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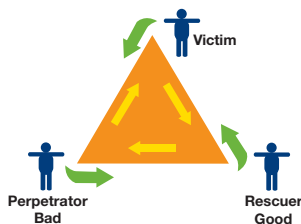
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Sanctuary Training in Action

Some new ideas and methods have infused our programs this past year, engaging staff at all levels in the care and nurturing of our children, particularly in the Residential Treatment program. The Sanctuary Model of Trauma

Re-enactment Triangle



Informed Care is an evidence-based model that we expect will soon become a required certification for residential facilities. The approach was developed by Dr. Sandra Bloom, an

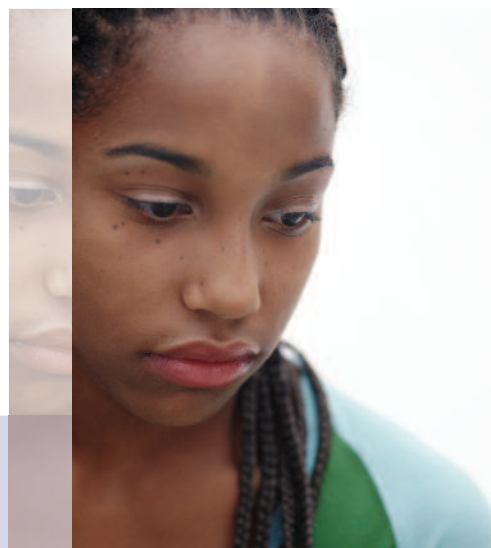
adult psychiatrist, and is rapidly being adopted by many behavioral health environments.

At a recent organization-wide training, we learned about the Re-enactment Triangle. A young person who has been impacted by trauma, such as physical or sexual abuse, may be stalled at the developmental level she/he was at when the trauma occurred. The child's body continues to develop, while emotional intelligence remains frozen in time. A seemingly minor incident can suddenly catapult the child into the re-enactment triangle, in which he/she will assume the role of victim, rescuer, or abuser. Without a thorough grasp of the situation, an adult could unintentionally escalate the event.

As time goes on, we are gratified to observe the positive impact of our Sanctuary training at the Village. According to Amy Brinkley, Director of the Residential Treatment Program, "One Friday morning I had a chance to spend some time with Ms. Josette, an overnight staff person for one of the cottages. We had some time to talk about the Sanctuary training and what she had learned. She shared with me several examples of how she had put the training to work."

Amy continued, "With a particularly

challenging and injured girl, Josette remembered the Re-enactment Triangle as another incident unfolded. She was able to defuse the situation and bring her back into a constructive frame of mind. Her success with Trina has had a continuing positive impact. Josette describes her as much more "workable" these days."



Sanctuary embraces seven commitments of non-violence, open communication, shared governance, social learning, emotional intelligence, social responsibility, and growth and change. Adolescents come to the Village with significant trauma histories and few coping skills. Through the Sanctuary method, the Village is able to teach them the SELF model and use this as a practical approach to helping them understand and move beyond the challenges they face. SELF stands for Safety (physical, psychological, social, moral); Emotional Management (handling feelings without becoming self/other destructive); Loss (feeling grief and dealing with personal losses and preparing for change); and Future (re-establishing the capacity for choice).

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Exploration & Inspiration

Nurturing creativity, inspiring self confidence, learning the art of encouraging a peer, exploring the properties of new materials: residential teens gained all this and more through their recent classes with the Main Line Art Center.

“This has been an extremely positive experience. The art classes have really broadened the horizons of our kids,” commented Darlene Hewett, President and CEO. “Most of them have never been in a gallery, never had the opportunity to take a class like this. We’re also giving them some ideas about constructive ways to occupy their leisure time in the years ahead.”

The Main Line Art Center project, which involved classes both at MLAC and on the Rosemont campus, was made possible by a grant from the Victory Foundation. The Ladies Aid Society has provided funding to continue this program through the 2011 fiscal year, plus the addition of a music therapy program.

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Donors enjoyed a reception at the Main Line Art Center to view student work and hear about their unique experience. (Left to right) Kathleen Thygeson, Maris Ogg, Robert Smith, and William Thygeson.



Students learned about the properties of glass as they created jewelry for themselves and to give as gifts.

New and Improved Rosemont Entrance



The south entrance to the Rosemont campus has a new look, thanks to the landscape design gift of Janet Bly, owner of Signature Gardens, a financial gift from Jane Beatty, and at-cost plantings from Shreiner Tree Care Specialists.

Thank you, all!

EPIC Stakeholders Confront Conflict Issues

EPIC (Equal Partners in Change) is a small but mighty program under PCV leadership in Southwest Philadelphia. The group partners with a number of community organizations to facilitate workshops and programs that address a plethora of concerns for the district. This past year, the Junior Stakeholders facilitated a Peace Circle initiative at Bartram High School to address ongoing tensions in the school. The group grew to an attendance of 80.

EPIC also hosted a two-day workshop with the 9th grade academy at Bartram High School, facilitated by certified child psychologist Umar Abdullah Johnson. Open discussions focused on identifying unhealthy and healthy relationships among teens and adults. In the wake of recent flash mobs, Mayor Nutter called the EPIC stakeholders to the table to discuss solutions, knowing their impact in the community.

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CELEBRATE Southwest Philadelphia!

The weather was perfect, and the crowds came to help us celebrate the southwest community for the 5th time. Young entrepreneurs from the Out of School Time (OST) program quickly sold out of their delightful wares, including brightly painted flowerpots (flowers included). Crowds were patient and cheerful throughout the afternoon as they waited for the moon bounce, beanbag toss, food, face painting, or other popular activities.



Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams (*center*) moved the audience with his poignant remarks on the importance of parents and his reminiscence of growing up in the loving home of his adoptive parents. President/CEO Darlene Hewett (*left*) and Board Chair Chris Campbell (*right*) presented a plaque with the image of our own PCV Mural (*Steps to a Better Life*) for his office.

Kite Flying 101 and Beyond

Village residential teens explored some principles of flight and weather systems in a fun science unit made possible by a grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Philadelphia. After learning about these topics in science class, they tried some hands-on applications. A camera was attached to a large kite and programmed to take pictures every 12 seconds. Students took measurements at ground-level, gauged the angle of the string to the ground, and calculated the height of the camera. The aerial photo of the Rosemont Campus was taken from about 315 feet.

Beyond the science, residents experienced the sheer joy of kite flying. For most of them, this was their first kite experience ever.

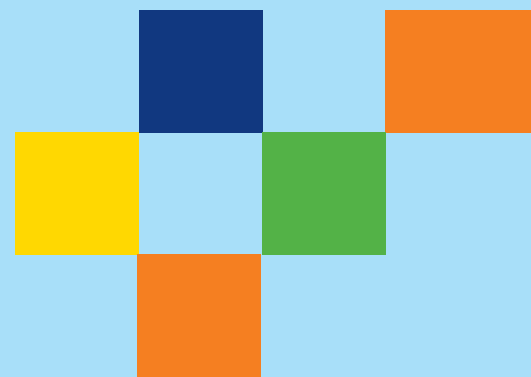


Go to the Village Facebook page to view even more photos <http://www.facebook.com/PCVorg>

Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, It's Off to Work (at the Village) We Go



An energetic crew turned out on April 22 for our first Administrative Assistants Day at the Village. They were exceedingly helpful with shredding, filing, and assembling mementoes for our 50th Rosemont anniversary observance.

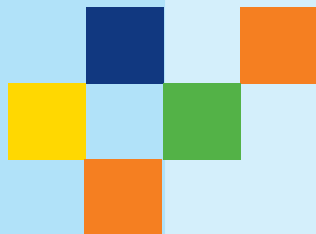


Dining with the Stars

Every month or so, Sally Ferry and her staff from Sage Dining Service host a Chef's Table dinner event for residential clients who have earned the privilege through good behavior. The dinner includes a white tablecloth, proper place settings with real flatware and cloth napkins, a centerpiece, special desserts, and pleasant dinner conversation. On this occasion, participants used their soft drinks to toast the imminent transition of one of their peers to a new home outside the Village.



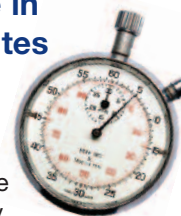
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EVENTS

New: Third Thursday: the Village in Sixty Minutes

Beginning in September, we have designated the third Thursday each month for informational sessions about the Village programs. This is open to everyone who wants to learn more about how we help children and families. Many long-time donors have found these sessions helpful and interesting, filling in a lot of gaps in understanding. For those who have an interest in volunteering, we encourage you to stay 30 minutes longer to get an overview of these opportunities. Questions? Email development@pcv.org or call 610.519.1615.



Third Thursday
8:30—9:30 a.m.

**Sept. 16 / Oct. 21 / Nov. 18 /
Dec. 16 / Jan. 20 / Feb. 17**

New Village Blog

Linked to the Village Facebook page, you will find a new feature: a blog. Our blog contains first-person accounts of uplifting Village stories—from staff, volunteers, donors, friends, and others. It's a timely, personalized account of the little successes that we encounter everyday at the Village. Try it! We think you will like it!

<http://www.facebook.com/PCVorg>

Emphasizing the

We'd rather be green. Much of our information—news and invitations—is being sent in email format these days. If we don't have your email address, please forward it to development@pcv.org so we can continue to keep in touch.

September 26: Radnor Historical Society Teams Up with the Village for Special Program



Robinson Hall is now a little over 100 years old, and Presbyterian Children's Village has occupied the property for 50 years. Who designed Robinson Hall? Why does it have a concrete roof? Why did Samuel Robinson, a former president of ACME Markets,

give his estate to Presbyterian Children's Village—and what happened to the rest of the property? Where are the secret passageways and hidden doors? Find out all of this and more on September 26 as the Radnor Historical Society comes to the Village with architectural historian James Garrison. In addition to reveling in the architectural delights of the property, we will walk down memory lane with old photos and vignettes. There is no charge for the event, but please RSVP to 610.519.1657 or rsvp@pcv.org.

Also, we are assembling a time capsule, so please bring contemporary memorabilia that you would like to contribute to this project!

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Gift Registries

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The Village is now registered with Target and Bed Bath & Beyond for house wares (kitchen, bed, and bath) needed for our Semi-Independent Living Apartments and some of our needy families in the community-based programs.

More Wishes

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Baby Supplies

new cribs, disposable diapers, Pack N Play

Back-to-School Supplies

Wide Ruled Lined Composition Paper – 60 packs

Student Notebooks (not spiral) – 180

Folders (2 pocket) – 180

Pencils – 180

Construction Paper – 60 Packs

Glue Sticks – 50

Wrapping Paper

not just for Christmas

Donations (any size)

to help out with field trips and enrichment activities at both sites—Rosemont and Southwest Philadelphia
(www.pcv.org; Donate Now)

Gift Card

for Shop-Rite, Target, and similar stores always welcome. \$25 units most useful!

Labor and Equipment

to re-establish baseball field

Lights! Camera! Action!

If you have email, be sure to watch for a video series this fall featuring interviews with kids, staff, donors, volunteers, and foster parents. We hope you will find it entertaining and informative.

Schedule a presentation about the Village with your club, committee, neighbors, congregation, colleagues, or other interested group. We'll bring the new video as part of the presentation.



Call 610.519.1615