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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FAMILY - “FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.” - MATTHEW 6:21

Dear Friends,

Snow, family, friends - the blend of these cherished things creates the perfect setting for holiday celebrations. The most blessed family of all inspired us to search out the comfort of being together which is our most basic instinct. Families ground us and offer a connection to our past and the strength to embrace the future.

Recently we celebrated the Hinnebusch Family at our Halo Dinner. It was a beautiful evening filled with good cheer, love and happiness. We were all reminded of the power of a family and that together we can face any challenge. Fifty members of the Hinnebusch clan came together to receive the award for their dedication to Angels’ Place. It was a dream realized to recognize four generations who champion our cause.

The family theme continued with our parent speaker, Hodda. She courageously shared her story and how she persevered to do what was best for her family. Proudly she talked about the accomplishments of her two sons, and how Angels’ Place became her family motivating her toward success. Touched by her kind words she declared that “Angels’ Place helped her to run again when she could no longer stand.” It is a powerful statement and a testament to the strength provided by family. We encourage every parent and child to “let their inner light shine.”

Personally, with so many years invested at Angels’ Place, I have had the honor of forging great relationships with all of you. When we are together, it is like coming home to my Angels’ Place family. There is such a warmth when we connect generating an energy that produces a magical moment. It is gratifying when a group of people devoted to make change happen gather in fellowship. The camaraderie ignites a spark that fills a room with laughter and great conversation. Afterwards, as I reflect on the event I am always overcome with joy and a deep sense of belonging. You all have made the past 38 years a success and truly created brighter futures for thousands of parents and children. We express our deep appreciation for your lasting support and alliance.

The Angels’ Place family continues to surround each other in love and community. Christmas brings family and friends together and helps to highlight the precious gift of life. In the hectic day to day rush we take a great deal for granted. During the holidays we pause and give thanks for all that is near and dear to us. As you revel in this feeling, please consider a gift to end the year and provide a new beginning for families in need.

May the true meaning of the holiday season fill your heart and home with blessings, and the joy of the season light your way forward. On behalf of everyone at Angels’ Place, I thank you for letting your light shine! May God bless you and your family abundantly during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Gratefully,
Beth E. Banas
Executive Director

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WINTER 2022

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

As we reflect upon this year that is quickly coming to a close, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the devotion and love of our friends, and the dedication of our community in helping us to offer the life-changing services that Angels’ Place provides each day. “Gratitude can transform common days into Thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.” These words by William Arthur Ward express our sincere gratitude for the support received that enables us to create the special moments for our families and staff.

Angels’ Place is so proud to be part of a wonderful community of supporters who value the work that we do and promote the importance of high-quality child care and early childhood education. This fall, we had the opportunity to host players from both the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Cameron Heyward visited our North Side center during #camsweekofkindness and spent time with the children and families and presented each child with a special gift. Pirates’ catcher, Jason Delay, pitcher, Dillon Peters, the Pirate Parrot and the mascot and service dog, Bucco, visited our centers. The children heard a special story read by the players, danced with the Pittsburgh Pirate, and received a special Elmo stuffed animal.

Staff, parents, children, and volunteers celebrated International Day of Peace and enjoyed decorating pinwheels to display, demonstrating our commitment as an organization to kindness and peace. The Pre-K classrooms at both centers are participating in a MindfulNest Study through Carnegie Mellon University which will provide our teachers with strategies for strengthening emotional regulation to implement in the classroom.

Children at both centers celebrated Halloween with trick-or-treating, costumes, games and pumpkin exploration and carving. Both centers shared a wonderful meal and fellowship during our Thanksgiving dinners. Thanks to Angela Gaughan and volunteers from Saint Michael the Archangel Parish for preparing and delivering an amazing Thanksgiving feast for our families and staff to enjoy.

Swissvale welcomed families’ “special someone” for their annual Grandparent’s Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner, and the children proudly gave their special guests a tour of the center. Our volunteers also joined in the festivities and together we made many new friends.

The North Side teachers and children celebrated “1-4-3 Day”, which is a special code for I-Love-You, in November in honor of Mister Rogers! They honored the day by wearing cardigan sweaters and expressing kindness and generosity to our neighbors in the community.

Our North Side center celebrated Superhero Day to recognize the teaching staff as real-life superheroes in the lives of the children and families we serve daily. Everyone wore their favorite superhero costumes, participated in a superpower food taste test, enjoyed music and movement, created superhero snacks, and heard the story “Sunni Rae’s World”. The team was presented with a Superhero award and book signed with a personal message by author, Dr. Tammi McMillan. “Sunni Rae” is a children’s book character that encourages young children to have a great day by using their very own unique powers.

Our staff are participating in a training series on Mindfulness hosted by Awaken Pittsburgh and will continue to learn about and practice mindfulness techniques each month thanks to the generosity of Carnegie Mellon University and a grant received from Awaken Pittsburgh.
Thank You/Special Acknowledgments

Thank you to the following for donating to our program:
Faithful churches reached out to support our families for Christmas: Community of the Crucified One; Saint Joseph the Worker - Ladies of Charity; Saint Joseph the Worker; Corpus Christi; Hope Lutheran Church - Forest Hills; Resurrection Parish; Our Lady of Hope Parish - Ladies of Charity; Divine Redeemer Parish; St. Paul Cathedral; Shannon Evans and friends.

Our Special Events Committee helped us to plan the Halo Award Dinner. We are grateful for their time, efforts, and creativity which led to a successful event.

Thanks to Three Rivers Quilters for donating beautifully handcrafted quilts for the children. They help us continue our tradition of every child receiving their own quilt for naptime.

A special thank you to Walt White and his team at PNC for all their hard work in building a new sandbox and doing some much-needed yard work at our North Side center in helping us to prepare for our NAEYC reaccreditation visit.

Raising a Reader continues to be an important part of the programming at Swissvale with strong family engagement and monthly visits from Gene, who reads to the children.

We are very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Belcher for their generous gift of children’s clothing and winter coats, Yolanda Dingess and Art Perkins for their donation of backpacks and school supplies, Evereve for the donation of women’s clothing, and to Hayley Baranowski for her annual donation of Halloween costumes for the children.

Victoria Thurmond from Grow Pittsburgh helped both centers start a fall garden and provided them materials to winterize their gardens.

Early Head Start is a faithful partner to our program. We continue to receive their support with diapers, equipment in the classrooms, and monetary funding.

The support of many faithful friends who supply donations of clothes, toys, snacks, cleaning supplies and a variety of wish list items enables us to provide a variety of services to our families.

Weekly Volunteers

Our weekly volunteers continue to be a beloved part of the Angels’ Place family: Bonnie Banas, Eileen Gelet, Lynda MacMurphy, Joan McElhinny, Gene O’Sullivan and Jane Tolley.

We welcome volunteer groups who are looking for opportunities.

Hodda El-Iskandarani came to Angels’ Place as a student parent in the 2014 with her son, Yaseen. While at Angels’ Place, Hodda was a student at Bidwell Training Center enrolled in the medical coding program. Upon graduating, Hodda began working at Allegheny Health Network as an emergency department medical coder utilizing the skills and knowledge that she gained through her program at Bidwell. This year, we had the privilege of having Hodda speak at our Halo Award Dinner. She shared how Angels’ Place provided her with the help and support that she needed to complete her education.

Hodda has two children, Youssef, who is in 10th grade, and Yaseen, who is now in 5th grade. She recently purchased her own home and adopted a cat who is frisky and loves the attention of his family. She was also promoted and is the emergency department Senior Coder at Allegheny Health Network. Hodda diligently worked to achieve her dreams and Angels’ Place is so proud to have been a part of her journey.

You may see Hodda’s speech from this year’s Halo Award Dinner on our Facebook page at facebook.com/angelsplacepgh.
HALO AWARD DINNER

We were excited for our long awaited 2022 Halo Award Dinner at the beautiful LeMont Restaurant with the theme “Angels’ Place: Your Journey To Success”. The former Vice President of our Board, Paul Hinnebusch, and his family were honored for their dedication to Angels’ Place which has been in place for over 30 years. It all started with Paul and his wife, Peggy, who engrained in their family the importance of “giving back”. Their support of our mission is a generational tradition shared by all family members. Special thanks to our honorary chair couple, Andrew and Darlene Hallam, who are long-time friends of the Hinnebusch Family, and who also offered a touching speech to encapsulate the generosity and compassion of the Hinnebusch Family. Additionally, we would like to offer gratitude to Briana Smith of KDKA-TV who emceed the event and to Father Joseph Freedy who gave a moving invocation to begin the evening.

Special thanks to Hodda, accompanied by her oldest son, Youssef, for speaking at the dinner.

Halo Dinner Photo Credit: Amy Pischke

The Halo Award Dinner was sponsored by PNC Bank, SSB Bank, Federated, Hermes, De Fer Coffee & Tea, and Dollar Financial Service.
(Enjoying the venue.)
(Fancy meeting you here.)
(Girls’ night out.)

(Angels’ Place Team.)
(Our parents join in the celebration.)
(Mary and the girls.)

(Megan enjoys the evening with family and friends.)
(Old friends get together.)
(Way to represent, Brittney.)

(It is great getting together.)
(Over the Mooney to be here!)
(Date night.)

(Pam and Jen are ready for the chance auction.)
(PNC friends.)
(The Foleys meet Board Treasurer, Jess, and her husband, Ted.)
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(Showing my friends love.)
(Sharing a laugh!)
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