

Forever Caring The Loren And Rosalia Preheim Endowed Fund For Children's Programs

The Loren and Rosalia Preheim Endowed Fund for Children's Programs was established this year by the Board of Directors to recognize individuals who have made donations to be used in support of children's programming at the Village. A donation to this fund is a generous way to ensure that Loren's work of improving the quality of life for disadvantaged boys and girls will thrive and succeed over the intermediate and long term. Gifts to this fund will help sustain and expand upon the mission of hope and healing and provide for the complicated needs faced by children and families in our community.

To make a gift to the Preheim Endowed Fund for Children's Programs, simply mail your donation to Presbyterian Children's Village, 452 South Roberts Road, Rosemont, PA 19010. For planned gifts, gifts of stock, or other property, please contact Deborah Robinson at drobinson@pcv.org or 610-519-1657. ■

Many Thanks...

to all of the compassionate and generous members of our community who made gifts to the Presbyterian Children's Village 2006-2007 Annual Fund. Together we will help carry on the tradition of hope and healing for the many troubled youth and fragile families in the greater Philadelphia area.

Every gift to Presbyterian Children's Village plays a crucial role in Presbyterian Children's Village fund raising efforts. Beyond directly supporting PCV programs, they inspire other gifts. Foundations and corporations are more inclined to award grants when there is demonstrated support from a broad base of community members. If you have not given a gift to the 2006-2007 Annual Fund Campaign, please consider making one today. Your gift counts! ■

That's the Ticket!

to the game
the theater
the amusement park
the museum . . .



The Village is always grateful for donations of tickets and membership passes for our youth. We use them to expand the cultural world of our children and families, and as incentives and rewards for our teenage residents in Rosemont.

You can donate any tickets and/or passes by mailing them to Deborah Robinson, Development Associate, Presbyterian Children's Village, 452 South Roberts Road, Rosemont, PA 19010. Make sure to include your name and address so we can thank you for your gift.

If you have any questions, contact Deborah at drobinson@pcv.org or 610-519-1657. ■

LOREN PREHEIM: A Legacy of Caring about the Children

He was an active and well respected member of the Philadelphia Child Welfare Community with a reputation for listening to all points of view on complex issues and synthesizing the diverse points of view into one representative position.

Loren treated everyone with dignity and respect regardless of their position in life. He was a gentleman who treated everyone with the same respect whether they were a board member, another CEO, a staff person or a client. He was a man who enjoyed the beauty in the world, taking particular pleasure from classical music and a budding interest in bird watching.

In the end, what mattered most to Loren was the children. At a moment when Loren could have been resting on his laurels for a job well done, he instead challenged all to work to reduce the gap between the rich and poor and to work harder to advocate for those who have the least in our society. He firmly believed every child deserves a life where he or she is loved, nurtured and protected.

Loren set the bar high and established a standard for leadership that reflects the best of Presbyterian Children's Village for 37 years and motivates us to keep working for a better world. Loren Preheim and his passionate concern for children and families, will serve as an inspiration and guiding light to those of us who continue his work. ■

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For over three decades Loren Preheim provided compassionate and caring leadership to Presbyterian Children's Village. Through calm waters and turbulent times, Loren led a strong and dedicated staff and scores of volunteers with foresight, flexibility, patience and judicious planning. During those years, Loren led the organization from a single service "Home for Children" to a multi-service organization providing a comprehensive continuum of residential treatment, behavioral health, child welfare and prevention services from multiple sites.

Loren was a humble man with a warm engaging personality. There was a distinguished presence about him that was tempered with a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor.

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Darlene Hewett A Call To Service: Stepping Up



On February 5, 2007 following a nationwide search, the Board of Directors of Presbyterian Children's Village unanimously voted to appoint Darlene Hewett as the new President and Chief Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Children's Village. Darlene is hardly a stranger to the Village. She began her career at the village in 1976 and over the last thirty years has served in positions with progressive leadership responsibilities. Most recently, Darlene served as Vice President for Programs.

"We are very please with the selection of Darlene Hewett," noted Search Committee member and Chair of the Board of Directors, Yardly Jenkins. "Presbyterian Children's Village faced the first leadership change in over thirty years. Our committee worked diligently to find the best leader to move one of the most highly regarded children's services organizations into a still stronger position both within the services community and financially. Darlene Hewett emerged as the premier choice amidst a national pool of candidates."

"It is an honor to be selected to lead this organization," said Hewett. "Over the last few years, I have been a part of developing a strong, dedicated Management Team. The circumstances under which I assumed responsibility were extraordinarily sad. But Loren had mentored and prepared us for this transition and the staff and Board are committed to continuing to fulfill our mission." ■

Union League's Good Citizenship Award

The Good Citizenship Award presented by the Union League of Philadelphia has always carried with it a special recognition of good citizenship in youth and the promise of future leadership development both in business and professional endeavors.

This year, Presbyterian Children's Village is proud to announce that SCOH program student, Natalie S, is the recipient of a Good Citizenship Award, and is on her way to becoming an outstanding young leader in her community. Each year, with the help of 53 selected youth agencies, 290 young men and women are named to receive the League's Good Citizenship Award. The youth are chosen without regard to race, color, creed, gender or political background but must have demonstrated marked evidence of good citizenship.

Fifteen years old and in the tenth grade, Natalie attends West Philadelphia High School, and is an honor student achieving A's and B's. Winning this award enables Natalie to apply for the Union League College Scholarship during her senior in high school through The Scholarship Foundation of the Union League of Philadelphia. Always thinking ahead, she is already preparing for college by enrolling in the SAT prep course. Additionally, Natalie is pursuing an internship at Fox chase Cancer Research Institute and is interested in a career in prenatal nursing. Annually, through the financial support of Youth Work, 25 applicants receive grants of \$1,000 which can be renewed each year for a maximum grant of \$4,000.

The Union League's annual Youth Work Day held each May features a morning of presentations and workshops under the direction of the Freedoms Foundation. The afternoon includes special programs at The National Constitution Center. The highlight of the day is the Award Banquet which is attended by many Union League members and special guests. Over the years, The Good Citizenship Award has been presented to nearly 13,000 young people. Many have become leaders in their chosen business or profession and some have become Union League members who help perpetuate this unique outreach program. Join us as we salute Natalie and wish her continued success! ■

News from the Village

Don't forget our United Way number is 1867.

Learning The Gift Of Giving Back Chaplain David Sanchez' Community Volunteers

Understanding how to give back is the first step in understanding a call to service. Working in the community and helping others fosters a Sense of commitment to something larger than oneself. These are valuable life lessons being learned by the residential students in Rosemont.

Chaplain David Sanchez, building on a program started several years ago, saw volunteerism as one way to help the residential students understand their value to their own communities.

This winter, students volunteered in soup kitchens and retirement homes in West Philadelphia. The volunteer program at the Village provides Sanchez with an opportunity to help troubled kids learn trust and team work as essential life skills. The residential students were fortunate to be able to take one or two trips each week to two very different locations, each activity providing new awareness for other's less fortunate.

Two very different experiences enabled Sanchez to attract students with a wide range of interests. Soup kitchen volunteers learned a full complement of food service skills including preparation, assembly, and service and clean up. So many of the Village students come from fractured homes and this was the first opportunity for many of them to participate in preparation and service of a complete meal. Many of the participants shared a satisfaction in being able to achieve a goal which brought happiness to someone else.

Retirement home volunteers experienced giving back in a completely different way, caring for others not always able to do for themselves. Sanchez was struck by the students' tenderness and caring when interacting with the elderly and is optimistic that giving back will open their eyes to the importance of respect and responsibility.

By volunteering, resident students learned to share their time and their lives. They learned in small ways to lead and to follow, to encourage and to console, to prod and to arbitrate. They learned that whatever you do in life, you do it together with others, and that if you work together, you can create a community that brings out the best in each of its members. Volunteerism is viewed as an important way to give back to our community. The Village student volunteers learned that the gift of giving to your community is a very special gift you give yourself. ■

Foster Parenting: Our Children Need You!

Throughout our community, the number of children needing the foster care system continues to grow. When the homes of our children pose a threat to their well being, other homes, that are stable and loving, must become available to them. Sadly, the number of families and individuals willing to become foster families has dropped, leaving many children in care waiting to be placed in foster homes. PCV needs many new foster homes each year to ensure that appropriate homes are available for children facing transition. It is a rewarding experience to watch as children, in a crisis situation and vulnerable to their surroundings, find stability in a temporary foster home. Many are able to achieve the permanency so crucial to their life long success.

Temporary care makes a permanent difference! Find out about foster parenting – call Presbyterian Children's Village at 215-878-2480 and ask for Sue Reitsma. ■

