

Community Family Support Program Gives Families Hope

Community Family Support Program Locations

East Liberty

Medical Center East
211 North Whitfield St.
Suite 770
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
412.361.1083

McKees Rocks

Hamilton Building
19 May Ave.
McKees Rocks, PA 15136
412.331.7712

Armstrong County

422 Third Ave.
Ford City, PA 16226
724.763.4180

Holy Family Institute's Community Family Support Program (In-Home Services) provides counseling and supportive services to families in Allegheny, Armstrong, and Indiana counties. The program goal is to find ways to address the family's problems, so that the home is a safe and healthy environment for the children and youth, and the family remains intact.

Families who face multiple and serious chronic challenges are referred by the county Office of Children, Youth, and Families. Highly trained, experienced counselors meet with the family and provide counseling, education, and coordination of care to address issues such as abuse, addiction, emotional problems, parenting difficulties, and relationship problems. The program focuses on child safety and connects the family to community resources to ensure a child-centered and family-focused plan.

Holy Family client Samantha is an example of the success that can happen when all

stakeholders are focused on common goals.

At age 19, Samantha was living independently with little support and was struggling to finish high school. Holy Family received the referral for reunification of Samantha with her 2-year old daughter, Deja.

Holy Family Institute's counselor focused on establishing consistent contact with Samantha and helped organize services. Since Samantha was working part-time, her work schedule conflicted with school programs and the counselor's ability to schedule time with her. To accommodate Samantha's schedule, the Holy Family counselor met with Samantha in the evenings and on weekends.

Holy Family collaborated with other community organizations, provided parenting support and education on weekends when her daughter was visiting, and helped Samantha complete high school. Holy Family also assisted Samantha in obtaining updated identification, immunization records, birth certificates, and other forms to qualify for benefits.

With the services provided by Holy Family Institute, Samantha has been able to achieve many of her goals. She graduated high school in the fall of 2015, and maintains her apartment and employment. Most importantly, she regained custody of her daughter in early 2016.

Samantha continues to face the challenges of living independently as a single mother with little family support. However, she has achieved a level of success that did not seem possible at the start, and she plans to work hard so that she and Deja will continue to thrive.



Continuing to Serve Our Community *from* Sister Linda

Dear Friends,

On August 1, 2016, Holy Family Institute is hosting the 30th Annual Golf Classic at Montour Heights Country Club in Coraopolis. As we approach this milestone event, I am compelled to share with you the reason the Golf Classic was started and why it remains important to us today.

In 1984, a fire in the 84-year old Holy Family Institute dormitory, started by a student seeking attention, and caused \$3.5 million in damages, as well as destroyed the third and fourth floors. As a result, the Sisters of Nazareth were faced with a major decision: should they rebuild, or was their ministry done? To determine how to proceed, the Sisters convened a group of community leaders, funders, and supporters, and obtained their input on the options for the future of Holy Family Institute. The community enthusiastically and wholeheartedly proposed that Holy Family Institute rebuild and continue to serve the needs of children and families. The first Capital Campaign was kicked off, and in 1986, the Golf Classic was born.

We are eager for you to join us for this year's 30th Annual Golf Classic! For tickets or sponsorship information, please contact Director of Development, Mary Beth Lowery, at 412.766.9020 ext. 207 or Lowery.MaryBeth@hfi-pgh.org.



For 116 years, Holy Family Institute has been called to be change agents in our community. Our most recent addition to Holy Family Institute – Holy Family Academy – is an example



of our continued evolution in serving children and families in need. The Academy is an innovative, independent Catholic high school focused on college and career prep, built on Catholic Social Teaching and Social Justice. More so, the Academy offers students the rare opportunity of weekly work study with a premier Pittsburgh company, preparing students to continue with their education or enter the workforce.

With your ongoing support, we can continue to serve children and families in our community who need help developing meaningful lives.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sister Linda Yankoski

Sister Linda Yankoski, CSFN, EdD
President & CEO

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Join our email list or update your mailing address at www.hfi-pgh.org/join-our-mailing-list

Volunteers Needed

Are you looking for a meaningful way to fill a few hours a week? We need occasional, qualified, on-call help with the following tasks:

- Data entry
- Making phone calls
- High school tutoring
- Completing office tasks

Contact Lynn Guerra, Director of Volunteer Programs, at Guerra.Lynn@hfi-pgh.org or 412.766.9020 ext. 304.

Or, return the attached envelope with your contact information.

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Save the Dates 2016

- 30th Annual Golf Classic
August 1, Montour Heights Country Club
- 24th Annual Courage House Luncheon
Heinz Field (Date TBD)

2016 Spirit of Family Award

Heinz Hall was the site of the 2016 Spirit of Family Award dinner. This year's award was presented to Dr. Charles and The Honorable Sandra Dougherty. The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth surprised our featured guests with an additional honor: a Papal Blessing from Pope Francis!

The Most Reverend David A. Zubik recognized the Doughertys for their contributions to Holy Family Institute, Duquesne University, and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Also on hand were Dr. Kenneth Gormley and his wife, Laura. Dr. Gormley will succeed Dr. Dougherty as President of Duquesne University this summer.



Bishop Zubik, Dr. Dougherty, and Sister Linda

Dinner was followed by a spectacular performance by the Pittsburgh Symphony, conducted by Manfred Honeck and hosted by actor and director, Alec Baldwin.

Several Holy Family Academy students and their families attended the concert thanks to a gift from the Alec and Hilaria Baldwin Foundation.

As a thank you, several Academy students, led by art teacher Amy DiMichele, contributed to a painting of Mr. Baldwin titled *100 Pieces of Gratitude*.

The style was adapted from a 1987 Andy Warhol portrait of composer Ludwig van Beethoven.



Holy Family Academy Students



Morgan and Kathleen O'Brien



Mrs. Laura and Dr. Ken Gormley



Sister Janice Fulmer, CSFN



Paula and Fran Daily



The Doughertys (center) with Holy Family Academy students and Amy DiMichele (upper left)

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Holy Family Academy is accepting applications for 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, to begin Fall 2016. Contact the Admissions Department for a meeting and tour!



  **412.307.0245**
admissions@hfa-pgh.org

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Walmart Foundation Funding

Holy Family Institute received a grant from the Walmart Foundation to expand its efforts in Allegheny, Armstrong, and Beaver counties, to educate families about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and provide eligible



families with enrollment assistance. The SNAP grant is provided by Catholic Charities, USA. Holy Family Institute is connecting individuals to this program through the Duquesne Light Universal Services Program.

For more information, please contact Mike Selep at 412.766.9020 ext. 379.

Donated Neckties Benefit Students

Holy Family Academy students had the opportunity to choose neckties for themselves through a generous donation from PwC executive partners. Over 300 neckties were donated, helping our boys meet dress code requirements for class and the school's work study program with Pittsburgh employers. This is another example of PwC's ongoing support of Holy Family Institute and its commitment to causes focused on youth education, and diversity and inclusion.



Corporate Work Study Partners Meet and Collaborate

In early spring, Holy Family Academy hosted supervisors from the school's corporate work study program for a collaborative workshop. School representatives highlighted the latest Academy news and provided an update on the overall work study program, including feed-back received from supervisors and students. Supervisors also spent time in breakout sessions brainstorming ways to address any current challenges and sharing ideas to enrich the work study experience for their assigned student, as well

as for their respective companies. The session proved valuable to workshop attendees, who agreed it was beneficial to meet and share their experience with other work study partners.



Career coach LaTonya Salley-Sharif (left) and Head of School Dr. Lisa Abel-Palmieri (right), participate in a work study partners breakout session.