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Connor is a Superhero - Outpatient Behavioral Health Helps Kids

Connor, 7-years-old, was referred to theVillage's Outpatient Behavioral Health Program by his school while he was in the second grade. He was walking out of the classroom without permission daily and engaging in other inappropriate behaviors. Connor had been suspended three times, which is unprecedented for a second grader. Things had become so bad that his mother had to attend school with him. His father has not been involved in Connor's life for quite some time.

Once in therapy at theVillage, he was diagnosed with ADHD. Diana, his therapist at theVillage, used a solution-focused approach with Connor in therapy, gently leading him through questions helping him to learn how to behave more appropriately.

Today, Connor is in the maintenance phase of this therapy. His therapist

focuses on coping skills and appropriate behaviors. His mom no longer needs to join him at school and there have been no recent suspensions or calls home about problems with his behavior. To support his behavioral goals and to help Connor regain self-confidence, he and his therapist created his own superhero persona. Through this, Connor has learned that he has the "power" to control his behaviors. Connor now believes that he can do this on his own. He has also changed his peer group and plays with children who are more positive. Although the diagnosis of ADHD still stands, his coping skills and confidence allow him to forgo medication.

When asked what he would tell another child in his situation, Connor told his therapist "theVillage is a safe place to have problems."

Top five ways you can help

- 1 Annual Back-to-School Backpack Project: Help children go back-to-school with confidence. Due date is August 15, 2016.
- 2 Christmas at theVillage: Adopt children or families to make their holidays bright!
- 3 Confirmation/Mitzvah Projects are great ways for teens to help less fortunate kids and families
- 4 Your gift of cash helps where it is most needed for our children and families.
- 5 Sponsor an event, workplace giving, corporate matching gifts or EITC grants.

For more information, contact Jory Barrad at jbarrad@village1877.org or 610.519.1605.



theVillage Helps Strengthen Families

By Danaya Lewis, Family Empowerment Services Supervisor

TheVillage's Family Empowerment Services (FES) Program is a voluntary prevention and family support program designed to enhance parents' and guardians' ability to provide for their children's well-being. TheVillage's case managers collaborate closely with families, conduct thorough strength and needs assessments, and identify and implement problem-solving interventions. Over a 90-day period, our case managers coordinate, monitor and advocate for services that meet the specific needs of families. This can include truancy prevention; connecting families to medical, mental and behavioral health services, and monitoring those services; family therapy; parenting education; employment and housing resources; and more.

To support families in the west and southwest regions of Philadelphia, theVillage's FES Program acts as a community liaison by networking and forming relationships with other local community agencies. Case managers serve a pivotal role in these relationships as they are in constant communication with multiple agencies in order to increase community support networks and linkages for the children and families receiving our services. By the end of the 90-day period, parents and guardians generally have the resources, skills and capabilities to address and manage the needs of their families on their own. We remain available to assist our families even after the 90-day service period.

Join Us This Summer and Fall — 5k Race and Farm Stand

Want to learn more about theVillage and its programs? We have several upcoming opportunities for you to visit our Rosemont Campus in-person! Throughout the summer and into the fall, theVillage is hosting a farmer's market in collaboration with Urban Roots Farm. This collaboration began last year and has expanded from one-acre to three-acres, and now offers fresh produce - open to the public - on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. here at our Rosemont campus. Urban Roots Farm will also sell at the local Bryn Mawr Farmer's Market on Saturday mornings. The relationship with the farm and farmer Jack Goldenberg has led to many exciting developments for theVillage. The farm provides produce to our cafeteria for our residential programs and has donated to families in the Southwest in the past year. The farm also provides educational opportunities for children in our programs. Nutrition classes will be woven into the residential

curriculum and children from our Out-of-School Time Program (OST) will have a field trip to Rosemont to visit the farm and learn about agriculture and the farm-to-table movement. Please visit us soon to see the fruits of this new relationship and take home local, fresh and all natural produce.

Another great opportunity to visit us will be at our 5k Run/1-Mile Walk/Run and Family Fun Day on October 22. It will be a beautiful fall day to walk and run across our bucolic campus. Like last year, you'll have the opportunity to run the full 5k or participate in a 1-mile walk/run. We will also have a 100-yard-dash for children with games, face painting and more! Some of our residents — adolescent and teenage girls who participate in a fitness/empowerment program called Girls on the Run — will join in for the 5k run. Last year, over 100 people joined us for a day of socializing and healthy living. Help us break that record this October!



Clockwise: Supporters at Grand Opening of Urban Roots Farm at theVillage; community participants at last year's 5k run; kids enjoying 2015 Family Fun Day at theVillage



What's Happening in theVillage Residential Programs

Celebrating the End of the School Year in Style

Our girls were treated to an "Evening in Paris", an annual formal affair to celebrate the end of the school year. The evening included photo opportunities in front of an Eiffel Tower and Palace Gardens backdrop, fine dining and dancing. The girls felt special in their gowns and make-up.



Healing Through Fun and Therapeutic Activities

Therapeutic activities in our Child Welfare Program allow the girls to grow and heal while having fun. A few recent activities have included: creating and caring for their own Chia Pets to give them an opportunity to learn about responsibility, visiting Delaware County Community College to expose them to college life, as well as knitting to provide them with a creative outlet and a sense of accomplishment.



on their own terms. The program culminates in a 5k race where all are winners. Generous donors make Art Therapy and Equine Therapy possible for our girls at theVillage. The girls are able to communicate and express themselves through art and learn appropriate social behaviors by working with horses.

Therapeutic Activities Help Heal Trauma

The Girls on the Run program inspires our girls to take charge of their lives and define the future

For more information visit: <https://village1877.org/residentialprograms/>

TheVillage Out-of-School Time Program Expands to Bryant Elementary School

TheVillage is pleased to announce the expansion of its OST Program. TheVillage has been operating an OST program for after-school care for 50 to 60 children in grades K-5 at the Joseph W. Catharine School in Southwest Philadelphia. The program is expanding to serve an additional 30 children in grades K-5 at William C. Bryant Elementary School in West Philadelphia. Programming for both schools includes homework help, project-based learning, educational field trips and helping children learn to help others through positive behavior reinforcement and what we call "Kindness Awards." This summer all of the kids from our

OST programs will visit our Rosemont Campus for a summer field trip that will include

swimming, a picnic and a visit to a real working farm right here on our campus.



theVillage OST kids proudly show off their friendship bracelets.

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theVillage. For more information, visit:
<http://village1877.org/give-help>

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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>.

Backpacks

**Help children served by theVillage start
the school year off right with a backpack
and the school supplies they need!**

For more information or a list of names,
contact **Liz Fiola** at **610.519.1657**.
Backpacks are due by August 15, 2016.

Participate in Faith in Action

**Saturday, September 24, 2016,
9:00-12:00 p.m.**

A "Clean-Up/Green-Up" day of service
at theVillage's Rosemont Campus. For
more information contact **Betty Wu** at
610.519.1615.

