pittsburghchildguidancefoundation.org/grants**

Forum Explores Social Justice for Homeless

Scholars, researchers, policy makers, healthcare professionals, educators and advocates will come together to share ideas for alleviating disparities in health and access to health care. "The Face of the Person Who is Homeless" will draw more than 250 participants from 14 states.

This 10th annual McGinley-Rice Symposium sponsored by Duquesne University School of Nursing will be held on October 17 and 18 and will explore the following themes through the lens of social justice: cause and effects of homelessness, strategies for prevention and short and long-term treatment; clinical and programmatic initiatives to foster healthcare equality for persons experiencing homelessness; consequences of being homeless.

PCGF Executive Director **Pam Golden** will serve on a panel showcasing the collaboration that moved the BigBurgh web app from a concept to a reality. Joining Ms. Golden on the panel will be **Anna Kudrav**, Assistant Chief, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police; **Maurita Bryant**, Assistant Superintendent,



Allegheny County Police Department; and **Dan Palka**, Street Outreach Team Leader, Operation Safety Net. Serving as moderator will be **Joe Lagana**, Ed.D., founder of the Homeless Children's Education Fund.

Register by October 11 at www.duq.edu/social-justice. Discounts are available for Duquesne University alumni, and continuing educations credits are available to nurses and other health care professionals. ■

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Pittsburgh Magazine Spotlights Homeless

For homeless youth, living on the street can end up being worse than what they're running from. Gaining their trust and guiding them to safety is a long and painful process, but local agencies are meeting them where they are — and helping them reach adulthood safely.

— excerpt from "Mean Streets" by Christine O'Toole, Pittsburgh Magazine, June 2019

An article in the June issue of Pittsburgh Magazine provides insight regarding the realities of two young individuals experiencing homelessness in Pittsburgh. The feature story examines the work local organizations perform to assist them in stabilizing their lives. ■

» Read the article

Kudos to...



PCGF Executive Director **Pam Golden** on her reappointment to the Advisory Board of the Allegheny Regional Asset District (RAD), which allocates funding to a wide variety of municipal, cultural, educational and civic organizations in Allegheny County.

Ms. Golden has also been appointed to the Board of Directors at Staunton Farm Foundation (SFF), a family foundation dedicated to improving the lives of people with mental illness and/or substance abuse disorders. PCGF and SFF are among the foundations that provide funding to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services for the Jail Collaborative initiative. ■

Mark Your Calendars

We ask Trustees to make every effort to attend these meetings:

All meetings will be held at the Foundation Office.

Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 24
4 - 5:30 p.m.

**Board Meeting/
Annual Meeting**
Tuesday, Nov. 12
Meeting: 4 - 5 p.m.
Reception: 5 p.m.

Ward Home Joins Forces with Auberle

In July, Ward Home became part of Auberle in an effort to expand programming and enable the organization to benefit from the support of the larger Auberle system. While Ward Home has retained its name and programs, its administrative office has moved to Auberle's main campus in McKeesport.

Ward Home provides programs for youth ages 12 and older living in Allegheny County, providing housing, life skills training and free personal

care items for those who experience the foster care system. Auberle provides a wide range of services to county residents, including emergency shelters, residential programs, behavioral health programs and the 412 Youth Zone, a drop-in center that provides counseling, meals and training services to youth ages 16 to 24.

Both Auberle and Ward Home have received grants from Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation. ■

Leadership Changes at Local Partner Organizations

PCGF extends a fond farewell to **Bob Nelkin**, retiring President and CEO of the United Way of Allegheny County, and **Joann Cyganovich**, retiring Executive Director of Sojourner House.

PCGF has had the honor of partnering with Mr. Nelkin during his 12 years of service as President & CEO. Under his tenure, the United Way of Allegheny County merged with other affiliates and created results-based funding criteria for beneficiary organizations, among other achievements

Congratulations to **Bobbi Watt Geer**, who assumed the role of President & CEO on July 1 after serving as Senior Vice President of Administration at the United Way of Allegheny County. She previously served as President of the United Way of Westmoreland County.

For the past 12 years, Ms. Cyganovich led East Liberty-based Sojourner

From the top:
Bob Nelkin,
Joann Cyganovich,
and Bobbi Watt Geer

House, which expanded facilities and green space restoration during her tenure. In 2018, Ms. Cyganovich co-founded the Pennsylvania Government Alliance with Familylinks and POWER, which advocates on the state level for women seeking addiction treatment. Sojourner House recently named its Director of Development, **Susan Orr**, as Interim Executive Director. Ms. Orr has been involved with Sojourner House for 15 years as a staff member, volunteer and board member. ■



Four Reappointed to PCGF Board

Congratulations to four PCGF Board members on their reappointments to the Board of Trustees:

Linda Krynski (President), **Gay Fogarty** (Vice President) and members **Katherine Lovelace** and **William McKain**. We are thankful for their service and stewardship of our organization and are excited to continue working together. ■