SNAP Program to Expand

SNAP® (Stop Now and Plan) was developed over 30 years ago by the Child Development Institute of Toronto as an intervention program for children ages 6 to 11 in conflict with the law, and has evolved into an internationally-recognized, evidence-based model. SNAP is a proven program that focuses on emotion-regulation, self-control, and problem-solving, and teaches children with behavioral problems, and their parents, how to make better choices “in the moment.”

The primary goal of SNAP is to help children to stop and think before they act, and keep them in school and out of trouble. Holy Family Institute offers the SNAP Program in two settings: the SNAP CORE Program, consisting of 13-week, 90-minute group sessions of boys or girls, in conjunction with the 90-minute group sessions with the parents/caregivers. The School-Based SNAP Program provides 13 weekly sessions in the classroom and is offered in Sto-Rox Elementary and Manchester Magnet Schools, and has proven very successful.

Rachel Gray, past principal, Sto-Rox Elementary School, offers an unequivocal endorsement of the SNAP School-Based Program. “The skills presented in the SNAP program help to support students as they begin to understand responsibility for actions and how to make a good choice. The SNAP Program staff has truly become an integral part of our school-wide, positive behavior support program, and we often utilize them as an intervention when a student struggles with behaviors.”

SNAP works with children and the parent or caregiver to increase parenting skills. Both programs are voluntary and there is no cost for participation, thanks to funding by the Department of Human Services’ Bureau of Juvenile Justice Services and the United Way of Allegheny County.

Holy Family plans to expand the School-Based SNAP Program into five additional sites: Morrow Elementary, Langley K-8, Arlington K-8, Cornell Elementary, and Holy Family Specialized Education Program. For more information, call 412.331.2684.

Now Scheduling Appointments for Dollar Energy Fund Applications

Do you know someone who needs help paying their utility bills? Holy Family Institute is a Screening Agency for the Dollar Energy Fund, which provides grants up to $500 for assistance with electric, gas, and water bills. If your annual income is at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines, you might be eligible.

Dear Friends~

Fundraising events are a wonderful way for us to connect with long-time and new supporters. A successful fundraising event requires a commitment of staff time and a strong and dedicated volunteer committee; we have been particularly blessed with our volunteer committees.

The 30th Annual Holy Family Golf Classic was held on August 1 at Montour Heights Country Club. The Golf Classic has consistently brought in revenue to the organization; this year for Holy Family Academy. The other incredibly consistent element of those 30 years is our event chair, former Steeler and Robert Morris University head football coach, John Banaszak. I convinced John to chair the inaugural event in 1986, and he continues to bring the same energy year after year.

As John was thanking our guests at dinner after a beautiful day of golf, he shared how Art Rooney, Sr. approached him one day during John’s 1975 rookie season, and invited him to visit Holy Family Institute. I can’t thank John enough for his tireless commitment to Holy Family and for chairing our annual golf outing.

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 15, for the 24th Annual Arthur J. Rooney, Sr. Courage House Luncheon. Event chair Greta Rooney and her committee are already hard at work planning another successful event. Peoples is our Presenting Sponsor, and we’re introducing mobile bidding. Look for some very exciting auction items online, including two seats on the team bus to the November 20 game in Cleveland!

Words are often an inadequate way to thank John, Greta, and their committees for their long-standing support of Holy Family Institute. The best way I know how is to make certain their efforts, and the contributions of those who attend our events, benefit the children and families we serve.

Thank you for all that you do,

Sister Linda Yankoski, CSFN, EdD
President and CEO

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
- High school tutoring
- Making phone calls
- Completing office tasks
- Student Transporting

Contact Lynn Guerra, Director of Volunteer Services, 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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Thank You Board Members!

Holy Family has been fortunate to have exceptionally experienced and qualified community leaders serve on our boards, sharing their expertise with us, and providing guidance and insight. Board terms have ended for four of our board members, and we would like to recognize them for their service, and thank them for their dedication and commitment to Holy Family.

Staci L. Brogan, CPA

Staci L. Brogan, CPA joined Schneider Downs & Co., Inc. in 2005, after spending 10 years at a national accounting firm. She has more than 20 years of public accounting experience, serving nonprofit, higher education, arts and cultural, healthcare, insurance, manufacturing, and oil-well service clients. Staci is an experienced business advisor, providing clients with timely, innovative, and high-quality advice on a broad array of accounting, finance, corporate governance, and general business issues. Staci is a frequent speaker on technical accounting and governance matters.

Ms. Brogan was appointed to the Holy Family Institute Board of Directors in 2007, and served until June 2016. During that time, she served as the Chair of the Finance Committee. We are fortunate that Staci has agreed to continue to serve on the Finance Committee.

Thank you, Staci, for your service!

Charles Dougherty, PhD

Dr. Charles Dougherty recently retired as the president of Duquesne University, and is a nationally recognized scholar and expert in healthcare ethics. Under Dr. Dougherty’s leadership, Duquesne was consistently ranked among the nation’s top Catholic research universities for its award-winning faculty and tradition of academic excellence. Dr. Dougherty served on countless advisory commissions and boards, and currently serves on the board of directors of UPMC Mercy Hospital as chair of the Ethics Committee; the Senator John Heinz History Center; the Allegheny Conference on Community Development; and the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh.

Dougherty earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from St. Bonaventure University then received his master’s and doctorate degrees in philosophy from Notre Dame. Dr. Dougherty was the recipient of the 2016 Holy Family Institute Spirit of Family Award.

Dr. Dougherty joined the Holy Family Foundation Board of Directors in 2012. During that time he served as the Chair of the Holy Family Foundation Board of Directors.

Thank you, Dr. Dougherty, for your service!
We all appreciate your commitment to Holy Family!

Joseph R. Scherrbaum, Jr.

Joseph R. Scherrbaum, Jr., a native of Connellsville, Pa., earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 1979 and a master’s degree in business administration from Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, in 1984. Additionally, he attended the Executive Program at the University of Michigan Business School.

Scherrbaum began his career with U.S. Steel in 1979 in the Cleveland area. Throughout his tenure with the company, Scherrbaum moved through increasingly responsible positions within the organization, leading to his appointment as Vice President – Industrial Solutions. Scherrbaum retired December 31, 2015, after more than 36 years with the company.

Mr. Scherrbaum was appointed to the Holy Family Foundation Board of Directors in January 2007, and served for nine years, until June, 2015. Scherrbaum said “Holy Family provides a wonderful opportunity for children and families to improve their lives. I am pleased to have been part of improving people lives, in a very small way.”

Thank you, Joe, for your service!

Gary L. Schwass

Gary L. Schwass is a retired Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at DQE, Inc. and was previously a Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Duquesne Light Co.

Schwass has a long history serving Holy Family, serving on Holy Family Institute or Holy Family Foundation Boards from 1988 until 2015. Mr. Schwass was appointed to the Holy Family Institute Board of Directors in 1988 and served until 1992, and then from 2002 until 2010. Mr. Schwass was appointed to the Holy Family Foundation Board of Directors in 1992 and served until 2001, and then again from 2010 through 2015.

During his tenure, Mr. Schwass served on both the Investment and Finance Committees, and played an integral role in developing and implementing a successful Capital Campaign for Holy Family Academy.

“Thank you to the Sisters of Holy Family for allowing me the great privilege of serving on the Board of Directors – I will always cherish the opportunity,” Gary said. “Holy Family always made me proud to be associated with their outstanding contribution, serving children and families in our community.”

Thank you, Gary, for your service!
30th Annual Holy Family Golf Classic a Huge Success!

140 golfers gathered on Monday, August 1 at Montour Heights Country Club to play a round and support Holy Family. John Banaszak chaired the event again this year, joined by committee members Scott Bishop, Marlyn Carle, Brian Malik, Pat Minnock, and Bill Mortensen. All proceeds benefit Holy Family Academy. View more photos at hfi-pgh.org/golf.

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On August 7, Holy Family hosted an Alumni Reunion welcoming back anyone who lived as a resident on the campus or in a group home during their childhood and youth. More than fifty alumni attended the reunion and spent the afternoon celebrating mass, reconnecting with old friends, and sharing memories of their time at Holy Family. Attendees included alumni who lived on the Emsworth campus as early as the 1930s. Many still visit Holy Family regularly and bring their own families to see where they lived as children.

Originating as the “Orphan Asylum of the Holy Family” in 1900, the organization’s name changed to “Holy Family Institute” in 1931, reflecting the shift from an orphanage to a small-group living facility serving both orphans and other children in need. Over 115 years, Holy Family Institute served more than 15,000 children through the residential program, providing a safe, caring environment when it was needed the most. The program ended in 2015.
The Montour Heights Country Club hosted the 29th Annual Drive for HFI Golf Classic on July 27. This year's event raised nearly $75,000 for underserved students of Holy Family Academy. Legendary Steelers cornerback and NFL Hall of Fame member Mel Blount stepped in at the last moment to help serve as Committee Chair. Thank you Mel, and to all of our loyal and generous sponsors, for making this year's event a huge success.

See you all next year, when we celebrate our 30th Anniversary on July 25, 2016 at Montour Heights.

Holy Family Service Corps

Holy Family Service Corps is looking for adventurous young adults to join our mission in education and social service programs in the Greater Pittsburgh region. Volunteers spend one year in loving service to others while sharing life in a community setting. Opportunities to serve include education, early learning, youth mentoring, and senior services. Volunteers receive room and board and a monthly stipend. Educational awards of $5,000 are given at the end of the service year.

For more information, contact Lynn Guerra at Guerra.Lynn@hfi-pgh.org.

United Way Campaign

As summer turns into fall, and kids are returning to school, many companies and organizations begin their annual United Way fundraising campaign. Most places make it easy to contribute by offering automatic payroll deductions to its employees, who can direct their donation to an organization of their choice.

Remember Holy Family when selecting who to support! Contributor #9690.