SNAP® School-Based Solutions

SNAP® (Stop Now And Plan) held its third Safe in Our School and Community Event at the Sto-Rox Family Center in collaboration with Edie Khoury, Director of the Sto-Rox Family Center. The goal was to bring awareness to parents and the entire Sto-Rox Community regarding the impact of the SNAP® school-based model delivered in the Sto-Rox Elementary School. The model promotes pro-social skills for all students, highlights the value of collaborative partnerships in order to strengthen the lives of children and families, and demonstrates ways in which building a child’s individual support system promotes improved behavior and academic achievement.

Students, teachers, parents, and community partners talked about their participation in the program and the positive changes made individually and as a class as a result of receiving 13 weeks of the SNAP® school-based model. Mentors from our partners, Amachi and AmeriCorps, discussed the impact of mentoring in the program and the success it has had on many families in Sto-Rox. One mother told a story about how her daughter improved in math as a result of tutoring delivered by the program.

Holy Family Institute’s mission to restore hope and transform lives was evidenced in the testimonies of those directly impacted by the SNAP® school-based model. The presence and support of parents, who are a vital and integral part of their child’s success, demonstrated the importance of parent engagement to a child’s achievement. “We were able to engage community members and had many inquiries on how to become mentors as well as parents who wanted access to services,” says Nicole Coleman, Program Manager. “The success of the community event reflects our need to continue to bring awareness in this district as well as others.”

HFI’s ability to implement the SNAP® school-based model is made possible through United Way of Allegheny County Impact funding. A United Way representative attended the event and expressed excitement to learn about the positive effects this project is having on the school and greater community.

Hearing the outcomes of SNAP® from those receiving services, ignites hope and serves as a fresh reminder that change is possible in one child, one classroom, and one family at a time! 🌟

Contribution to “School That Builds” Campaign

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY (HFA) will embrace the “School that Builds” philosophy by having students build their own desks this summer. This project will teach students the importance of ownership and accountability. They will use their desk throughout their four years at school and are responsible for keeping it intact. This opportunity will provide students a sense of pride in building something as well as having something at school to call their own. Donors can help be a part of this inaugural class and desk building project by contributing to our “School that Builds” campaign. The cost for each desk is $85 and money donated in this newsletter will be attributed to the campaign. Supporters have been instrumental in building communities for HFI and we are so grateful for their support. HFA hopes you will consider funding futures and desks. All donations of $85.00 or more will qualify entry into a drawing to win two tickets to the 2014 Courage House Luncheon. Thank you for your generosity. 🌟
Grant Awards

The following grants were awarded from February 2014 through May 2014.

Accenture to Youth Workforce Development Program

Nazareth Family Foundation to Holy Family Academy

Nazareth Family Foundation to Parent Child Home Program

Hive Fund for Connected Learning (via The Sprout Fund) to HFA Summer Orientation Camp

Hive Fund for Connected Learning (via The Sprout Fund) to Pittsburgh City of Learning 2014 Badges Project

Bayer Foundation to Holy Family Academy

PNC Foundation to SNAP® in Schools

University of Pittsburgh GSPIA (Graduate School of Public & International Affairs) to Holy Family Academy

James R. & Gretchen Hagerty Family Fund (via the Pittsburgh Foundation) to General Operating Support

Vectors/Pittsburgh Community Foundation (via the Pittsburgh Foundation) to General Operating Support

Day of Giving and Highmark Results

HFI raised $9,168 for Pittsburgh Foundation Day of Giving 2014.

HFI raised $2,070 through the Highmark Walk.

Thank you to all of our donors!

Help Support Education

Corporations paying taxes below are eligible:

- Capital Stock/Foreign Franchise Tax
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- Insurance Premiums Tax
- Mutual Thrift Tax
- Tax under the Insurance Company Law of 1921
- Personal Income Tax

HOLY FAMILY FOUNDATION (HFF) is an approved Scholarship Organization for both the Educational Improvement (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship (OSTC) tax programs in Pennsylvania. EITC and OSTC programs were established to enhance the educational opportunities available to all students in the Commonwealth where tuition is charged. EITC and OSTC programs enable companies to support local non-profit organizations directly instead of sending their tax dollars to Harrisburg.

Tax credit contributions to Holy Family Foundation provide critical financial support to the students of Holy Family Academy. To be eligible for EITC scholarships, the family of the student must have a limited income. OSTC scholarships are intended for families who have low income and are assigned to one of the lowest 15% of performing schools and want to transfer to a higher performing school.

Currently, more than 90% of our students are eligible to receive scholarships! A business paying taxes in Pennsylvania can receive up to 90% tax credit for contributions of $750,000 (EITC) and $400,000 (OSTC) annually. To apply and receive tax credits for these programs, please visit www.newpa.com starting on July 1, 2014. It is important to apply now before tax credits are gone! If you have any questions, please contact Michael Caliguiri at caliguiri.michael@hfi-pgh.org or 412.766.9020 x219.

Holy Family Academy Update – Building Desks

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY (HFA) will host the first day of classes for freshmen on Monday, August 18, 2014. To prepare students to succeed in our school, HFA is having a three-week summer orientation camp in July. This event will allow students to excel in their work study positions by building communication and collaboration skills as well as office skills. At the camp, students and staff will get to know one another, and students will be given their corporate job assignments. Students will also engage in team-building activities to prepare them to work with peers in the classroom and colleagues at work.

To better acquaint students with corporate life, HFA will host a luncheon, where students will officially meet their corporate work partner and get to interact with them in a professional setting. In preparation for this luncheon, Point Park University students will host HFA students for etiquette classes.

Students will build desks as well as design the liturgy for the school’s opening worship event in August. These will be exciting opportunities for HFA students to work side-by-side with their classmates on projects that will be a tangible part of our inaugural year!

The project is supported in part by the Hive Fund for Connected Learning at The Sprout Fund, and United Way has volunteered services for the desk building project. The Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship Training Program has also volunteered time to building the prototypes as well as providing training and supervision at their facility throughout the desk building project.

We are very grateful to all of our volunteers and will need more to help supervise student activities during the camp. Camp will run July 7-24, Monday through Thursday during the day. If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our website at http://hfa-pgh.org/support-volunteer.
International Students Graduate

HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAM (HFCPP) would like to extend congratulations to 29 students, who graduated from Bishop Canevin, Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic, Quaker Valley, Seton-LaSalle, and Vincentian Academy.

Students had tremendous success while attending high school in the States. Many students were inducted into the National Honor Society and Andi Shen finished in the top 20 of his graduating class.

Students from the program have been accepted to many colleges and universities including: Purdue University, Southwestern University, Penn State, University of San Francisco, Arizona State University, University of Oregon, University of Iowa, Florida Institute of Technology, Michigan State, Duquesne University, University of California, University of Dallas, Auburn University, Indiana University, University of Colorado, Syracuse University, University of Rochester, and University of Dayton.

In addition to their specific high school graduation ceremony, HFI hosted a celebratory graduation dinner to honor the students and their success.

Register Today for the Drive for HFI Golf Classic

THE 28th DRIVE FOR HFI GOLF CLASSIC is on Monday, July 28, 2014 at the Montour Heights Country Club. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Join us for golf, cocktails, lunch, dinner, raffles and an auction!

Last year, this event raised more than $106,000 thanks to our generous sponsors and participants! The Golf Classic generates funding necessary to maintain Holy Family Institute’s life-changing programs and services for children and families who are suffering from poverty, abuse, neglect and other debilitating conditions. With your support, we are able to further our mission and provide hope and healing to those who need it most in our community.

Registration and sponsorship spots are still available. You can register online at http://www.hfi-pgh.org/28th-annual-drive-for-hfi-golf-classic/ or by contacting Michelle Zaffary at zaffary.michelle@hfi-pgh.org. We are also seeking items for our silent auction. If you are interested in donating, please contact Michelle.

We are looking forward to another great year on the green!

Honorary Degree

Charles J. Queenan Jr. received his honorary Doctor of Laws degree from St. Vincent College on May 10, 2014. This distinguished honor exemplifies his dedication to business, civic, and community leadership. Chuck is the only partner of K&L Gates to become Chairman Emeritus. His generosity to HFI earned him a Spirit of Family award in 2013. He is a life member of the United Way of Allegheny County. In addition to his honorary degree, Chuck holds his B.A. and M.S. degrees from Dartmouth College and an LL.B. from Harvard Law School.

Fire Safety

On July 23rd, 1984 a fire broke out in a residential building on Holy Family Institute’s campus. The flames burned for over an hour before destroying the entire third and fourth floors causing nearly $3.5 million in damages. The Holy Family community came together in order to rebuild and restore faith to those affected by the blaze. Now, thirty years later, Holy Family Institute has incorporated the lessons learned from the fire into their daily routines. Fire safety is a priority for all on our campus. Monthly fire drills ensure emergency preparedness. From the ashes, a tradition of responsibility and responsiveness was born and guides Holy Family Institute into the future.
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Save the Date!
Courage House Luncheon - November 4, 2014

Join us for the 22nd Annual Arthur J. Rooney, Sr. Courage House Luncheon at the East Club Lounge at Heinz Field.

For more information, please contact Michelle Zaffary at zaffary.michelle@hfi-pgh.org

Le’Veon Bell and Terence Garvin at last year’s event.