Message from Sister Linda

Dear Friends of Holy Family:

FOR THE PAST 114 YEARS, Holy Family Institute (HFI) has been in the forefront of solving some of society’s toughest problems for children, youth and families. HFI is known for providing refuge for children in need of a safe, nurturing, family environment. It is our mission to empower children and families to lead responsible lives, and develop healthy and meaningful relationships built on faith, hope, and love. It is part of our culture, faith, and mission to help children in need -- there are children sleeping on floors and we have beds.

We believe the children fleeing Central America are involved in a disaster not of their own making and are in need of care. Holy Family is inspired by faith to respond to this crisis and welcome these children, as they are among the most vulnerable in the world as they make their journey to the United States.

We have taken in the most vulnerable, the very young children under the age of 12, who make up about 20% of those migrating. Many of these children are fleeing violent situations and have endured long and dangerous journeys. Holy Family is providing the children with food, clothing, housing, education, counseling and recreation. Most of the children will be with us for approximately 30 – 40 days while they wait for reunification with their families.

The children attend classes on our campus in a building that is separate from the new high school. For recreation, the campus has its own swimming pool, play fields, gymnasium and tennis court.

While Holy Family has taken on this new initiative, we will continue to serve the 11,000 families that we touched last year through other programs. I encourage you to visit our website to learn about all of our programs and updates: www.hfi-pgh.org.

I would like to thank Bishop Zubik and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh for their support of the Journey of Hope program and Holy Family Institute. I would also like to thank the offices of Mayor Bill Peduto and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald for their support.

I thank you again for your support and prayers, and encourage you to read about all of our initiatives for the children and families we serve.

Sincerely,

Sister Linda Yankoski
President and CEO
Oktoberfest with the ELB

THE EMERGING LEADERS BOARD (ELB) is hosting a “friendriaser” to increase awareness about HFI’s programs and services. The ELB is comprised of young professionals in the area who are tasked with recruiting a new set of donors and supporters to HFI.

Their first event will be an Oktoberfest celebration held at the Hofbrauhaus.

When: October 2, 2014
5:30-7:30 pm
Where: Hofbrauhaus
2705 S. Water St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15203

This is a great opportunity for young professionals to meet staff and board members from HFI. The goal of the friendraiser is to attract new friends of HFI and then fundraisers will be held. If interested in attending, please contact Loren Zdunek at zdunek.loren@hfi-pgh.org or 412.766.9020 x422.

Holy Family Academy Class of 2018

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY (HFA) welcomed its inaugural class of 82 students on August 18th. The freshman class has been instrumental in designing aspects of the new school. They had the opportunity to prepare the liturgy and music for the opening mass and dedication that Bishop David A. Zubik officiated.

During a three-week summer orientation, students worked in groups to pick the HFA mascot – the winner being the Saints. HFA has been accepted into WPIAL for sports, and is offering ninth grade volleyball on campus this fall and basketball in the winter. Other sports will be offered in partnership with Quaker Valley School District based on student interest.

Students enjoyed the Build Your Own Desk Project, where they worked to complete and personalize their own desks over the summer. The project was highlighted in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette in July.

Another newsmaker is student Tyrone Johnson-Townsend, who received the Cardinal Donald Wuerl Scholarship given by Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania. He was highlighted in the Tribune-Review. A ceremony was held on June 6th at LeMont Restaurant for the scholarship winners. Tyrone attended Northside Catholic Grade School and resides in the Northside of Pittsburgh. Principal Ronald Zangaro, along with Tyrone’s mother and father were also at the luncheon to show their support.

Staff Retirements

Congratulations to our retirees!

Sandra L. Schott - Director of Administrative Services
Georgia Fulgenzi - Program Supervisor, Family Focus Solution Base

Thank you for your years of dedication and commitment to Holy Family Institute!

Christmas Appeal

Please don’t let this Christmas season pass without remembering the Holy Family and the mission of Holy Family Institute. Your gift will change lives and give hope to children and families this holiday season. Thank you for your generosity.
Combined Federal Campaign

HOLY FAMILY INSTITUTE IS PROUD to announce that we have been selected to participate in the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The U.S. government-sponsored CFC is the world’s largest and most prestigious workplace fundraising drive. The mission of the CFC is to promote and support philanthropy by providing federal employees with an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

Each fall, Federal employees are invited to support eligible national and local charities. Employees choose the groups they wish to support from a list of approved charities that have met the U.S. federal government’s high standards of program impact and financial accountability. The 2014 CFC official campaign season runs from October 1st through December 12th.

Through the CFC, federal employees have raised over $7 billion since 1961 to help sustain community, state, national and international health, educational, environmental and human services.

Many of you ask how you can help support HFI’s mission, and this is an easy way to make a big difference! If you are employed by the Federal government, please consider giving to HFI through the CFC. Visit www.3riverscfc.org.

If you have friends or relatives who are Federal civilian, military or postal employees, please encourage them to choose HFI. It’s simple: just select Holy Family Institute /CFC # 72793 for the CFC contribution.

Thank you! ♦

Tickets On Sale for Courage House Luncheon

THE 22ND ANNUAL Arthur J. Rooney, Sr. Courage House Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Heinz Field with the Pittsburgh Steelers. There will be opportunities to meet your favorite past and current Steelers players, as well as obtain priceless autographs. Join us for lunch, raffles and an auction!

Thanks to our generous participants and sponsors, we raised over $140,000 last year! The money raised at the Courage House Luncheon allows Holy Family to continue providing help, healing, hope and support through our life-changing programs and services for children and families who suffer from poverty, abuse and other debilitating conditions. With your support, we are able to continue our commitment to excellence in caring for those in need.

We invite you to participate in the 22nd Annual Arthur J. Rooney, Sr. Courage House Luncheon. Sponsorship spots and tickets are still available at http://www.hfi-pgh.org/chl/ or by contacting popp.carol@hfi-pgh.org. We are also seeking items for our silent auction. ♦

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Thank you to everyone who participated in the 28th Annual Drive for HFI Golf Classic!

Golf Results

1st Place:
Chris McCroglou
Doug Dombrowski
Rocky Locascio
Terry Musser

2nd Place:
Stan Celich
Gus Georgiadis
Rob Goldgerg
Jim Patton

3rd Place:
Terence Turk & The Wilson Group

4th Place:
Mark Cornyn
Juan Garrett
Linda Leonhardt
Clyde Tevis

Women’s Long Drive: Jan Kowlaski
Men’s Long Drive: Doug Dombrowski
Longest Putt Made: Terry Musser
Holy Family Academy Open House Dates!

Holy Family Academy
Join us for a fall open house

- Innovative Catholic High School with a focus on college and careers
- Work one day a week at prestigious corporations
- Math and science classes at Carnegie Science Center
- Art classes at Manchester Craftsmen's Guild

OPEN HOUSE DATES
Monday, September 22 • 4 – 7 pm
Wednesday, October 22 • 4 – 7 pm
Tuesday, November 11 • 1 – 4 pm

Individual tours are available upon request. Please contact Lindale Smith for more information at:
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