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Holiday Greetings!

The holiday season is the perfect time to pause and reflect on blessings that good people bring to our lives and our community. While some of the challenges of the prior year carried over to 2021, we have much to appreciate and embrace.

On behalf of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation Board, I thank our many partners, past and present, our generous donors, volunteers, and fellow members of the foundation community. Your hard work and dedication enable our neighbors to feel safe, valued, and nurtured during these trying times. Wishing you the joy of family, the gift of friends and the best of everything in 2022.

Pam Golden



Spradley



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Trustees Elect Officers

The following Trustees were elected to one-year terms:

Paul David Spradley, Ed.D., Vice President for Diversity Equity and Inclusion at Dollar Bank, was elected President;

Joan Eichner, DrPH, Director of Operations and Evaluation, UPMC Center for Social Impact, was elected Vice President;

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New Home for TIP Students

In October, the Trade Institute of Pittsburgh (TIP) held a ribbon cutting ceremony to open a newly renovated home for its students. The two-unit, six-bedroom duplex in Homewood was renovated at a cost of \$500,000 over a two-year period. It will provide housing options for TIP students who are learning such trades as masonry, carpentry, and welding to secure well-paying jobs and stable careers. Approximately 80 percent of the TIP students are formerly incarcerated. TIP Executive Director **Donta Green** said many of the students who are experiencing homelessness or have trouble securing housing are now able to live in a stable environment while making a fresh start.



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Linda Krynski, Ph.D., retired educator, and current chair of the KidsBurgh Advisory Board, was elected Secretary;

Brian Allen, CFA, Senior Vice President and Partner at C.S. McKee, was elected Treasurer.

The Trustees and Executive Director thanked outgoing President **Gay M. Fogarty, Ph.D.**, who served two terms in that leadership role, and **Sister Janice Vanderneck**, who



Krynski



Allen

served as Secretary of the Board for four years. Both Trustees will continue to serve on the Board for one more year. In addition to their invaluable volunteer service to PCGF, for years Gay and Sister Janice have been mentors, champions, and advocates for many people. ■

Thanks to Inkwell Global Marketing

and Business Manager, **Gary Brill**, for the generous donation of winter hats. The New York-based promotional products company had been a fantastic partner, donating high quality knit beanie caps twice this year and frisbees over the summer. The Foundation was able to distribute these items to various shelters. ■



COMMUNITY PARTNERS RECEIVE GRANTS

The Foundation is committed to improving the circumstances of families with children experiencing homelessness. Our community partners are integral to making a difference in our community. We express our gratitude to the following 21 community partners who are working tirelessly to deliver on this promise.

■ Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Family Promise Network

works to keep families with children together while they transition from homelessness by providing case management, meals, shelter, and hospitality. Goals are to help families become more stable, children to have more consistent school attendance, and parents to find employment and improve financial literacy.

■ **Angels' Place** will use its grant to connect families with children under the age of 5 to resources including emergency housing, early childhood education, and family support to improve options for housing stabilization. Program goals are for 90% of working families to achieve self-sufficiency by maintaining employment and



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to have increased awareness of effective parenting styles and strategies.

■ **Bethlehem Haven's Safe at Home** program provides monetary support and basic needs assistance and/or rapid rehousing to families with children that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. Goals for Safe at Home are to decrease the rate of homelessness among the people they serve and to help families transition to independence.

■ **Beverly's Birthdays** takes the party to children living in shelters or who attend schools in low-income

areas by providing pre-assembled birthdays in-a-bag for distribution to partner agencies. In addition to providing basic material goods for families, the program promotes positive parent/child interactions, and through this act of kindness helps to bolster the self-esteem of children living in difficult circumstances.

■ **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh** operates a Mentoring 2.0 program at Brashear High School that combines college and post-secondary online learning with individual mentoring sessions. The 275 - 300 students are matched with mentors and during the nine-month program visit college and technical schools and job sites and hear from guest speakers. Ten percent of the participants are experiencing homelessness. Program goals are to encourage students to finish high school; avoid use of alcohol and tobacco; and develop social competence.

■ **Casa San Jose** provides support for newly arrived asylum seekers that includes providing temporary

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housing, enrolling children in school, connecting the families with healthcare and counseling, and providing basic supplies. The program goals are to enable families to move to stable housing situations, to become gainfully employed, and to ensure that all school-age children are enrolled in school.

- **Catapult Pittsburgh** provides two years of supportive housing for single parents with children three and younger. Participants learn about emotional and physical health; child development and financial independence. The goals of the program are to achieve housing stability and to advance their financial and career goals.

- **Center for Victims** will support the 150 people (33 percent of whom are children) while living at the emergency shelter because they are fleeing domestic violence situations. Program goals are to provide a safe, secure place while these women find a place to live.

- **Duquesne University School of Nursing** presented a Symposium on “The Face of the Person who is Poor” that helps healthcare professionals, policy makers, teachers, advocates, and researchers understand the health and social consequences of poverty and share ideas for alleviating poverty.

- **East End Cooperative Ministry** provides a five-week Summer Day Camp for youth that focuses on career development; physical education and recreation; artistic expression; life skills; and drug, alcohol, and tobacco avoidance. Campers receive two meals per day plus snacks and participate



HEARTH provides housing and supportive services to women.

in a wide variety of field trips and experiences. The goals of the camp are for students to read several books and to have less favorable attitudes toward violent behavior and substance abuse.

- **Familylinks** collaborates with the City of Pittsburgh Housing Authority to provide case management and therapeutic services for low-income families to help them achieve stability by addressing mental health, substance abuse, and psychoeducational needs for the entire family. The goals of the program are for families to have greater stability in their housing situations, to prevent evictions, and to improve mental health of clients.

- **HEARTH** provides housing and supportive services to women with children who are experiencing homelessness because they are survivors of domestic violence or other traumatic situations. The program takes a two-generation approach to address the cycle of violence and poverty by providing emotional and social supports to its residents. The goals of the program are to enhance self-sufficiency by increasing education levels that enhance household incomes, to address the mental health needs of families, and to address other

barriers that prevent families from achieving success.

- **Homeless Children's Education Fund** works with children in after-school programs offered at four shelters and three elementary schools to advance their education by guiding and mentoring them to become empowered, productive citizens. The goals of the program are to strengthen social and emotional competencies learning skills, and to increase the parents' knowledge as to how to support their children's education.

- **Jubilee Association** supports families living in low-income neighborhoods or who are experiencing homelessness by providing one-time financial support for families in crisis to prevent their eviction or utility shut-offs. The homeless prevention program connects families to job search and training resources, childcare, hot meals, a food pantry and other social services. Program goals are to avoid evictions and to increase the number of families served.

- **Light of Life** will use its grant to support Women and Children's program, which provides subsidized apartments, training and education, childcare, and transportation support to mothers with children

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Kudos



Congratulations to **Carlos Carter**, former Executive Director of the Homeless Children's Education Fund, who was named President & CEO of the Urban League of Pittsburgh. He will lead a team of 45 people who continue making life better for African Americans in this region.



Best wishes to **Esther Bush**, retiring President & CEO of the Urban League of Pittsburgh after leading the organization for 27 years. National Urban League President and CEO Marc Morial thanked Ms. Bush for her "dedication and many contributions over her 40 years at the Urban League." He added, "She is leaving a lasting impact on our organization and within all of the communities that she has served."



Julie DeSeyn, Chief Program and Policy Officer for the United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, who heads to the McCune Foundation where she will serve as Assistant Director.



Veteran radio and television reporter **Lynne Hayes-Freeland** was named the Woman of Excellence Legacy Honoree; **Pamela Golden**



was named a Woman of Excellence for her work at the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation and in the community. The Awards are given by the *New Pittsburgh Courier*. ■

Mark Your Calendars

Trustees are encouraged to save these dates for Board meetings in 2022:

All meetings will be held at the Foundation Office, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

February 15, 2022

June 21, 2022

September 13, 2022

November 8, 2022

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experiencing homelessness or are recovering from addiction or substance abuse. Light of Life's program goals are to ensure that:

- Families have safe affordable housing and the ability to maintain it;
- Clients will stay in recovery;
- Clients learn to manage mental and physical health issues;
- Parents will improve their education levels.

■ **RAND** is a national nonprofit organization that provides objective research and analysis that helps develop solutions to public policy challenges to make communities safe, more secure, healthier, and more prosperous.

■ **The Salvation Army** supports families with at least one child who were formerly homeless and are motivated to work toward self-improvement. Pathways of Hope is an individualized, intensive program that includes supportive services for children, assistance in securing documents required for employment, and job training for employment and provides transportation. Program goals are for families to create long-range plans, secure stable housing, and move to self-sufficiency.

■ **Sojourner House** will use its grant for the MOMS Supportive Housing Program, which provides addiction recovery support, mentorship, and other services to help clients secure permanent housing, gain job training, and secure employment. The goals of the

program are for the parents to remain clean and sober, to be reunified with their children, to acquire paid employment and to successfully graduate from the program.

■ **South Hills Interfaith Movement**, the only organization of its kind servicing the South Hills area, will support fragile families with children by providing direct assistance for basic needs for those facing a financial or housing crisis. The program goals are to ensure access to vital resources that will enable families to move to self-sufficiency and avoid large financial or housing crisis while their having basic needs met.

■ **Tickets for Kids** received funding for the Cultural Access Program, which distributes donated tickets to arts, cultural, and entertainment events for children living in shelters. Through the Cultural Access Program, families will have the ability to participate in arts, cultural and/or sports programs, will feel valued and make happy memories during a difficult time.

■ **Women's Center & Shelter's Children's Advocacy Program** provides supportive services such as healing advocacy and counseling to child victims of intimate partner violence - most of whom are experiencing homelessness. The 300+ children (shelter and non-shelter) will receive healing services and expressive activities to work through their trauma. Program goals for children include: 80% will go to school five days a week; 55% will participate in after-school programming; and 100% will be linked to medical and dental services. ■