

Ways to Help All Year Round

While our Christmas festivities emphasize the children, the Village serves many entire families in need all year round—families whose children are in our programs and foster families who help us to care for them.

- If you would like to help with food and household items for the family, please contact us for specific needs—or purchase store gift cards that can be shared with these families. Our families often need such common household items as dishes, flatware, pots and pans, sheets, and towels (new).
- The Village children, youth, and families are always grateful for donations of tickets and membership passes for sports events, cultural attractions, and other entertainment venues. The Village uses these to expand the cultural horizons of our youth, and foster care families treasure these opportunities for special family outings. If donating single-event tickets, quantities of 4 or 6 are appreciated - with as much advance notice as possible. If you're able to purchase a pass for an entire year, this is also a good option for our families. Possibilities include professional and college sporting events, science and children's museums, movies, amusement parks, and more.
- Campbell Soup Company has a great way to help the Village through their bar/UPC code program. Individuals can cut out the bar/UPC codes from labels on Campbell's soup cans that they purchase and turn them into PCV for PCV redemption in Campbell's Gift Merchandise catalogs. If you want to help PCV in a big way and are a coupon clipper, this volunteer activity is for you! Visit the Campbell website at www.campbellsoup.com for an updated list of accepted items.



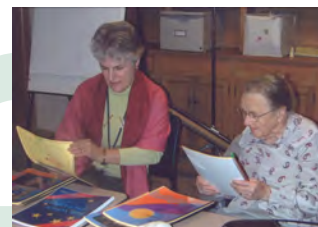
Drop off or mail your labels, tickets, or donation to Presbyterian Children's Village, Attn: Development Office, 452 S. Roberts Rd., Rosemont, PA 19010. For more information, please contact the Development Office at 610.519.1605 or 610.519.1615 or 610.519.1657 ■

Nonagenarian Village Volunteers

Our warm and heartfelt thanks go to Mrs. Kathleen Horsman and Mrs. Catharine Van Horn for the many hours of volunteer help they have provided in supporting Village activities. Kathleen recently cut out over 5000 Campbell Soup bar codes donated from individual and church mission groups and counted them for mailing. All those bar codes have helped PCV with obtaining science microscopes, gym equipment, TVs and VCRs, and are a valued source of supplies and equipment.

Catherine made and donated stuffed bears and toys, knit caps, ornaments, and dresses for PCV children this year at Christmas.

The amazing thing about these two women is that they are both 90 years young! PCV is very grateful for their energy, enthusiasm, and support. ■



Reverend Charles Terry Society member Mrs. Lillian Rankin (right) recently visited the Center and the Rosemont campus to check up on her interests in the Village. She talked with Stephanie Epstein, Director of Community-based Child Welfare and Behavioral Health Programs, about books that are used with children and parents in preparation for adoption. Mrs. Rankin has helped to purchase these materials.

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unsuccessful placements and were looking for a place to call "home." Aunt Jesse says "the children need consistent, no nonsense, supportive caregivers who are willing to love them unconditionally, to let them know that, no matter what they do or have done, they have the right to be kids and to live life to its fullest. What is more important is that we have lived up to our word and the boys are all feeling safe, cared for, and are a real part of this family. We love each child as if he were our own." As Nasheer, age 14, one of the children, said, "I thought I wouldn't be loved, but they (Aunt Jesse and Uncle Mike) love me even more than I thought they could."

The couple comments that they have the "best team," referring to the PCV social workers and therapists who are involved in their children's lives. It is clear that, through the hard work and support of foster parents such as Jesse and Mike, children who have been through extreme challenges in their lives can learn to feel accepted and loved as important family members. PCV is privileged to have parents like Jesse and Mike as an integral part of the Treatment Foster Care Team and considers them real winners! ■

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Presbyterian Children's Village nominated two of its foster care parents for the "Hometown Hero Award" from the Philadelphia 76ers, and the 76ers agreed with our choice! These deserving foster parents, among many with whom the Village works, were publicly recognized on January 21 at a home game.

"Aunt" Jesse Floyd and "Uncle" Mike Gaymon have been foster parents with the Village for two years. Because she herself had been a foster child, Jesse knows what it is like to grow up in the "system." With a special fondness for children who are difficult to place, Jesse and Mike are currently working with the Village as Treatment Foster Parents for four children. The children, 13- and 14- year-old boys, present a number of behavioral challenges at home and school, including trouble with respecting authority figures and histories of fighting, stealing, and lying. The boys have been through several

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R. Marguerite Neely Neely Student Assistance Fund- a 55 Year Legacy

For 55 years, the Student Assistance Scholarship Fund has helped support the educational or vocational pursuits of at-risk children who are current or former participants in one of the many programs provided by Presbyterian Children's Village Services. The fund was established in 1952, when Miss R. Marguerite Neely was the first chairman of the PCV Board of Directors. It was later renamed in her honor and now is known as the R. Marguerite Neely Student Assistance Fund.

Jane Maehl, Vice President for Programs, noted,
"This scholarship program gives the Village an opportunity to further support youth in their educational goals, help them open doors to future working careers, and provide them a support system that, in many cases, their families are unable to provide."

Since June of 2000, 23 different participants have received scholarships totaling almost \$31,000 to 11 colleges and universities in the Philadelphia region. Three scholarships (\$1,000 each) have been awarded in 2007 to students attending Kutztown University, Temple University, and Delaware County Community College. They are using the money for tuition, books, and housing expenses. Their studies include culinary arts, pharmacy technician, marketing communications, and social work.

Candidates must be current or former participants in Presbyterian Children's Village placement services such as residential treatment, community-based child welfare, or services for independent living programs. Colleges or universities students have most recently attended include Delaware County Community College, Community College of Philadelphia, Bucks County Community College, Eastern University, Cheyney University, Temple University, Kutztown University, Wisconsin Wilderness Campus of PBU, Allentown Business School, Art Institute of Philadelphia, and CHI Institute. ■

Rev. Sanchez Commissioned As Chaplain

On Saturday, December 8, 2007 the Presbyterian Children's Village commissioned Reverend David E. Sanchez as permanent chaplain to strengthen its spiritual ministry offered to Village resident children who come from broken homes due to violence, addictions, mental illness, and other social challenges.

Reverend Sanchez, originally from Chicago, became an ordained minister on August 26, 2007 in Chicago. He received his calling while serving as a church custodian for several years at Carter Westminster United Church in Chicago. There church elders recommended that he take pastoral ministry courses to fulfill



Left to right: Darlene Hewett (Village President and CEO), Rev. Warren McNeill (Moderator, Presbytery of Philadelphia), Village Chaplain Rev. David Sanchez, and Ruth Murphy (a member of the Village Church Relations Council and Wayne Presbyterian Church) in the PCV chapel celebrating Rev. Sanchez's commissioning.

God's will for him. He completed his undergraduate studies at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, receiving his B.A degree in Pastoral Studies. While attending Moody, he was the Associate Director at the Urban Youth Ministry in Chicago. Prior to this, he was the Youth Pastor for five years at Carter Westminster United Presbyterian Church in Skokie, Ill.

He left Chicago in 1999 to attend Westminster Theological Seminary in Glenside, PA, where he graduated in 2003. Upon graduation from Westminster, he served for two years as an intern at Olney Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, was chaplain at Abington Memorial Hospital, and then became chaplain of the Village in 2005. His position as Village chaplain is unique as a permanent, full-time position that is available to support the care provided to residents and their families.

Since his chaplaincy at the Village, he has adopted a holistic approach to ministry. It incorporates the spiritual, the physical, and mental with therapeutic care for resident children. He offers them God's hope, truth, and love so they can heal and get help through spiritual guidance. He offers Bible studies, grief counseling, chapel services, and support group meetings (called Value Groups) to meet their spiritual needs.

Rev. Sanchez, his wife Melissa, and their sons, Noe (4 years old) and Emanuel (1-1/2 years old), live in Delaware County. ■

JCAHO Accredits the Village Again!



PCV recently received re-accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). This certification, which customarily lasts for a period of 39 months, is nationally recognized as the "Gold Seal" of approval in healthcare. The accreditation applies to all PCV programs in Rosemont and Philadelphia.

"Our dedication to obtaining and continually maintaining JCAHO accreditation reflects our strong public commitment to delivering the highest quality care that meets and exceeds all national safety guidelines," said Darlene Hewett, CEO & President of Presbyterian Children's Village. She added "the payoff is for the clients we are serving. It is a process in which we are honestly looking at ourselves to make on-going improvements." The Village initially received JCAHO accreditation in 1998 and was re-accredited in 2001 and 2004. JCAHO re-accreditation occurs every three years through a rigorous process to determine compliance with JCAHO standards. Organizations must reapply, participate in a survey and demonstrate compliance with Joint Commission standards. The survey is an unannounced, intensive, interactive process that involves not only documentation review, but involvement of staff at all levels of the organization. Evidence of accreditation standards compliance must be met in client focused and operational functions. PCV's Residential Treatment Program, a focus of the process, serves adolescent boys and girls with serious mental health and behavioral issues.

The Village serves about 10,000 children each year from communities in Berks, Bucks, Chester, Dauphin, Delaware, Monroe, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia, Lancaster, Luzerne, and York counties. The Village's most intense service area is Southwest Philadelphia, where the Preheim Center is located. ■

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Paoli Presbyterian Provides Polish and Pride

Church Relations Council member Barbara Woodcock and her husband John, a member of the Village Advisory Board, brought an industrious crew of volunteers from Paoli Presbyterian to the Rosemont campus on October 20. Their turquoise team shirts brightened the first floor of Robinson Hall as they fanned out to polish furniture, dust sconces and lamp shades, clean windows, dust fireplace fixtures, and clean the beautiful dust-catching grooves and niches of the public areas. The administrative staff members who work at Robinson Hall send a big thank you to these volunteers and the many others who support the work of the Village. ■



2007 Backpacks for Kids Program

PCV extends a warm "Thank You" to the following donors who supported the Backpacks for Kids Program this year: First Presbyterian Church of Ambler, Paoli Presbyterian Church, Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Edna M. Gray, Berean Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Wayne Presbyterian Church, Lockheed Martin Corporation, and Radnor Elementary School. More than 250 backpacks were donated for this great cause! ■

