Dear Friends,

Dressed in his special plaid button down shirt, Eli patiently awaits our visitor and the new experience which will shape his young life. He will rely on all of his learning and existing skills to navigate through unchartered territory. When I ask him how he feels, he replies “pretty good, did you know that all dinosaurs are extinct—that means dead?” “Interesting I reply,” I am intrigued by his calm approach to the morning and look forward to observing how it will unfold.

This past May one of our preschool students, Eli, achieved a milestone that is a first in the history of Angels’ Place. I would like to share this wonderful story with you confirming that your support of our organization makes a difference in the lives of others.

Eli, with the help of his preschool teacher, wrote his first grant to The Sprout Fund to support a garden at the Swissvale Angels’ Place site. He dictated to his teacher plans to grow vegetables and flowers with his friends along with the supplies needed. One of his goals was to use the vegetables to create dishes and salads to share with his friends at lunch. Through his drawings he was able to design his vision for the project.

Eli captured the interest of Mac Howison, The Sprout Fund Senior Program Officer. Mac scheduled a site visit where Eli took him on the tour of the facility and shared his plans for the garden. We all celebrated when we received word that he was awarded the grant to proceed with the garden. The project was made possible by a Change Machine Grant from The Sprout Fund. The entire process provides evidence that the children in our program are learning the necessary skills to succeed along with daily experiences that are life changing.

If Eli can do this at age 4, imagine what he will continue to offer the world throughout the rest of his life. While he was busy writing grants in our early childhood education program his mother was completing her degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography from CCAC. We are also proud to announce that immediately following graduation this spring she was hired by Shadyside UPMC.

Angels’ Place offers an oasis for our parents and children. We provide an experience that enriches their lives while also supplying a safe and supportive environment in which they can reach their potential. Your donation is not only an investment in the future of each family in our program, but with the people in which they interact and ultimately our entire community.

Please consider donating today using the enclosed envelope. Thank you for your faithful support of Angels’ Place and the children and parents we help. Your compassion enhances their lives tremendously and we appreciate your continued friendship.

Gratefully,

Beth E. Banas
Executive Director
As summer winds down and the three Angels’ Place centers gear up for the start of another exciting school year it’s the season for hellos and goodbyes. Our four child graduates will be leaving us in the next few weeks to start a new chapter as kindergarten students. We feel blessed to have been part of their journey and have the ability to provide each of them with critical care and early-childhood education. The social-emotional and cognitive developmental skills honed during their time at Angels’ Place will help them to thrive throughout their schooling. Our staff is also thrilled to be welcoming 16 new families into the program. We will dedicate ourselves to helping these single parents achieve their educational goals while providing their young children with highly accredited care and education.

SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Angels’ Place staff and clients had the opportunity to cheer on the Pittsburgh Pirates in June as they faced off against the San Francisco Giants. It was the first professional baseball game for many of the children—thanks to Pirates Charities for providing such a wonderful experience.

The children and staff were able to take a field trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium thanks to the generosity of PPG Industries Foundation. We had a wonderful time exploring, visiting with the animals and spending time together as an organization.

All of the children across the three centers have been enjoying spending time outdoors in the sprinklers, water tables and sandboxes. They also have been watering the gardens, playing with recycled boxes. The children had to use their gross motor skills to navigate through the course.

Our staff kicked off the new school year with an August In-bubbles and riding bikes. We had a wonderful time creating a salad for lunch. The children enjoyed listening to the story and doing an activity for the Pre-K children, giving them the opportunity to play the instruments and dance.

We are in the process of receiving electrical upgrades as the older toddler teacher, Danica Halloran to our team, who completed her student teaching with us during the Spring Semester. Danica graduated from Carlow University in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education and joined our team in August as the older toddler teacher.

VOLUNTEERS

- PNC Grow Up Great Volunteers continue to be a crucial support to our program. They’ve helped each center throughout the summer by cleaning to prepare for the upcoming school year.
- Waterfront Target volunteers spent a morning helping the Swissvale children to plant vegetable and flower gardens and stayed for snack. Special thanks for the new school supplies and Finding Dory snacks and party supplies.
- Saints John and Paul volunteers continue to be immensely helpful, particularly by helping to maintain our yards and playgrounds.
- Special thanks to our weekly volunteers: Eileen Gelet, Anne Green, Russ Fry, Natalie Cichoski, Renee Ayers, Joan McKelhenny, Bonnie Banas, Megan Grefenstein, Dolores Casali, Kathy Beckovitch, Debbie Finerty, Patty Kaczmarki, Isabelle Shatlock.

ADDITIONAL GRATITUDE

Thank you to The Sprout Fund for approving a Change Machine grant written by Pre-K student Eli and his teacher Cassie. Mac from The Sprout Fund visited the Swissvale center to help Eli design his dream garden. The children have been anxiously waiting for the opportunity to share their homegrown vegetables during lunch.

Thank you to Nevillwood Women’s Golf Association for sponsoring a charity golf outing benefiting Angels’ Place. The NWGA group invited us to speak about our impact during a delicious lunch. Special thanks to Danielle, a parent from Brookline, who shared her personal story. They collected a mountain of wish list items for our three centers along with a large monetary donation. We are so grateful to them for partnering with us and to all the members of The Club at Nevillewood for their generosity.

Special thanks to the following: volunteers who helped with silent auction and corporate sponsor mailings for the 2016 Halo Dinner; board, volunteers and staff who continue to participate in our Capacity Building project; Many Arms Reach You for their large donation of blankets to all three centers and North American Martyrs Ladies of Charity for a large donation of wish list items.

All of us at Angels’ Place continue to be grateful for all of the drop-off donations of clothes, toys and wish list items. These donations put supplies into our programs so we can continue offering free services to children and families.
HOLIDAY SHOPPING THAT GIVES BACK

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HALO AWARD DINNER

Our annual Halo Award Dinner – celebrating 32 years of serving the community with early education, child care and family support services – will be held at the LeMont Restaurant on Thursday, October 20. The 2016 honoree is Dr. Charles J. Martoni, a long-time Angels’ Place supporter and advocate for early childhood education. KDKA anchor Ken Rice will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

This intimate evening overlooking the downtown Pittsburgh skyline is an ideal networking opportunity with a sophisticated audience of more than 200 individuals committed to community development and philanthropy. Angels’ Place provides the exclusive opportunity to reward clients and employees with a VIP experience and develop new customer prospects.

For more information on obtaining tickets, reserving a table, becoming a sponsor or donating silent auction items, please contact CJ Strauss at (412) 321-4447 or cstrauss@angelsplacepgh.org

PITTSBURGH DAY OF GIVING

Day of Giving – taking place Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – is a one-day online giving event organized by The Pittsburgh Foundation. The goal is to inspire the Greater Pittsburgh community to give together on one day to support the unparalleled work of our local nonprofits.

We ask that you consider lending your voice to the children and single student parents who are given hope and stability through our free programming by directing your contribution to Angels’ Place. On September 21, head over to www.pittsburghgives.org and select Angels’ Place from the drop down menu. Gifts will be accepted between 8:00am and 11:59pm.

Advisory Board Member
Alice Hirsch, Ph.D.

Angels’ Place is excited to have a new member of its Advisory Board, Dr. Alice Hirsch. Dr. Hirsch heard about Angels’ Place from longtime friend and Advisory Board member, Dolores Warwick.

A lifelong Pittsburgher, Dr. Hirsch received her B.S. of Ed. at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, her M. Ed. in Education Administration, at California State University of Pennsylvania and her Ph. D. at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Hirsch also did a three year study of Administration, Planning and Social Policy at Harvard University.

Dr. Hirsch has 36 years of experience working with the public school system here in Pittsburgh, working as an Administrator for the North Allegheny and Mt. Lebanon School Districts. Most recently, Dr. Hirsch is doing some compliance monitoring of public school districts Special Education Programs for the PA Department of Education.

When asked how she thought serving on the Board would benefit Angels’ Place, Dr. Hirsch said, “serving on the Advisory Board will work well with my background in education and what I am most passionate about.” Dr. Hirsch also said, “Angels’ Place is having such an impact on the future of the children and their parents and providing a positive impact on society as a whole.”

Family is very important to Dr. Hirsch. She has three sisters, one brother, eight nieces and nephews and six great nieces and nephews that range in age from one to seven. Her family keeps her very busy with social gatherings.

“Spending time with my great nieces and nephews makes me truly aware of how important the services that Angels’ Place provides and how important early education is,” Dr. Hirsch said.

Welcome aboard, Dr. Hirsch!
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latex gloves
100% juice (single serve boxes or bottles are great)
dried fruit or fruit cups
raisins, cranberries, apricots
healthy snack crackers
Chex cereals, etc.
coffee or tea k-cups
Gerber Graduates Puffs & Yogurt Melts
fruit/veggie baby food
baby rice cereal
baby oatmeal
gluten free snacks
white water-color paper (thick)
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North Side

children’s books
healthy cereal
100% fruit juice
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individual applesauce/fruit cups
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all purpose cleaners
Murdy’s Oil Soap
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Swissvale

All purpose cleaners
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Federal employees can give through the Combined Federal Campaign, for which the Angels’ Place code is #44139. The code for the State Employees’ Combined Appeal is #5000-0017.