Dear Friends,

Hope everyone is enjoying the long-awaited change of warmer weather as visions of summer dance through our heads. In fact, we have many visions throughout and about our lives. As young children we are deciding what to be when we grow up. Grown-ups are deciding on achievement of goals. Plans are made for our life, creating the path of our future.

Our best-laid plans often encounter circumstances that change our intended course. We change houses, roles, looks, interests, careers and values. Some changes are carefully made choices while others take us by surprise and alter our lives forever. In uncertain times change can resemble a storm. Only an anchor of trusting relationships will keep us grounded.

How do we react to change? Each of us will have a different approach depending on whether we are an optimist, pessimist, idealist, or realist. However, our attitude alone does not dictate the flow and direction of change, only whether it will be positive or negative. The support we receive from the people that share our journey can positively impact our life and our perceptions. A strong system allows us to accept change, teaching us to embrace new beginnings.

Support can be tangible, emotional, informational, or financial. Angels’ Place, with the help of our patrons, provides all four varieties enabling our parents and children to build reinforcements that will enrich their lives long after they leave the program. Infants and young children are presented with optimal experiences for brain development and forming relationships. We prepare them for the arduous road ahead with the skills required to succeed. These young individuals will learn to trust their needs will be met and view the world as an “agreeable” place.

At the same time a new generation of young parents is offered educational support, access to resources and information that assists them in setting goals and assembling a foundation for life. Parents are expanding their horizons by continuing to explore opportunities while adapting to the ever-changing landscape.

Yes, change is inevitable, but it need not be devastating. Angels’ Place facilitates a well-functioning social network for both children and parents to evolve and become resilient. Your belief in the power of change and second chances helps our families to develop strategies beneficial for growth. Together, we provide a crucial community service strengthening two generations.

Our program exists because of amazing people like you investing in our organization. Whether you donate time, money, expertise or items, know that your generosity paints a brighter picture, one where we all exist in a better world. In the words of Henry Ford, “Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success.” We appreciate you taking action!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart,

Beth E. Banas
Executive Director

Mission: Angels’ Place, Inc. provides exceptional family support and quality early childhood education to help parents in need and their children become lifelong learners and create a brighter future.

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SUMMER 2019

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The birds are chirping, flowers are blooming and the children are excited to run and play outdoors each day. We celebrated spring and the Month of the Young Child (MOYC). The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) designates April to celebrate and spotlight early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities. Angels’ Place honors and celebrates our young children and all those instrumental in their learning and development.

The theme this year for MOYC was active play and the Swissvale teachers planned a host of activities. The children had parties and made gifts for Volunteer, Teacher and Parent Appreciation Days. Our Intern, Haylee, led parents and children in a Zumba activity. Children also took a trip to the Fire Station. Carnival Day featured fun activities: learning different dances, making a mural, creating spiderwebs, games, facepainting and much more!

At North Side, the Week of the Young Child activities were based on the book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. For Artsy Thursday, the Pre-K friends painted a picture to hang in our dining room, the children made fruit salad with the fruits the caterpillar ate in the story, and honored parents with a breakfast on Family Friday.

Special thanks to ALCOSAN and Mattress Factory for visiting our centers and leading new and exciting learning activities with the children.

During May we celebrated Mental Health Awareness Day-demonstrating that children’s mental health matters. Our teachers completed quarterly developmental assessments and were excited to share results at Parent-Teacher conferences to end the school year.

Literacy is in full bloom! Parents and children continue to enjoy the “Raising a Reader” program, hosted by our volunteer, Mary. The children look forward to having monthly reader, Gene, who comes to read to the children as a part of this program. The warmer weather makes going out to the Storymobile even more exciting for special stories.

Our families continue their participation in the Family Engagement program hosted by Early Head Start, with our parents tracking the activities they do with their children outside of school.

Parents had the opportunity to have one less thing on their list, thanks to Blind and Vision Rehabilitative Services of Pittsburgh for visiting and conducting vision screenings with the children.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We are so excited for all the wonderful things in store for our spring graduates! Five Pre-K graduates are headed off to kindergarten, most of whom have been enrolled at Angels’ Place since they were babies. While we will miss them, we know they are ready to be successful in school and life.

Eight parent graduates proudly completed their education at Clarion University of Pennsylvania, the Community College of Allegheny County, Bidwell Training Center, Perry Traditional Academy, Pittsburgh Career Institute, The Community Kitchen, Fountain of Youth Academy of Cosmetology, and Life’s Work GED Program. Many parent graduates already found jobs in their career fields or are going on to the next level of education.
STEPPING UP OUR GAME!

In May, Angels’ Place families and friends excitedly participated in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community. Families at each center competed in Penny Wars to raise funds towards our goal of $10,000. Ninety one walkers including: Board, staff, families, supporters, and volunteers came out to walk and enjoyed the beautiful day in Pittsburgh. A big thank you to our sponsors, WesBanco Bank and Nickolich Services, along with the teams from PPG and Highmark who helped to make the walk a success!
The parents who enroll with their children at Angels’ Place work hard to accomplish big goals. Check out Elizabeth’s story, who recently graduated from Clarion University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration with a Minor in Marketing.

What brought you to Angels’ Place?
My wonderful case worker Tiffani from the Healthy Start program referred me to Angels’ Place.

Tell us about your experience at Angels’ Place for both you and Liam?
Our Angels’ Place Family has provided a safe place for both of us to learn and grow. For me, parenting classes were important, not alone for their content but to build new friendships. It was nice to bond with other parents who were in the same boat in a healthy and positive way.

Liam has thrived with the curriculum. He learns through exploration at his own pace. He’s encouraged to be independent and also given the opportunity to express his creativity through storytelling, imaginary play, artwork and many other activities.

How has Angels’ Place supported you in achieving your educational goals?
Angels’ Place has been a great resource! Everyone has your back, anything from emotional support during hectic finals week to help with resume writing and providing professional attire for interviews. For me, having a nurturing environment, with an emphasis on education, for my son to go while I was in school was important. Child care expenses aren’t affordable for single parents pursuing higher education even if you are working. The biggest support is having the option to complete service hours in place of a monetary cost. If I didn’t have Angels’ Place for Liam, I couldn’t afford to go to school or work.

Tell us about your goals now that you have graduated.
I just got a promotion at my current job, my goal is to start saving for a down payment on a house! I also plan to increase my deductions for retirement so that I can save up enough to comfortably retire at age 62 and collect my full pension.

What would you like others to know about Angels’ Place?
Education is important to them. That’s why they maintain high standards for the Keystone Stars program and NAEYC. Not only do they care for your child, but they take an interest in your success as well.
VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are extremely grateful for everyone who volunteers their time to Angels’ Place.

Spring cleaning was in full force with the support of volunteer groups from PNC Grow Up Great, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, and Linda Mellinger, who so graciously helped with weeding and gardening, drywall, food storage room, and organizing the center. Thanks to Maria Kitay for purchasing spring flowers that the Pre-K friends planted and are caring for at our North Side center.

Easter was brighter thanks to St. John Capistran Ladies of Charity for providing Easter gifts for the children at both centers and to Xavier a student from Seton LaSalle High School.

Special thanks to Dave Spicuzza from Knepper Press who once again underwrote the printing costs for our Annual Report.

We are continuously grateful for our partnership with the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank who provided a new dishwasher and refrigerator at our Swissvale center.

Our Swissvale center and the whole neighborhood is thankful to Mary Denison, founder of Reading Ready Pittsburgh-Raising a Reader and a weekly volunteer, and her team of volunteers. They created and installed a sidewalk lending library on the Swissvale center’s property for the community to share and the volunteers have been taking care of the library to ensure it is stocked and organized.

Special thanks to our volunteers who serve with us every week: Megan Grefenstette, Bonnie Banas, Mary Denison, Russ Fry, Eileen Gelet, Kim Lamonde, Mary Ann Lyle, Joan McElhinny, Debbie Retenauer and Kathy Slaby.

ADOPT AN ANGEL: #GIVEANANGELWINGS

We invite you to participate in our Adopt an Angel monthly giving program. In becoming a monthly donor you are symbolically empowering our little angels and their parents to reach their full potential. Go to angelsplacepgh.org/donate/other-ways-to-give/ to sign up. Commit today and give an angel wings! Following your first donation, you’ll receive a Welcome Package, monthly acknowledgments and updates. Giving levels include:

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Our monthly giving program, Adopt an Angel, continues to grow! We are so thankful for the following people who have committed to giving our families the resources and education to reach their full potential.

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### HONOR DAD AND SAY HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

Make a gift to Angels Place this year in honor or in memory of your dad. The impact you’ll have on families will last longer than any gift from the store.

You can make a gift at www.angelsplacepgh.org or by mail to: 2615 Norwood Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15214

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SAVING GOODBYE

This spring has brought about a time of transition at Angels’ Place as we said goodbye to three of our valued employees – Kim Doughty, Jen Van Horn and Maria Kitay. All three of these ladies brought so much love and talent to the organization providing years of nurturing care and dedication to the parents and children. While each of them will be greatly missed, we extend our deepest appreciation for the years of devotion they shared with Angels’ Place.

We also said goodbye to our Special Events/Education Intern for the spring, Haylee Saunders. It was a pleasure getting to know Haylee over the past semester and we appreciate the work she did for our organization. We offer congratulations on her graduation from California University of Pennsylvania and best wishes for her future endeavors.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Are you looking to volunteer? Consider Angels’ Place! Our dedicated volunteers are the heart and soul of our mission at Angels’ Place. There are so many opportunities for you to help – in ways that fit your skills, your lifestyle and the time you have to give.

Individual Volunteer Opportunities

Angels’ Place has ample opportunities for you at our Swissvale or North Side Centers or even from the comfort of your home.

- Maintenance, we always need help with simple jobs both inside and outside.
- You can be a mentor and role model for one of our incredible student parents.
- You can help instill a love of learning in the children by volunteering in one of our classrooms.
- You can help organize a fundraising event that’s truly special!
- To learn more go to angelsplacepgh.org/volunteer-application/

Special Events Committee

JOIN US! We need Special Event Committee Volunteers who would provide support and direction for the entire event planning process. Committee Members orchestrate the overall production of events by offering time, creativity, suggestions and advice as needed. For more information please contact Cari Goss Quinn at cquinn@angelsplacepgh.org.

Nutritional Coordinator needed at our Swissvale Center.

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A Special Thank You to De Fer Coffee and Tea for their continued support! Each pound of coffee sold in this featured bag provides $1 of support to Angels’ Place. Check them out at www.defer.coffee or at their Cafe location on Smallman Street.

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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).

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