



Crib Notes

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Dear Friends of Angels Place,

Helping... creating strong families... stabilizing communities... providing an opportunity for quality education for student parents and their children. You gave these gifts. Once again you astound me with your generosity, contributing to the success of our organization and helping our new near start on a positive note for over three decades. As you support us, we support families.

Five year old Aeron provided testimony to the impact of Angels' Place. Recently transitioning into kindergarten, she and her mother returned to celebrate with us at our Christmas dinner. Enjoying our potluck feast, I asked her about kindergarten. She enthusiastically told me about her ability to read the Smart Board messages and her new math skills which included addition and counting to 100.

Impressed with her story, I reminded her of when she was a toddler and how much she has grown and learned. She reported that it was all because she had attended Angels' Place. When I laughed she became very serious and said "It's fact, I'm smart because I went to this school, my teacher Cassie taught me everything." Squealing with excitement upon the arrival of her other recently graduated friends, I proudly listened to them compare notes about their newly acquired academic skills and experiences. This close bond is one that will never diminish between them or with the staff and volunteers at Angels' Place.

I enjoy being reminded of the impact of our program and never tire of hearing each personal story. We are helping fulfill educational goals and strengthen families, while forging strong, lasting relationships. After my 26 years I can say this is what makes Angels' Place unique, along with providing services at no cost to the student families.

We closed 2015 with an outpouring of kindness, I remain humbly in awe of your support. Raising the funds for our program is tough, however we are blessed with a legion of friends both old and new who rally to provide monetary, nonmonetary and in-kind donations. This newsletter is dedicated to you! Hats off to all of you for your continued belief in the potential of our families and the work we do, demonstrating your commitment to transforming the Pittsburgh community.

Thank you for sharing our journey and for the instrumental role you play in our vibrant future. Our accomplishments are a direct result of your constant attention and enthusiasm. Blessings for a peaceful 2016 filled with good health and happiness.

Gratefully,

Beth E. Banas
Executive Director



Aeron and Jessica

Yes! I plan to attend the Purses for Change Event – April 23, 2016

Please reserve _____ Individual reservations \$45 per person
_____ Young Professional Discounted rate \$35 per person
_____ Table reservation at \$350 for 8 people

Please call Diane at (412) 531-6667 to select entree.

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 #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Street: _____

City: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ Email: _____

Please attach any special seating instructions.

Special dietary needs, if applicable: _____

Your response will be appreciated on or **before April 15.**

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This issue of Crib Notes is dedicated to recognizing the friends who kindly donated to support our three centers in 2015. This installment is our way of proclaiming our sincere and heartfelt appreciation to the generous people who make Angels' Place a reality. It means a great deal to us that you help our children and their student parents complete their education and achieve their life's goals. Each gift you share throughout the year is a message of encouragement to the families enrolled, and we hope you feel blessed by the impact of your contribution.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT – MEGAN GREFENSTETTE

Volunteers are, and have always been, a key factor in the success of Angels' Place and the services we provide. This is certainly true about one of Angels' Place's newer volunteers, Megan Grefenstette.

Megan has been volunteering at Angels' Place for a little over a year and a half. Megan was helping her son Ben and some of his Seton La Salle High School friends unload a food truck delivery one day at the Brookline Center. "I was quickly drawn to the people and the program's mission and I wanted to become more involved," Megan said.

On a regular basis, Megan has been helping to cook lunches, play with the children, clean or organize anything that needs a helping hand. She also has assisted with the Angels' Place Halo Award Dinner by being a very active member of the Special Events Committee and with party planning at the Brookline Center.

When asked what she liked best about Angels' Place, Megan said, "without a doubt the staff and the children. Everyone is so dedicated, welcoming, warm and appreciative. It is always a pleasure to be there."

Megan is blessed with a wonderful husband, Ed, and three amazing children, Jake (22), Ben (18) and Ellie (16), who also love and are very supportive of the Angels' Place mission.

Aside from volunteering at Angels' Place, some of Megan's hobbies are: tennis, walking, organizing, helping with her daughter's sports team, helping out at Seton LaSalle High School and decorating.

Megan feels that Angels' Place Founder Mary Winter's vision inspired her from the first day she volunteered. She hopes that her contributions advance that mission in some small way which makes her volunteering a true honor and delight. Because of this mission, and the relationship with the people involved with Angels' Place, this is clearly an instance that she feels that she receives back more than she gives. The teachers and staff are an inspiration to her each day that she is there.



Megan and Santa

PURSES FOR CHANGE

SAVE THE DATE!

Angels' Place will be holding Purses for Change -- a Luncheon, Designer Purse Raffle, and Fashion Show featuring the latest spring line from ANTHROPOLOGIE -- on Saturday, April 23 starting at 11am at the Edgewood Country Club. For \$45.00, guests receive a complimentary entry into the Designer Purse Raffle, with the opportunity to purchase more during the event, as well as a catered lunch and entertainment. All proceeds raised directly benefit the children and single parents educated and cared for by Angels' Place.



Friends Elliot and Aiden singing Jingle Bells together while waiting for Santa at the Brookdale Senior Living Center



Swissvale friend Lily in the Gross Motor Room



December was so warm, we stopped at the Salvation Army Playground on our way to seeing Santa at Brookdale. Miss Heidi with siblings Lily and Louay.



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Aedren and Payson Sledding

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 May 14 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community
 August 24 Angels' Place Happy Hour at Franktuary
 October 20 Halo Award Dinner



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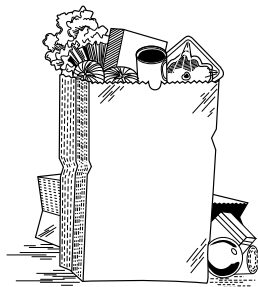
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 saltines
 sprinkle parmesan cheese

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 paper towels
 Calcium Chloride Ice Melt
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 correction fluid
 griddle
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 cake mixes
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