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Nurturing Two Generations

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Dear Friends,

Welcoming our 37th year, I find myself questioning how quickly time flies. One minute we are patiently waiting for summer and the next it is over, and we are headed for autumn. Sure, it brings with it the splendor of a colorful season, cooler temperatures and fun holidays but the passage of time always has a hint of melancholy.

Lamenting the end of summer, I was bolstered to open my email and see a message with the subject line "Blessings." Usually, business emails take precedence, but I needed a pick me up and blessings sounded like it could be the perfect tonic. Looking closer I noticed it came from one of our beloved families.

Excitedly opening the email, I was greeted with the statement **"Without Angels' Place, Inc., this picture wouldn't exist. Thank you so much for all the love and support you've shown me and my babies since they were six months old. Thank you for being a shoulder to cry on and a friendly smile that brightens anyone's day. You are truly a blessing!"** Despite tribulations, this parent graduated with honors in both associate degrees and is moving on to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Her twin daughters are both doing well and are all smiles. They will be ready for kindergarten next year.

Imagine my joy when I read this message and my first thought was to broadcast the news. I wanted to share with all of you, the people behind the scenes. Your dedicated support makes dreams a reality for two generations. Take a minute to digest that fact! You are investing not only in the futures of both parents and children but the community as well. Creating the workforce for tomorrow is an important task!

We agree that families are vital to the fabric of our society. Strong families are resilient and can withstand the tribulations that life presents. Recently I was listening to a sermon and was moved by the pastor's interpretation that tribulations are not a test but rather a chance to learn. God in his graciousness has provided all of us the opportunity to discover our gifts. It is our privilege and honor to answer this call to service along with you and our families. Together we are achieving wondrous goals, providing everyone a sense of fulfillment and success.

Everyone needs a support system and at Angels' Place we aspire to be there for people who are searching for reinforcement to achieve their goals. Our families are motivated and determined to succeed, and we are determined to offer useful tools.

We are on this journey together, helping each other to find meaning and purpose. I am thrilled to walk alongside our family of donors, volunteers, staff, parents, children and community partners; what a combination of amazing energy. **We miss you, join us at the Halo Dinner!**

Blessings for a wondrous autumn. Peace, health and happiness be yours.

With Gratitude,

Beth E. Banas
Executive Director

(We are so proud of our graduate parents.)

(Daughters are so proud of mommy.)

FALL 2021

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

We all fondly remember the summers when we were young and how they were filled with friendship and laughter as we played outside with the kids from our neighborhood. Baseball, bike riding and kickball were enjoyed by all, and the days seemed never-ending. The children at Angels' Place are experiencing the same feelings of joy as they have been spending their time playing in the sand and water with their friends during the beautiful days of summer. Most days, the children can be seen running through the sprinklers with smiles on their faces as they cool off in the sun. Other fun outdoor experiences the children have been enjoying are soccer and basketball, creative movement activities, block play and art. In June, everyone celebrated International Mud Day which is always a hit and a time to genuinely enjoy getting dirty. The children at both centers celebrated Independence Day by creating fireworks-themed paintings and having a picnic lunch outside. Our friends at **PNC** have started a Virtual Reading Program and they read stories monthly to each classroom at both centers. At North Side, the children participated in the Angels' Place Olympics. They painted Olympic torches, the Olympic rings and then participated in some fun and exciting outdoor games.

(Welcome to our Car Wash!)

(Caring for our beautiful garden.)

(We love listening to Gene read!)

We are grateful for our continued partnership with **Grow Pittsburgh**. At both centers, they built and prepared the garden beds for planting and provided a variety of tools for the children and staff to tend to the gardens which bloomed and flourished. The children enjoyed tasting their bounty and cooking with the vegetables they so lovingly harvested. We also had the opportunity to enjoy a fall planting session with the Farm to School Coordinator and we were pleased to have a CSA share with 412 Food Rescue. These wonderful opportunities have provided us with fun and engaging ways in which to teach the parents and children about healthy foods and nutrition.

At Swissvale, they had a pizza party for this past year's parent graduates and for winning the Highmark Walk Penny Wars. They were able to hold the party outside and had a great turnout. Everyone was overjoyed to be together once again. Parents and children continue to enjoy the **"Raising a Reader"** program, hosted by Mary Denison. The children received a book each week throughout the summer and had the chance to enter a drawing each week to win Kennywood and Sandcastle tickets. Gene, Swissvale's volunteer reader, continues to visit monthly to read to the children who always look forward to his visit. At North Side, there were lots of parties this summer as we celebrated the graduation of three Pre-K friends who started kindergarten this fall.

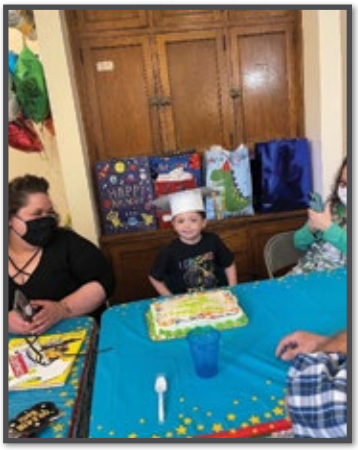
As we entered a new school year, the children received a backpack and back to school supplies from a longtime friend of Angels' Place. The teachers and children

(It's my party and I'll eat what I want to!)

(What beautiful flowers we have.)

(Working hard to make my picture.)

(Working as a team.)



(Happy Birthday and Graduation!)

(Crawling to get around.)

(Row, row, row your boat.)

were excited for the start of a new school year as it abounds with plenty of opportunities for learning. **Attack Theatre** will implement an eight-week creative movement program for the students, parents and staff at both centers. The teachers will also be planning many exciting fall activities that will help the children to learn and develop critical skills that will set them on the path of success.

Monthly staff in-service meetings continue to be a time of development and training with a focus this year on diversity, equity, and inclusion. Teachers are also working to complete trainings to meet their professional goals and the needs of the children.

Throughout the summer, we received many door donations from our good friends and neighbors. Angels' Place was blessed with an abundance of much needed items such as fresh fruits and vegetables, snacks, children's clothing, cleaning supplies, paper products, office supplies, indoor and outdoor materials to support the enhancement of children's developmental skills, story time literacy kits, and many other wish list items. We are beyond grateful for the continued support of the community in helping us to bring our mission to life.

Thank You/Special Acknowledgments

Special thank you to Ellie Grefenstette for helping with special events and volunteering her time with the children at the North Side center. We are grateful to Marty Kelly and Sam for sharing their time making repairs at both sites.

Weekly volunteers- Bonnie Banas, Jess DeWitt, Russ Fry, Eileen Gelet, Kim Lamonde, Mary Ann Lyle, Joan McElhinny, Debbie Retenauer and Gene O'Sullivan.

Thank you to the Crochet Group at Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church for providing the children with beautifully crafted crocheted blankets.

Our children, parents and staff appreciate De Fer Coffee & Tea for bringing coffee, cookies and iced tea to Swissvale to enjoy at our graduation party.

Rita Barlow for graciously throwing the Swissvale children another pizza party from their favorite pizza place! She continues to be a wonderful friend to everyone at Angels' Place.

The children were so excited to receive frisbees from Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation and have had great fun playing with them at school and taking them home to play.

Darla Laughlin and Brendan Leck kindly donated their time to chop, clean up and remove a large broken tree branch in the Swissvale parking lot.

We are grateful for donations from Bill Hardy from the Salvation Army, Jennifer Kelly, Ms.Dolan, Terry Maddox, Sarah Kolar from Starbucks, Hodda El-Iskanderani, Michele Bixler, Cherry Saunders, John and Jeanne Belcher, Kathy Crawford, Andrew Lipson, Rose Evosevic, and Sharon Serratore.

Thank you to Cherry Saunders for providing pizza, watermelon and ice cream for a special lunch for the children and staff at North Side.

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 for the classrooms and outdoors, and monetary funding.

(Maxing and relaxing.)

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HALO AWARD DINNER

Please join us for our annual Halo Award Dinner on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at LeMont Restaurant overlooking our beautiful city.

Angels' Place is proud to honor Kathy and Richard Yost as the 2021 Halo Award recipients. Friends of Angels' Place for over 20 years, their dedication, volunteerism and support has been instrumental in helping Angels' Place to continue to be a pillar in the community.

KDKA's Meghan Schiller will serve as Mistress of Ceremonies.

For more information on becoming a sponsor or donating a silent auction item, please contact Cari Goss Quinn at 412.321.4447 or cquinn@angelsplacepgh.org.

(Congratulations Kathy and Richard Yost!)

HALO AWARD DINNER

YES! I PLAN TO ATTEND - OCTOBER 21, 2021

Please reserve ___ Individual reservations at $90 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:_____

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Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please RSVP on or before October 14, 2021.
Please call Cari Goss Quinn at (412) 321-4447 for additional information.

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STAFF CORNER

We would like to welcome the newest member to our team her name is Cecilia Franchi and she is a part-time teacher at the Swissvale location. She is currently a full-time student at Duquesne University studying Social Work and is excited to join the team in our work with children and parents.

Kara Sorenson, our former Special Events & Marketing Coordinator, has moved forward in pursing her dreams and aspirations. She has left an imprint on each of hearts, her hard work and dedication will never go unnoticed. We already miss her but wish her the very best and can't wait until she visits to reconnect with us.

Darrah Bird is currently our Family Support Director but she will be moving to another state as her family pursues a new opportunity. She was such a great pleasure to have on our team. We truly value and appreciate the work you did for our children and families. Although you both are moving forward to the next level in your lives, we pray that you find what you love and wish you the very best. It's not "Goodbye" but instead "See you later" as the two of you will be forever friends to Angels' Place.

(Welcome to the team Cece.)

(Enjoying the outdoors.)

(Watercolor fun.)

(I can't believe we all fit in the tub.)

(Mud in my fingers and toes.)

(First taste of the mud.)

(Mud bath!)

(Feels cold and squishy between my toes.)

INTERNATIONAL MUD DAY

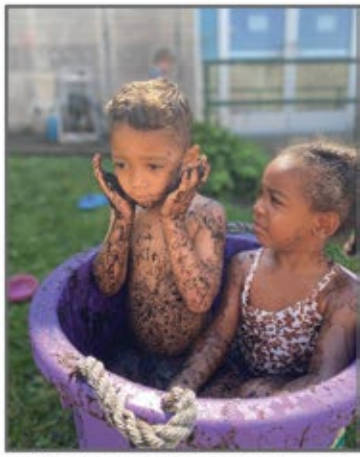
World Forum Nature Action Collaborative for Children

JUNE 29

(What a fun activity.)

(Making mud soup!)

(Let me help you fill your bowl.)



(What is he thinking, not on the face.)

(She loves it, me not so sure.)

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(Say cheese.)

(Look, I found a radish.)

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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	Supporter	Champion	Advocate	Guardian
$10 Monthly	$25 Monthly	$50 Monthly	$100 Monthly	$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.

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Most Reverend David Zubik

STRATEGIC PLAN AND BOARD RETREAT

Time for a new strategic plan which required a meeting of the minds. Our Board of Directors have been working tirelessly to create a viable strategy for the future. With the support of a generous funder and Magnify Your Mission, we have had lively discussions that promoted the development of a solid Strategic Plan. The plan will ensure continual growth of the organization into 2025. The goal is to further diversify our revenue streams, develop succession planning for the Board and staff, and support the enhancement of our programs with appropriate metrics of measurement.

An integral part of completing the Strategic Plan is the annual Board Retreat. This summer, board member Nancy Daller and her husband John kindly offered their beautiful home to serve as a comfortable and inviting venue for the day of the retreat. Our committed group, in combination with consultants Amy Fazio and Nicole Farls, gathered to brainstorm the goals and create a framework for the Strategic Plan. The creativity, energy and ingenuity brought by the group made the day a success. In addition, it was great to see each other in person and spend time together.

(Enjoying each other's company.)

It is with deep appreciation that we recognize our Board of Directors for their hard work, time and dedication. They have diligently labored to lay the foundation so that Angels' Place continues to achieve our mission. We could not do it without you!

(Getting the juices flowing.)

(You make a great point.)

(Hard at work forming ideas.)

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A WORLD OF THANKS

Board service is one of the toughest volunteer roles. Being an expert at doing hard things, Paul Hinnebusch served for 32 years as a dedicated Board Member. With tenacity and judicious stewardship, Paul helped to give sound financial direction to ensure Angels' Place was viable and sustainable.

(Paul and wife, Peggy, enjoying the Halo Dinner.)

While the 2020-2021 fiscal year was his last to serve, and we welcome new Board Members, Paul will be dearly missed. He has given priceless resources and time that have and will continue to impact generations of families.

(Paul makes everyone wanna Shout!)

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- Facial Tissues
- Baby Wipes
- Hand Soap
- Paper Towels
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- Liquid Dishwasher Soap
- LED Light Bulbs
- Large Paper Plates
- Dessert Size Paper Plates
- Paper Napkins
- Latex Gloves
- One Gallon Insulated Water Jug
- Mops and Brooms
- Crayola Broadline Markers
- Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
- Gallon Zip Loc Freezer Bags
- Birthday Candles
- Greeting Cards
- Candelabra Light Bulbs
- Clorox Wipes
- Disposable Children's Masks
- Command Strips and Hooks
- Sticky Tack
- Graham Crackers
- Animal Crackers
- Wheat Thins
- Boxed Cakes and Icing
- Pepper/Salt
- Ketchup
- Whole Grain Ritz Crackers
- Sprinkle Parmesan Cheese
- Craisins
- Goldfish
- Flavored Rice Cakes
- Salad Dressing (Not Light or Reduced Fat)
- Dried Fruits
- Fruit Cereal Bars

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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**.

(Ready for work.)

(Watering our plants to help them grow.)