Dear Friends,

The past few months went by so quickly, but we managed to ensure that it was packed full of activity. Embarking on our 34th year we are embracing all the change within the organization as we begin our new school year. Our transition to two locations on the North Side and Swissvale went smoothly. We said goodbye to parents who graduated and preschoolers who began the next part of their educational journey.

Summer is also the time we gather our annual statistics for the past year which measure our progress and outcomes. It is an inspiring time to reflect on the work that has been accomplished and the families that we served. My favorite part is collecting our Parent Surveys. We pass these out to our families and they are anonymously completed and returned.

I reviewed the results and comments for this year and I was overcome with joy at the genuine responses. Almost 100% of our clients felt confident that Angels’ Place staff provided their children with a quality curriculum that ensured school readiness. The consensus was: children enjoy coming to school; are happy; are developing new skills every day; and individualized lesson plans encourage the development of cognitive skills and social preparedness. One Mom shared that “My children are really thriving here at Angels’ Place—this is the best decision I’ve made for my twins to be able to interact with other children.”

Parents felt supported and embraced by our family focused atmosphere. They remarked that the “excellent staff is warm, welcoming, approachable and truly care about all of us!” Parents reported feeling like they are part of a family by being included in many different activities at the center. Summing it all up a parent shared that “Everything is great, I just can’t pick one feature—Angels’ Place has been a blessing to my family and me.”

Overall the survey reaffirmed that we are achieving the goals of our mission. Most importantly, our families are surrounded by a safe and loving net of support that promotes family values, community and success.

Summer was about embracing our changes with excitement and enthusiasm. I am proud of our accomplishments and recognize that our success hinges on the support and friendship of so many amazing people like all of you. Our collaborative efforts are offering hope and possibilities to our families. Thank you for your friendship and encouragement. Please continue to offer your heartfelt support and know that our families are succeeding with your help!

Blessings for a beautiful autumn, I hope to see you at our Halo Dinner!

Gratefully,

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Please call Diane Mazza at (412) 531-6667 to select entrees.
SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The children have spent much of their time outdoors involved in sand and water play. Riding bikes is always a popular activity. The children were responsible for helping to water and maintain the vegetable and flower gardens which kept everyone busy, as well as the joy of tasting our homegrown vegetables and herbs. We also enjoyed International Day of Mud and 4th of July celebrations. The children enjoyed lots of outdoor time using the natural environment as their classroom.

- During Annual Cleaning Week, we had the opportunity to clean, organize and freshen all spaces throughout the organization. PNC volunteers were instrumental in painting, packing, cleaning and doing yard work, we are truly grateful for their help at all three locations.

- Everyone, especially the children, appreciated the new look when they returned to kick off the new school year. We welcomed new parents and children for the fall and are excited for the additions to our Angels’ Place family. Our back to school party was a success with all of the children receiving school supplies from a long time friend!

We said goodbye to Pre-K friends who are leaving us to begin a new adventure in kindergarten. Some of the children have been at Angels’ Place since they were babies, everyone will be missed but we wish them well in this new phase of their lives. Special thanks to Adam Winter, our summer substitute, who was such an amazing help throughout the summer. Adam returned to Florida where he teaches elementary school.

Our Brookline families, including teachers Heidi and Renee, transitioned to the North Side center and are embracing the new experience and space. More teachers at the North Side have allowed us to serve additional families. We have excitedly been enrolling at both sites!

Swissvale parents won the “Penny Wars” from the Highmark Walk collecting over $800 in change and received a pizza and ice cream party. Katie a Mother in Swissvale had the highest parent total raised from the Highmark Walk. She received a gift basket which included zoo tickets donated by PPG Industries.

Staff, parents and children had a wonderful time at our party, enjoying a large group activity time, followed by delicious pizza and ice cream. We are so proud of our parents for their fundraising efforts to support our Early Childhood Education and Family Support programs.
CELEBRATIONS AND HAPPENINGS

This summer marked a new beginning for our organization. Officially, on Friday June 30, 2017 we served our families for the last time at our Brookline site. It was a bittersweet celebration focusing on 33 years of amazing work that the Brookline site delivered and the positive impact on the community.

Many families, staff, volunteers, friends and donors have passed through the blue door to witness the life changing work within our walls. Our good friends Angela and Megan supported our team with a beautiful party that allowed everyone to come together in celebration.

All in attendance, heard Mary’s encouraging letter reminding us that change is an instrumental part of life. Mary said, “Truly God’s work has been done there (in Brookline). Now it’s time for a change- not an ending, but a new chapter in our book of life. Look to the future not the past. Change is inevitable...and has to be embraced. Think of the many children and their parents who will be cared for and loved in the years ahead. You’ve all been part of a unique, incredible opportunity to minister to the needs of others. Lives have been and will be changed forever because of your willing loving hearts and hands.” Mary ended with “God bless you abundantly and keep you and your families in the palm of his hand. Be good to yourself.”

Our volunteer Patty Kaczmarski also shared a special poem she wrote in honor of Angels’ Place. Thanks Patty!

Pregnancy
Young girl
All alone and
On her own
Nowhere to turn
Angels’ Place
People who care
Love to share
Safety there

STAFF TRANSITIONS

Over the past few months we said goodbye to a few members of our team and welcomed new members. Program Director- Stephanie Parker, Family Support Specialist- Erin Harvey, and North Side Nutritional Coordinator- Emma Chrestay transitioned to new careers and we wish them well. We welcome new employees: Kim Doughty (Education Director), Catherine Sowell (Nutritional Coordinator) at our North Side center, and Maria Kitay (Family Support Director).
EVERYDAY EXCITEMENT

(Engineering in action.)

(Birthday joy to our volunteer Eileen.)

(Future architects build together.)

(Art and counting collide.)
HALO AWARD DINNER

Our annual Halo Award Dinner will be held at the LeMont Restaurant on Thursday, October 26, 2017. The Grefenstette Family will be honored for their enthusiasm, volunteerism, and support of Angels’ Place, Inc. Anchor and reporter for WPXI, Brittny McGraw, will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies and Invocation will be given by Bishop David Zubik.

Join us in celebrating 33 years of serving the community with early education, child care and family support services. This intimate evening overlooking the downtown Pittsburgh skyline is an ideal networking opportunity. Connect with a sophisticated audience of more than 200 individuals committed to community development and philanthropy.

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

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Support Angels’ Place through United Way’s Contributor Choice program. Designate your contribution to Angels’ Place by using code #1200 North Side or #3977 Swissvale.

Many other businesses encourage giving through America’s Charities (EIN #: 25-1450489).

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.

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**SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT: MARY BHASKAR**

Our good friend Mary Bhaskar was recently recognized by Indivior Inc. The company has a tradition to award outstanding employees who have been chosen by their Leaders to receive the Guiding Principles Award (Care Enough to Coach). The Guiding Principle Awards are given for the following: Focus on Patient Needs, See It, Own It, Make It Happen, Seek the Wisdom of the Team, Care Enough to Coach, People’s Actions Are Well Intended, Honesty & Integrity at all times.

Congratulations to Mary for her achievements on winning this prestigious award and for her kindness in recognizing Angels’ Place as her charity of choice. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors and are grateful for her continued friendship.

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**ENDLESSLY THANKFUL**

We are grateful to new and longtime friends of Angels’ Place for volunteering their time, talents and resources. Volunteers help to ensure that our families have a brighter future!

**Weekly volunteers:** Special thanks to Eileen Gelet, Russ Fry, Joan McElhinny, Bonnie Banas, Kim Lamonde, Kathy Slaby, Kathy Beckovich, Patty Kaczmarski, Val Kenny, Megan Grefenstette, Dolores Casali, Isabelle Shatlock and Mike Kassep.

- Dr. Sharon Carver for guidance in our restructuring.
- The volunteers from Sacred Heart Cathedral Youth Ministry. Traveled all the way from Raleigh, North Carolina to volunteer at the Swissvale center. They were a huge help to our staff in many ways. We are grateful for their hard work moving classroom furniture in our Pre-K and Older Toddler classrooms. Also, a special thanks to Elizabeth Queen for reaching out to Angels’ Place and coordinating the project. We are excited for the new friendship and hope our partnership continues in the future.
- Allison Park Church painted the infant room at the North Side center.
- A longtime friend who supplied our children and teachers with brand new school supplies.
- Sue Sloan and PPG Industries, Inc. for their donation of Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium tickets.
- Greg and Josh Hatfield who have volunteered their time to complete an amazing amount of yardwork for Angels’ Place, as did Jim and Brendan Leck who cut down fallen branches and cleaned debris in the yard from one of our many storms this summer.
- Sharon Hamovitz donated her time to teach “Laugh the Stress Away! Fill your life with Good Hearted Laughter!” to the employees of Angels’ Place, Inc.
- Paul Denillo donated time to fix our air conditioner in Brookline, a huge help in the hot summer heat!
- Katie Kirkpatrick who continues to volunteer time for administrative tasks and Deborah Leigh Allen who helps update our website.
- Target Waterfront, GAP, and PNC Grow Up Great employees continue to be wonderful friends by completing volunteer hours as part of their employee engagement programs.
- Last but not least thanks to our Special Events Committee who are working diligently to make our Halo Dinner a success.

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- Dishwasher detergent
- Small Rubbermaid food storage containers
- Healthy cereal
- 100% fruit juice
- Healthy snacks (pretzels, crackers, raisins, etc.)
- Individual applesauce/fruit cups
- Dixie cups
- Napkins
- Baby wipes
- Colored copier paper
- Post-It Notes
- Pens – blue or black
- Batteries – AA, C, 9-volt
- Children’s toothpaste
- Children’s books
- Trash bags – 13 and 30 gallon size
- Hand soap
- Dishwasher detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Fabric softener
- (Children create and learn everyday!)

Swissvale
- All purpose cleaners
- Toilet cleaner
- 39 gal garbage bags
- Tall kitchen garbage bags
- Paper towels
- Paper napkins
- Child sized serving utensils
- Charlie Chinchilla Food
- White and colored copy paper (letter)
- Postage stamps
- Carefresh soft pet bedding
- Mounting putty
- Mops and brooms
- Scrub brushes
- Pump hand soap
- Toddler sized utensils
- Dixie cups
- Hamster food
- Scotch tape
- Duct tape
- Candelabra light bulbs/regular light bulbs
- Children’s bike helmets
- Fruit snacks
- Cereal
- Sprinkle parmesan cheese
- Salad dressing (not light or reduced fat)

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