Dear Friends,

We hope this finds you well and looking forward to the explosion of beautiful colors awaiting us this Autumn. The bright spots will be a wonderful buffer to the trying conditions we are braving with the continuation of the pandemic. The future has never been so unpredictable. We’re doing everything possible to sustain daily programming to ensure children still receive quality education and develop strong relationships. This is quite an endeavor while gazing into faces featuring only eyes and masks, aka the Masked Marvels.

Recently I went to meet our new baby, Jasmine. Standing 6 feet away, I was amazed at her acceptance and ability to be entertained by a Masked Marvel. It occurred to me that children are learning to experience facial expressions in a different way. This little one still smiled and eventually laughed, even with the compromised interaction.

Continuing to observe the infants, I noticed our 5-month-old Paxton was patiently waiting for me, standing at attention while being held by his teacher. His sister was watching from the adjacent classroom and heard me comment on his strength and apparent desire to walk. As we all quietly admired his progress, she said “I am just so proud of him.” I shared, “he is lucky to have such a wonderful big sister, who cares so much!” She responded, “I know, right.” My heart was touched that in our little corner of the world we were safe, and despite the turmoil in the world outside our doors, we were able to have this moment of joy.

Even though times are tough there are reasons to smile. I am reminded of this as I reflect on the dedicated efforts of our staff. Everyone is pitching in to manage additional disinfecting measures and health checks, combined with ensuring the needs of our parents and children are met. Our teachers, even with masks, still offer the children excellent opportunities. They have been spending a great deal of time outside and I am impressed the Masked Marvels still practice the same level of engagement with games like chase—even in the hot weather. We are blessed to have such a loyal and devoted team.

We appreciate the team achieving so many milestones recently. Our Masked Marvels work hard and we admire their fortitude. They demonstrate creative problem solving, resourcefulness and a commitment to helping others. This Crib Notes issue celebrates individual and team success, giving proof to what is possible and inspiring each other in these unique circumstances.

How can you help? You can advocate for us by sharing our mission with a family member or friend. A quick mention on your social media would mean the world to us. These times remind us of how interconnected we are. Thank you for being part of our community. Without you, nothing is possible. The combination of you and our staff ensures Angels’ Place thrives—join the Masked Marvels and make a difference. Blessings for peace, health and happiness.

With deepest gratitude,

Beth E. Banas
Executive Director
Along with playing in the “ocean”, they painted dolphins and hunted for seashells in the sandbox. Animals and transportation are the summer themes at the North Side center as many of the children are interested in these topics. The young toddlers can be heard practicing their animal sounds all throughout the day while the older toddlers have learned all about ramps and roadways on which to drive their cars. Each day, the children are learning many valuable skills that are going to provide them with a strong foundation for learning when they enter kindergarten.

Swissvale center was the big winner and will soon enjoy a pizza and ice cream party to celebrate their success.

As we continue to navigate through the many changes that have occurred over this year, we are so proud of the continued faith our families place in Angels’ Place to provide a safe, loving and nurturing environment for their children. Since reopening in May, we have been serving 75% of our enrolled families and others are returning as we approach the beginning of a new school year. Our families have demonstrated tremendous resilience during these challenging times, and it is our great honor to continue to serve them and provide support as they work towards achieving their goals.

Families at Swissvale continue to enjoy the “Raising a Reader” program, hosted by Mary Denison. Throughout the summer, Raising a Reader was kind enough to provide each of our children with a new book each week. Gene, our volunteer monthly reader, has been hosting story time with the children through facetime and to record and send pre-recorded videos for the children to view! Reading is FUNdamental has so generously provided books for the North Side children to take home and read with a special loved one.
WE COULDN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU-MAKING THE WORLD BRIGHTER

Weekly Volunteers
Our weekly volunteers continue to be a beloved part of the Angels’ Place family and are never far from our hearts: Bonnie Banas, Jessica Dewit, Russ Fry, Eileen Gelet, Megan Grefenstette, Jennifer Guinee, Kim Lamonde, Mary Ann Lyle, Joan McElhinny, Debbie Retenauer and Gene O’Sullivan.

Thank You/Special Acknowledgment
Special thanks to Trying Together and Global Links for supplying Angels’ Place with items that will help to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are all so grateful for the supplies to keep the children, staff, and families safe.

Sprint for providing care kits for the children at both centers and to Esther Mason for making homemade masks for the children.

We are thankful for our friend in the community who provided backpacks filled with school supplies for the children to kick off the start of another school year.

Yolanda Dingess and Art Perkins provided the children at both locations with brand new summer clothing. Several families shared that it came at a great time, because their children were growing out of their summer clothing and they had not been able to go shopping.

John and Jeanne Belcher provided another amazing donation of children’s clothing, bathing suits and shoes to share with the families in our program.

Madonna del Castello/Word of God Parish - Ladies of Charity for their donation of diapers and supplies for the center.

Ken Kretchun for donating beautiful handmade wooden models to create our very own museum display at the Swissvale center.

Special thank you to Daniel, Yoseph and Brendan for sharing their time at the North Side center doing some much-needed gardening and maintenance tasks.

We thank our Special Events Committee for donating their time, talents and efforts to plan for our upcoming Halo Event.

Early Head Start continues to partner with our program and we appreciate the many ways they support our organization. They also continue to help with diapers, equipment in the classrooms, and monetary funding.

We continue to be grateful for all our door donations of clothes, toys and wish list items

We are endlessly thankful for the ongoing support of the community in helping Angels’ Place to continue our mission these past 36 years.

WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Angels’ Place is proud to introduce to you the new Education Director of our North Side center, Adrienne Britt. Our new Education Director comes to us with over 20 years’ experience in serving children and families. Adrienne earned her bachelor’s degree in Instructional Studies from Point Park University. After graduating from college, she went on to earn her Director’s Credential and became a Professional Development Specialist through The Council for Professional Recognition. She continued her education by completing a master’s degree in Early Childhood Education from Carlow University. Currently Adrienne is pursuing her Ed.D at Duquesne University in Educational Leadership.

Adrienne said she is “honored to have the opportunity to partner with Angels’ Place, to support our families throughout their time here at the center, and to collaborate with such a strong, caring team to foster a positive, nurturing, stimulating environment in which all children thrive.”

We are excited to have her join our team and confident that her expertise will be an asset to the organization!

SHOPPING THAT GIVES BACK

AMAZON SMILE allows you to shop for all of your favorite products and Amazon will send a portion of the purchase price to Angels’ Place.

Visit www.smile.amazon.com, search and add Angels’ Place as the benefiting nonprofit and... that’s it! You will only need to do this once as Amazon will save your selected nonprofit! Remember you must see the Amazon smile logo for Angels’ Place to benefit.

(Painting our footprints.)

(Reading to my friend.)

(Happy to be back at school.)
(I added grass and sticks to my mud pie.)

(Adding the most important ingredient, water!)

(Working hard to make mud.)

(Using our spoons to mix everything together.)

(Mixing our dirt for mud pies.)

(More mud please!)

(Having fun digging up the mud)

(GETTING A LITTLE MESSY.)

(I had a great day playing in the mud.)

(I think I enjoy making a mess!)

(GETTING MY TOOLS READY TO SCOOPE THE MUD.)

JUNE 29

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY

World Forum Nature Action Collaborative for Children

LOOK AT MY MUD PIE!
LEMONT RESTAURANT CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

Angels’ Place would like to congratulate LeMont Restaurant on their 60th anniversary. We have enjoyed hosting our events at LeMont for over 15 years. We have always received royal treatment from the staff leading to the success of our dinners and fashion shows.

On June 6, 1960, LeMont, the iconic Pittsburgh restaurant, opened its doors for the first time. Many of our Angels’ Place Halo Award Dinner attendees have had the privilege to experience the breathtaking view of the city from the restaurant while enjoying a fine dining experience. LeMont has also hosted entertaining events for many other Pittsburgh nonprofits.

This year LeMont Restaurant is celebrating their 60th anniversary in business. Current LeMont owners, Anna & Ed Dunlap of Upper St. Clair, purchased the restaurant on June 1, 1999. The Dunlap’s had been regulars at LeMont for 39 years before owning it. They have celebrated many business and family events at the restaurant over the years, including their wedding reception in September 1970. This year, they will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. The Dunlap’s are the parents of four children, nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The Management Team has been serving LeMont customers for decades. Bill Laughlin, Banquet Manager, has worked over 5,000 weddings during his 42-year career at LeMont. Banquet Captain, Tony Frantangelo, has served customers for 38 years. Executive Chef, Robert Vargo, has been working in the kitchen at LeMont for 29 years. Dani Fingers started as a bartender 21 years ago and now serves as the General Manager. The Dunlap’s see the staff as an extension of their family and a crucial part of the LeMont experience.

As part of the 60th anniversary celebrations, LeMont has been transformed with several exciting renovations. The restaurant now boasts updates such as new carpet, draperies, decorative railings, moveable wall partitions and an elevator. The Dunlap’s added new LED lighting outside of the building to showcase the view of LeMont from downtown Pittsburgh. Pittsburghers and visitors at LeMont have been amazed by the view of the city from atop Mt. Washington.

For LeMont’s 60th anniversary, the restaurant is offering a $60 per person Historical Prix Fixe Menu. The five course menu features appetizers, salads, intermezzo, entrees and desserts along with a complimentary glass of wine or champagne to celebrate the anniversary.


HALO AWARD DINNER

A Night In The Clouds!

You are cordially invited to join Angels’ Place at our 2020 Virtual Halo Award fundraiser on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

We have decided to not hold our event in person due to the current circumstances. We hope you can join us for our highly anticipated online silent auction and our first ever virtual evening event!

For more information on becoming a sponsor or donating a silent auction item, please contact Kara Sorenson at 412.271.2229 or ksorenson@angelsplacepgh.org.

HALO VIRTUAL AWARD DINNER

YES! I PLAN TO ATTEND - OCTOBER 22, 2020

* Please reserve ___ individual reservations at $50 per person

* I am unable to attend, but would like to contribute $_____ in support of Angels’ Place. (Please make checks payable to Angels’ Place)

* Visa/MasterCard/AMEX #: ____________________ CV _____ Exp. Date: _____

* Name: _______________________________________

* Street: ______________________________________ City: __________________

* Email: ______________________________________ Phone: __________________

Your response will be appreciated on or before October 16, 2020.

Please call Kara Sorenson at (412) 271-2229 for additional information.

Angels’ Place
Mentoring Two Generations
Awaken Pittsburgh is a leading provider of leadership in mindfulness education for the Pittsburgh region. They offer services that uncover the basic goodness, innate kindness, resilience and dignity in individuals, organizations, and communities. Their programs are rooted in current research and scientific literature. The founder Dr. Stephanie Romero Ed.D founded the nonprofit in Pittsburgh in 2015.

The mission of Awaken Pittsburgh is to promote personal and community well-being through mindfulness programs and compassionate actions. Their vision is to see a Pittsburgh region where people are in touch with their inherent worth and can cultivate the confidence and dignity to create a more just and enlightened world.

Mindful Connections™, the introductory curriculum used at Awaken, is tailor-made to fit the needs of different audiences. These include teachers, students, caring professionals, workplace wellness, and even those in recovery from addiction. A program occurs over several weeks and usually incorporates a one-day retreat. Further training, which teaches participants how to bring practices to those they serve, is also offered. Dr. Romero has worked with many local businesses, schools and nonprofits in the Pittsburgh Community.

Our Executive Director, Beth, participated in the Mindful Connections Program at Awaken Pittsburgh through the generosity of the Staunton Farm Foundation. She was very impressed with the curriculum and program, believing that it would have great value for our staff at Angels’ Place. The training would enhance service delivery for our families and promote the emotional well-being of everyone participating. Families and staff will develop the skills to bring more mindfulness, balance, focus and joy to daily life and the community, a necessity during the turbulent times we are experiencing. Added benefits include the reduction of stress and increased awareness of emotional regulation.

Angels’ Place is hoping to participate in the Mindful Connections program over the next year. We are excited to explore the field of mindfulness and how it can help our staff and clients’ overall wellbeing.

Check out Awaken Pittsburgh at AwakenPittsburgh.org or contact them today to connect with the region’s “go-to” mindfulness resource! info@awakenpittsburgh.org

(Finding seashells in the sand.)

(Splish splash!) (Mowing the lawn.)

(We did it! Look how beautiful the flowers turned out.)
DONATION LIST

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Saint Benedict’s Men’s Club, McMurray

NON-MONETARY
Global Links
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Mr. Don Parker

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:

- **Friend**
  - $10 Monthly

- **Supporter**
  - $25 Monthly

- **Champion**
  - $50 Monthly

- **Advocate**
  - $100 Monthly

- **Guardian**
  - $250 Monthly

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

- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bailey
- Ms. Mary Kathryn Banning
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- Ms. Danielle M. Torsisky
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael R. Washner
- Most Reverend David A. Zubik

(Rocky came to visit our school.)
### North Side
- Washcloths
- Mops and Brooms
- All Purpose Cleaners
- Liquid Dishwasher Soap
- Toilet Cleaner
- Masking Tape
- Outlet Covers
- White Copier Paper (8.5"x11")
- Colored Copier Paper (8.5"x11")
- Greeting Cards – All Occasions
- Post-It Notes
- Crackers
- Pretzels
- Goldfish Crackers
- Cereal Bars
- Granola Bars
- Wheat Thins
- Raisins
- Boxed Cakes and Icings

### Swissvale
- All Purpose Cleaners
- Clorox Wipes
- Toilet Cleaner
- 39 Gallon Trash Bags
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Latex Gloves
- Large Plastic Bibs
- Paper Napkins
- Large Paper Plates
- Dessert Size Paper Plates
- Pump Hand Soap
- Hand Sanitizer
- Liquid Dishwasher Soap
- Mops and Brooms
- Paper Towels
- Sandwich Size Ziploc Storage Bags
- Dixie Cups
- Gallon Ziploc Freezer Bags
- Sharpies-Black
- Crayola Broadline Markers
- Elmer’s Glue
- Scotch Tape
- Masking Tape
- Postage Stamps
- Greeting Cards
- White Copy Paper (Letter)
- Card Stock-Color (Letter)
- Candelabra Light Bulbs
- LED Light Bulbs
- Playground Balls
- Hand Held Can Openers
- Gerber Puffs
- Graham Crackers
- Animal Crackers
- Salad Dressing (Not Light or Reduced Fat)
- Wheat Thins
- Boxed Pudding
- Baby Food
- Boxed Cakes and Icing

### Wish Lists
- Disposable Face Masks
- Bleach
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hand Soap
- Paper Towels
- Paper Napkins
- Facial Tissues
- Dessert Size Paper Plates
- Dixie Cups
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- 30 Gallon Trash Bags
- Ketchup
- Whole Grain Ritz Crackers
- Salt/Pepper
- Canola Oil
- Garlic Salt
- Whole Grain Pretzels
- Gerber Graduates
- Lil’ Snacks
- Triscuits
- Flavored Rice Cakes
- Chicken Broth
- Veggie Straws
- Sprinkle Parmesan Cheese
- Cheez-Its
- English Muffins
- Snap Pea Crisps
- Goldfish Crackers
- Fruit Cereal Bars
- Dried Fruit
- Craisins