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Art Works: Hope in Action, May 4, 2017 with Honorary Chair Joyce Evans, FOX 29

Art Works, theVillage's annual cocktail reception and benefit, will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2017 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Merion Cricket Club. Joyce Evans, award-winning journalist and reporter at FOX 29 News, will be our honorary chair. Joyce interviewed Residential Treatment Program residents and creative arts therapist Jill Turanski for a special segment that aired on FOX 29, which will be shown during the event. Ms. Evans will speak to her experiences at theVillage and why she feels our work is so important.

To date, Art Works has raised nearly \$760,000 for theVillage, providing integral support for our mission of helping children and families overcome life's challenges to achieve a brighter future. This annual fundraiser has powered high-impact initiatives such as:

- A dedicated creative arts therapy staff, as well as necessary supplies for the arts therapy program **(565 Lives Changed)**

- Partnerships with Art-Reach and the Main Line Art Center to provide year-round, transformational opportunities for school-age children in Rosemont and in Southwest Philadelphia **(990 Lives Changed)**

- Mini-grants to support new and existing programs **(2,468 Families Helped)**

We are so pleased to be presenting our Healing Spirits Award to long-time supporters Yardly and Scott Jenkins. We are also proud to recognize Andy Nehrbus and the Nehrbus Group of Janney Montgomery Scott as this year's Corporate Dream Builder Honoree.

We hope you will join us for this special evening. You may purchase tickets and sponsorships, as well as register in advance to preview and participate in the silent auction at bit.ly/ArtWorks2017. You may still participate in the silent auction even if you are unable to attend Art Works.

Top five ways you can help

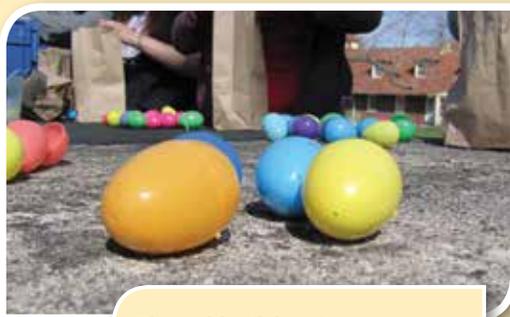
- 1 Make a cash gift, which helps us provide support where it is most needed.
- 2 Stay tuned for more details about our annual back-to-school backpack and school supply collection in August.
- 3 Purchase and donate items from theVillage Amazon Wish List (bit.ly/theVillageWishList).
- 4 Sponsor an event, workplace giving initiative, corporate matching gifts or EITC grants.
- 5 A gift from your will or estate supports theVillage well into the future providing you and your family with tax benefits.

For more information, contact Jory Barrad at (610) 519-1605 or jbarrad@village1877.org.

A Message from Chaplain Eric Confer Martens

This year as we celebrate Easter, my family is blessed to find four Easter baskets in our house. Our youngest son, Timothy David Confer Martens, was born on February 21. During the months leading up to having a second child, I noticed a subtle difference in our thoughts. During the first pregnancy, there was an overwhelming sense of excitement and optimism. This time, there was still a lot of excitement, but also a little more anxious anticipation. We knew a bit more of what we were getting into — we thought about the sleepless nights and managing a toddler and an infant. Our toddler tended to focus on other things. He said, “When Timothy comes, he will play with me and will ride the tractor with me.” To see our oldest looking forward with hope and optimism was encouraging, and as we looked towards the coming challenges, hope reassured us. Even now, this helps as he deals with the disappointment that Timothy did not emerge from the womb as his ideal playmate. In celebrating Easter, we are reminded of hope, a hope that celebrates, reminds and reassures. We carry this hope with us moving forward through everyday life, with its mixture of challenges and blessings.

Eric Confer Martens



The residential treatment program's Easter Egg Hunt, 2016

Using Positivity Helps Girls Succeed



Staff member Georgia Beli presents awards to girls for theVillage school

We encourage girls in our residential programs to take an active role in their treatment and to look at their lives differently by focusing on positivity. Little successes are rewarded in equal measure with larger ones; no good deed goes unrewarded. Girls are encouraged to present themselves properly, with good manners and good hygiene, both publicly and privately. When we witness a girl making small positive steps in personal behavior, social interactions, academic achievement or other daily goals, she is rewarded with a STAR Buck. The STAR Bucks store allows girls to “purchase” items for themselves and as gifts for others.

In addition, staff members from all areas of the Residential Treatment Program present awards to the girls at a monthly assembly. These awards include recognition for the cleanest cottage, the cleanest room within each cottage, meeting educational goals, as well as The Cottage Star, whereby we recognize one girl from each cottage who has made the most progress on her goals during therapy. Another honor, The Sanctuary Award, is peer-nominated and is presented to the girl who best exemplifies the tenets of Sanctuary. Staff and students also recognize girls who are finishing treatment and will

be discharged soon with a warm round of applause.

A representative from each cottage also participates in a weekly meeting to discuss theVillage events, such as assemblies and socials, and to disperse information throughout the campus. This resident council lends the residents a positive, unified voice, and allows them to take ownership in their experience of the program.

To further encourage positivity and create an inviting environment, cottage staff members work with the girls to decorate the common areas with seasonal art. Decorations have included holiday themes, Cottage Safety Plans (a list of activities the girls can choose from when feeling overwhelmed), Olaf and Elsa from Frozen suggesting, “Don’t let your motivation become frozen”, and tips for creating their “paths to success.”

In theVillage residential programs, all of our girls have many opportunities to succeed!



St. Patrick's Day wishes from Thomas Cottage

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Helping children and families
create a brighter future.



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Don't forget to "like" us and "share" our stories on Facebook, Twitter & Google+

Ways to Give

There are many ways to support theVillage. For more information, visit: <http://village1877.org/give-help>

United Way

Designate your United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey gift to theVillage with our agency number #1867

Join The Team — Fulfilling Careers at theVillage

Do you know anyone that might want to join our team? More information about careers at theVillage can be found at: <http://village1877.org/careers>

Join us for Art Works – Hope in Action

Thursday, May 4, 2017, 6:00-9:00 pm

Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, PA

Tickets and sponsorships are available online at bit.ly/ArtWorks2017, or by contacting **Greg Smith (610) 520-1417** or **Jory Barrad (610) 519-1605**.



Participate in Faith in Action Saturday

Saturday, May 20, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

A Southwest Philadelphia Community Resource and Health Fair

Sign up for a two-hour shift to host theVillage craft table. For more information, contact **Liz Fiola (610) 519-1657**.