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Bethlehem Haven

Holiday Greetings!

Wishing you a sparkling holiday season overflowing with moments of love, laughter and goodwill. On behalf of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation, I extend sincere thanks for your commitment to brightening the lives of children.

Wishing you the joy of family, the gift of friends and the best of everything in 2019.

Pam Golden

Drive to Work Legislation Passes

Thanks to all who supported HB 163, the “drive to work” legislation. Passage of the bill changes how the state handles driver’s license suspensions for individuals convicted of non-driving offenses. In many cases, former offenders now can have

their driving privileges restored, increasing their ability to become productive members of society and to earn a livelihood and provide for themselves and their families. ■



Jail Collaborative Awarded Grant

Congratulations to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, that was recently awarded a \$2 million grant over two years from the MacArthur Foundation’s Safety and Justice Challenge. The initiative has two goals: **to reduce the jail population by 20% by September 2020** and to work to **reduce the racial and ethnic disparities found throughout the system**. PCGF is among the foundations to support the work of the collaborative. ■

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- **Allegheny County Department of Human Services** to provide training for the front-line shelter care workers at approximately 30 county agencies which provide services to people experiencing homelessness.
- **Allegheny Intermediate Unit** to pilot a program for parents experiencing homelessness and living in shelters to enhance parental participation in their children's education through improved communication with the schools and by participating in learning activities.
- **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches** to provide meals, shelter and hospitality to families with children experiencing homelessness.
- **Art Expression** to pilot a project in four shelters to provide improved arts-based enrichment program for both parents and children experiencing homelessness.
- **Auberle Foundation** to assist families seeking emergency care at the shelter by providing comprehensive services to those experiencing homelessness.
- **Bethlehem Haven's Safe at Home Program** to aid parents (women and men) 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.
- **The Day One Project** to provide supportive housing for single parents with children 2 years and younger. Participants learn about emotional/physical health, child development, financial independence and achieving housing stability.
- **Familylinks** to prevent families from becoming homeless by providing support through its Critical Needs Fund to help stabilize families by providing small grants.



Community Partners Receive 2018 Grants

Congratulations to 22 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.

- **Grantmakers in Health**, a national organization of philanthropists for which the Foundation is a local funding partner.
- **HEARTH's Home Program** to provide services to women with children who are experiencing homelessness as victims of domestic violence or other traumas.
- **Human Services Integration Fund**, a pooled fund to support human services programs within the Allegheny County Jail, to reduce recidivism and reintegrate the population in the community.
- **Jeremiah's Place** to support families and social service agencies by increasing awareness for utilization of Jeremiah's to prevent and/or reduce parental neglect and abuse.
- **Light of Life Mission's Women & Children's Program** to support families with children by helping them exit temporary shelters for more permanent housing, and by securing resources needed to achieve greater stability in their lives.
- **Salvation Army** to support a 36-bed homeless shelter that provides shelter, meals, basic living amenities, case management services and family enrichment activities.
- **South Hills Interfaith Movement** to provide support to families with children experiencing homelessness.
- **Three Rivers Youth** to conduct a pilot program that provides extended aftercare services for families placed in permanent housing after experiencing homelessness. Also, TRY will evaluate the effectiveness of the extended aftercare program compared to more traditional, shorter follow-up programs.
- **Tickets for Kids** to distribute donated tickets to arts, cultural and entertainment events for children living in shelters.
- **Trade Institute of Pittsburgh** to help with the renovations of an eight-bedroom property that will serve as short-term housing for formerly incarcerated TIP students/parents who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of homelessness.
- **Urban League of Pittsburgh** to support parents in Duquesne who are experiencing homelessness or are in transitional housing by providing parental education programming, funding for nutritious food, transportation to the food bank, and funds to secure legal documents and on-site job search assistance.
- **Ward Home** to support its program to Pave the Way for Successful Transition of Foster Youth Aging Out by providing emergency funds to former foster care youth who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- **Women's Center & Shelter** to support its Children's Program that provides healing advocacy and counseling to child victims of intimate partner violence — most of whom are experiencing homelessness. The 300+ children (shelter and non-shelter) served will receive healing services and expressive activities to work through their trauma.

Amazon Founder Assists Families Experiencing Homelessness

In September, **Jeff Bezos** — founder and CEO of Amazon — announced the establishment of the \$2 billion BEZOS DAY ONE FUND to focus on families experiencing homelessness and on early childhood education in underserved communities. Bezos explained, “I talk often about the importance of maintaining a Day 1 mentality. It’s always Day 1” ■

Kudos to...

PCGF Trustee **Robert James**, who was promoted to Director of Supplier Diversity for Highmark Health.

McAuley Ministries, the grantmaking arm of Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, for 10 years of successful work in the Hill District, Uptown and West Oakland. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy following the sale of Mercy Hospital, McAuley Ministries prioritizes health and wellness; education, community and economic development; and capacity-building. **Michele Rone Cooper**, a PCGF Trustee, serves as Executive Director of McAuley Ministries.

Congratulations to our community partners!

Nicole Molinaro Karaczun, who was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Women’s Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh after serving as interim CEO.

Carole Bailey, who was recently appointed President and CEO of East End Cooperative Ministry.

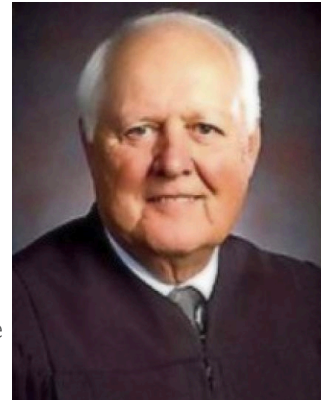
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank CEO **Lisa Scales**, who was honored with the 2018 Greater Pittsburgh Athena Award.

Passages

PCGF mourns the passing of former Foundation board member

Judge Robert J. Colville, who died in September.

During his five years on the Foundation board, Judge Colville dedicated much time and expertise to supporting the organization’s initiative addressing the losses experienced by children of incarcerated parents. The native of Pittsburgh’s Northside served in the United States Marine Corps before a distinguished career that included working as the Chief of Pittsburgh Police and Allegheny County District Attorney. A tireless advocate for minority communities, Judge Colville served on the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas and the Pennsylvania Superior Court before retiring in 2010. PCGF extends condolences to the Colville family as well as all friends and colleagues.



A Happy Ending

The holiday photo appearing at the top of this newsletter showcases 5-year-old Dion Hardy Jr. and his father enjoying Light Up Night festivities in Point State Park. The 33-year-old single father lives on the North Side with his 63-year-old mother, Henrietta, who is helping him to raise his son following the death of his wife in an automobile accident three years ago. Mr. Hardy works hard to provide for his family, but a recent hand injury required him to take time off from work. With the loss of income, he fell behind on a utility bill, and his mother suggested he reach out to Bethlehem Haven for help. Bethlehem Haven provided utility assistance and other resources — and Mr. Hardy is now back on his feet and doing well! ■

Mark Your Calendars

We ask Trustees to make every effort to attend these 2019 meetings:

Board Meeting

Tuesday
Feb. 26
4 - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting

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

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.

All meetings will be held at the Foundation Office.