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Ashley: A Story of Success

"Ashley" came to theVillage's Outpatient Behavioral Therapy program when she was 19 years old. She was struggling academically; her speech was slow and unsteady. Ashley was severely depressed, withdrawn and weighed only 97 pounds. She had been depressed since the death of her father five years earlier. Medication had previously provided some relief but it was no longer helping. The depression left her struggling to complete high school. She had no appetite, was not sleeping well and had no friends.

Ashley was lonely, afraid, and unable to talk about her life without becoming distraught. Through extensive, trauma-focused therapy, our therapist was able to encourage both Ashley and her mother to talk about what happened. The therapist learned that Ashley's father had committed suicide. Ongoing therapy, which allowed Ashley to work at her own pace, helped Ashley to process the loss

of her father and the depression she was experiencing. Her tearfulness began to subside; she expressed feelings of "being relieved" and she started to smile again. At the completion of her therapy, Ashley reported "feeling proud" of herself that she was able to confront her story and find healing. And she had gained back 15 pounds and looked much healthier! Her therapist reported that this was the most powerful therapeutic moment of her career.

"Ashley" Today: Ashley is now 21 years old and is currently studying in the Job Corps while working towards earning her high school diploma. She is making friends and feels more confident knowing that she has acquired the skills to manage stress in a healthy manner. We are so proud of Ashley and of all of the nurturing and caring staff here at theVillage that help make these stories of healing and success a reality! •

Top five ways you can help

- 1 Your gift of cash helps where it is most needed for our children and families.
- 2 Make Christmas special for one of our children or families.
- 3 Share your time and talents with the children and families served by theVillage.
- 4 Sponsor an event, corporate matching gifts, or gifts of goods and services.
- 5 Stretch your donation dollars by making your online purchases through Smile. Amazon.com or GoodShop.com. You shop for what you need. TheVillage receives a donation from the merchant.

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TheVillage team at Southwest Pride Day

Letter from the CEO

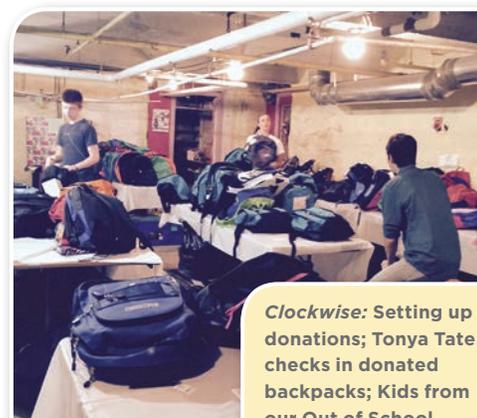
HAPPY FALL! It's hard to believe that summer has passed and that fall is upon us. I want to share with you some exciting updates from theVillage. We remain focused on our strategic plan and a renewed commitment to serving children and families in our region, particularly in Southwest Philadelphia. In Southwest, we are initiating an important new effort called the Southwest Children's Collaborative. The goal of this effort is to bring together service providers, legislators, residents and stakeholders in Southwest Philadelphia to collectively leverage more resources for this community. The goal is simple, "One day, every child in Southwest Philadelphia will grow up in a safe, supportive and nurturing environment with access to resources to become a healthy, self-reliant adult." This is a given in our suburban communities and should be the same for the children and families in Southwest Philadelphia. On a similar note, on Saturday, September 12th we hosted a table at the 12th Police District Southwest Pride Day to provide community members with information about our services. Staff from our Outpatient Program were there to provide free mental health screenings. This was part of a city wide effort to make mental health services more accessible to underserved communities. Our table was one of the most popular at the event, a reflection of how important the services are to this community! We care deeply about the residents of this community and this was just one way we show our pride in Southwest Philadelphia.

Darlene Hewett

Darlene Hewett, President and CEO

2015 Back-to-School Backpack Project

Every year the children and teens served by theVillage start school with smiles and a new backpack full of school supplies thanks to the generosity of our donors. This year a group of students from Haverford High School sorted and bagged nearly 600 backpacks to be distributed to theVillage's programs. Staff members then delivered them personally to each child and family. Thank you to all who helped our children start the new school year geared-up for success!



Clockwise: Setting up donations; Tonya Tate checks in donated backpacks; Kids from our Out of School Time Program with their new backpacks



Christmas at theVillage

Make the holidays happy for a child, children or a family this season!

Last December, 8 year-old Damon received a shiny new bike thanks to a generous donor. This special gift has made a lasting impact on him. He still talks excitedly about his bike every time his case manager visits. Damon lives with his aunt and uncle; the whereabouts of his parents is unknown. He is a quiet thoughtful boy who is slowly coming out of his shell with the help of his uncle and his therapist at theVillage.

For children removed from their home and families that are struggling to make ends meet, Christmas can be lonely and stressful. You can help make their holidays joyful. Please see our website for ways you can brighten the holidays for our kids.



Damon's bike — thanks to a generous donor



Clockwise: Tom Hiscott and Melissa Englund admire works of art; Healing Spirits Honoree Jane Beatty; Co-chairs Debbie Shively and Pat Latimer



Art Works 5 a Big Success!

Art Works 5, the 5th anniversary of our annual fundraising event was a resounding success generating a 100 percent increase in private dollars raised over the prior year. Thanks to the many supporters, guests and sponsors we are now able to expand our innovative therapies for the children and youth in our programs including the addition of a Dance & Movement Therapist, a digital photography lab, and many other enhancements in our Southwest Philadelphia community-based programs. This year we also established a new “Fun Fund” through donor support at Art Works. The “Fun Fund” pays for fun and educational trips that kids and families in our Southwest community programs can

experience together. These are experiences that would not otherwise be possible for most of these families. Long-time volunteer and supporter Jane Beatty was honored with our Healing Spirits Award. One of our residential clients, who was mentored by Jane, participated in presenting the prestigious award to Jane. Guests enjoyed over 100 works of art created by kids in our art therapy program. Thanks also to our co-chairs Debbie Shively and Pat Latimer, to John and Leigh Middleton for hosting the Patron’s Reception, our “auctioneer extraordinaire,” Scott Jenkins, our board members, and to all of the supporters and staff that made Art Works 5 such an amazing event. Stay tuned for more details about Art Works 2016 coming soon!

Faith in Action Council May and September Events: Sprucing up the Community

A big thanks to all our supporters who have put their faith in action by attending our two most recent Faith In Action Saturdays.

Last May, our Faith in Action Saturday Sweep-up and Green-up Event was a big success for the Southwest Philadelphia Community along Chester Ave adjacent to our Preheim Center. Raised beds were planted with beautiful flowers and Chester Ave was cleaned from 65th to 67th street, including The Catharine Elementary School. Members of Wayne Presbyterian Church, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Valley Forge

Presbyterian Church, Chambers Memorial and Ridley Park Presbyterian Church, as well as residents from the community, clients and staff from theVillage all joined together to help.

In September, the action shifted to our Rosemont Campus. Our Faith in Action Council was joined by graduate students from Villanova University and students from the Marple-Newtown High School National Honor Society for a day of cleaning up around the campus, planting on the farm which translated into share of produce for our Southwest Philadelphia families, clerical support, and Box Tops and Labels for Education processing.



Volunteers putting their Faith in Action at the Preheim Center and the Rosemont Campus



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Sign up for our It Takes theVillage Cross Country 5k fun run!

TheVillage will host its first cross country 5K Run, 1 Mile Fun Walk-Run, and a Kids 100-Yard Dash on Sunday, November 1st from 10 AM to 1 PM. The event will be held on our Rosemont campus at 452 S. Roberts Rd, Rosemont, PA 19010.

Registration:

\$50 — Family (2 adults, 3 kids)

\$25 — Adult

\$10 — kids 13-18

Children 12 and under are free!

Come learn more about theVillage and the
vital services that we provide to children
and families!

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