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Holiday Greetings!

During another hectic holiday season filled with social gatherings and gift giving, I'm reminded of those who truly embody the belief that it is better to give than to receive. Throughout the year, I am blessed to witness a never-ending spirit of generosity demonstrated by all who selflessly share their time and talents in support of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation.

Wishing you the joy of family, the gift of friends and the best of everything in 2020.

Pam Golden

PCGF Honors Three Trustees

As 2019 comes to a close, the Foundation's Board and staff extend sincere thanks to three Trustees for their many years of selfless service to the organization and the community.

Maurita Bryant and **Patricia Valentine** will leave the Board at the end of the year since each has reached the term limitation of nine years. Both women possess great community connections that have been exceptionally helpful in guiding Foundation initiatives.

Several years ago, when Maurita thought about how police interact with the homeless community, she questioned better ways of providing up-to-date information and asked, "Is there an app for that?" The answer inspired the development of the BigBurgh app.

In her professional capacity as Deputy Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, Pat brought a deep understanding of the human services landscape as her

department works with hundreds of social service agencies.

Linda Krynski joined the Board in 2013 and served as President in 2018 and 2019. Linda's expertise in education and non-profit leadership, including her affiliation with Kidsburgh, has benefited the Foundation in numerous ways.

To Maurita, Pat and Linda, we thank you for dedicated service to the Foundation.

Beginning in January, Linda will continue to serve with the Foundation as a Trustee.

Gay Fogarty, currently Vice President of the Board, was elected President during the November meeting. ■



*CLOCKWISE:
Maurita Bryant,
Patricia Valentine
and Linda Krynski*



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Community Partners Receive 2019 Grants

Congratulations to 24 community partners who received grants from the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation in support of their vital work to mitigate the circumstances of families experiencing homelessness or are at risk of imminent homelessness.

- **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches** to support Interfaith Hospitality Network, a cohort of churches providing meals, shelter and hospitality to families with children experiencing homelessness.
- **Angels' Place** to assist the Family Support Single Parent program in connecting families with young children to resources including emergency housing, early childhood education and other services that lead to housing stabilization.
- **Art Expression** to support Parenting from the HeART, a workshop series that engages families living in shelters in art- and music-making activities developed by trauma-informed art therapists.
- **Bethlehem Haven's Safe at Home Program** to aid families experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless.



- **Beverly's Birthdays** to take the party to children living in shelters/at schools in low-income areas and by providing pre-assembled birthdays-in-a-bag for distribution to partner agencies.
- **Bridge to the Mountains** to support emergency shelter for families with children experiencing homelessness.
- **Duquesne University** to support the School of Nursing's McGinley-Rice National Symposium "Exploring Social Justice for Vulnerable Populations: The Face of the Person Who is Homeless."
- **East End Cooperative Ministry** to aid the Welcome Home Supportive Housing Program for families with children and a family member with a physical or mental disability.
- **Familylinks** and **Allegheny County Department of Human Services** to support Mediation and Diversion training sessions for shelter care workers in the Allegheny Link system.
- **Grantmakers in Health**, a national organization of philanthropists for which the Foundation is a local funding partner.
- **Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania** to support the Census 2020 Philanthropic Fund, which coordinates education and outreach efforts to achieve a complete count in western Pennsylvania.
- **HEARTH's Transitional Housing Program** to assist homeless women with children.
- **Homeless Children's Education Fund** afterschool program offered in shelters to advance education by guiding and mentoring children to become empowered, productive citizens.
- **Jeremiah's Place** to support outreach programs to increase participation by parents with children living in shelters that provide reliable child care in times of crisis and prevent neglect and abuse during stressful times.
- **Light of Life Mission's Women & Children's Program** to support the Women with Children Street Outreach and Family Shelter Care programs.
- **RAND Corporation**, a research organization that develops solutions to public policy challenges, to support RAND research initiatives.

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- **Serenity Living Transitional Home** to support young women between the ages of 13 - 23 who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.
- **Sojourner House MOMS Supportive Housing Program** to keep families together, safely housed, sober and healthy.
- **South Hills Interfaith Movement** to provide support service coordination and direct assistance programs that prevent families from facing financial or housing crises.
- **The Salvation Army** to support Pathway to Hope, a program that provides wraparound services to previously homeless families with children by empowering them to better prepare for success in life and break the cycle of poverty.
- **Tickets for Kids** to distribute donated tickets to arts, cultural and entertainment events for children living in shelters.
- **Trade Institute of Pittsburgh** to support a research project to understand and then help women overcome barriers to securing employment in the trades.
- **Women's Center & Shelter** to support its children's program for those living in shelter or who are child victims fleeing domestic violence. ■

Kudos to...

Casa San Jose, recipient of a YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Racial Justice Award. PCGF Board member **Sister Janice Vanderneck** is Director of Civic Engagement for Casa San Jose.

Each year, the YWCA honors remarkable women, men, youth and organizations who have demonstrated a significant commitment to addressing issues of racial justice, equity and inclusion throughout our community. Their efforts stand as markers of change and examples of leadership for others to follow.

Other 2019 honorees are **Brandi Fisher, Mikael Owunna, Reverend Nicol Porter, Michelle Sandidge,** and **Juel L. Thomas-Smith.**



Dr. Jim Withers, founder of Operation Safety Net, which has cared for more than 10,000 people experiencing homelessness since he began the humanitarian aid service in 1982.

During the International Street Medicine Institute Symposium held in Pittsburgh in October, **Mayor Bill Peduto** proclaimed October 21, 2019 as "Dr. Jim Withers Day" in the City of Pittsburgh and presented him with the key to the city. ■

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
Feb. 4
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Tuesday
June 23
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

Tuesday
Sept. 22
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting/ Annual Meeting

Tuesday
Nov. 10
Meeting: 4 - 5 p.m.
Reception: 5 p.m.