



Holy Family Day Home

2002 Letters from Home

PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS WELL UNDERWAY

The San Francisco Conservation Corps began the renovation of our playground in June. The project will completely renovate our two play structure areas, install a shade over the existing sandbox and create an accessible ramp into the sandbox. The tanbark that we have been using will be removed and rubber matting will be installed in the fall areas around the new playground structures. The renovation to the playground was precipitated by recent changes to safety codes by the State of California. All playgrounds must meet or exceed these codes by 2005.



The playground prior to any renovation work

The Day Home was selected as one of 12 playground renovations projects the San Francisco Conservation Corps will be completing in their 2001-2002 training cycle. The Corps uses the renovation projects as a part of their job training program. In addition to the work of the Corps for our renovation, we have also received funding from the California Department of Education and the Child Care Facilities Fund.



Tearing out the old equipment



New tire swing and safety matting

During the renovation project, both teachers and children have been patient with the temporary loss of the playground. Teachers have instead taken their classes to playgrounds in the area to give children a chance to develop their gross motor skills.

At the end of July, the Day Home was fortunate to have a new playhouse donated by Champion Mortgage and KFOG Radio. The playhouse was used by KFOG during a promotion for Champion Mortgage. A special 'thank you' goes to Capstone Events who chose the Day Home to receive the playhouse at the end of the promotional event. The adjacent photo shows several of the children when we went to participate in the promotional event held in San Francisco. As you can see, the beautiful little home is complete with windows, doors and even working lights! Once our renovation is complete, the house will be placed in the playground and the children will have an additional outdoor play area.



New playhouse

Also in this issue: A Letter from the Director, Volunteers make an Impact at the Day Home, Introducing New Board Members, Dinner Dance Benefit a Success, and Opening of the Minna Street Center

MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

As Fall and the start of a new school year approaches, I find myself reflecting on all of the exciting things that have happened so far in 2002.

First, our new Infant Care Center at Minna Street opened in June. With babies from three months of age to toddlers 30 months old, we are able to serve the youngest members of our community. Sister Marianne Smith has told us of her experiences, decades ago, when she cared for many babies in the Nursery of the 1911 Building at the Dolores Street site and she has our utmost respect. Today, licensing requires a caregiver/infant ratio of 1:4, although we operate with a ratio of 1:3. The article in this issue gives further details and includes photos of our Minna Street site.

Second, I want to thank everyone for making our Non-Event a huge success! It was decided that in lieu of our annual dinner fundraiser, we would do something different. Through the effort of our Board of Directors and volunteers, we raised over \$30,000.



Donna M. Cahill, Executive Director

Third, we are fortunate to have over 150 dedicated volunteers who come to share their time, energy and love. Whether they come for a single day of service or on a regular basis, all of our volunteers make a wonderful contribution to the well-being of the children we serve, their families and our staff. My thanks to all our great volunteers!



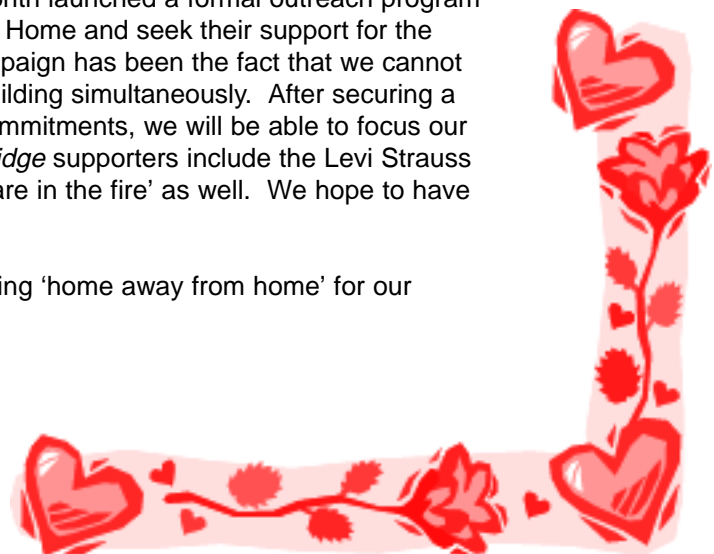
Volunteers (far left) Pooneh Yamini and (far right) Wila Owns & Mike Devito join our staff members for a "thank you" lunch

Looking ahead, we will be having the first fundraiser on site at our Dolores Street location in recent history on Saturday, October 19th; save the date! There will be a casual lunch with a silent auction, Children's Art auction and the dedication of our new playground. I hope you will join us - particularly, if you have not visited us in a while or have never seen our program before. Be on the lookout for further details.

We haven't forgotten about our new building project! *Our Bridge to Home* initiative, spearheaded by Phil Marineau, CEO of Levi Strauss, has just this month launched a formal outreach program to introduce more Bay Area business people to the Day Home and seek their support for the existing program. One of the delays for the capital campaign has been the fact that we cannot successfully fundraise for both the program and new building simultaneously. After securing a *Bridge* of support for the program through multi-year commitments, we will be able to focus our fundraising efforts on the capital campaign. Pioneer *Bridge* supporters include the Levi Strauss Foundation, Providian Financial and a few other 'irons are in the fire' as well. We hope to have more to report to you soon!

Thank you for your continued support in providing a loving 'home away from home' for our children.

Donna



COMMUNITY IMPACT & HANDS ON SAN FRANCISCO VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Recently volunteers from local philanthropic groups Community Impact and Hands On San Francisco came together to do some spring cleaning at Holy Family Day Home. Volunteers were busy with painting, sanding and cleaning projects all day.

Now our smallest students will be able to reach the flower boxes that line the playground because a Community Impact volunteer designed and created booster steps for their use. The curtains in the library were removed, cleaned and pressed and the library bookshelves got cleaned, sanded and varnished so little fingers don't get splinters. Sticky little chairs from the Bear Cub classroom were scraped and cleaned. In the playground, all the pillars were repainted.

But it wasn't all hard work. The volunteers found time to have some fun as well! Thank you to all our volunteers for the visible improvements at the Day Home!



HOW FAR WOULD YOU TRAVEL TO VOLUNTEER?

A group of recent Day Home volunteers traveled 800 miles. For a week in July, a group of volunteers, who came all the way from Enumclaw, Washington, helped in classrooms at our Dolores Street site. These volunteers came as part of a program with Young Neighbors in Action. Tori, Kelsey, Mary, Beth, Laura, Liz, Sara, and their coordinator, Tanya Lange, learned about the Day Home and the children who come here each day. At the end of their week at the Day Home the volunteers said they enjoyed being at the Day Home. Our teachers said that they were all wonderful volunteers and wish that they will come again!



DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER ANOTHER SUCCESS!

Day Home supporters, Bert and Amelia Agustin, once again hosted a Dinner Dance Fundraiser. The event was held on Saturday, July 27th at St. Emydius Church in San Francisco. Nearly 200 people turned out for an evening of fun, food and dancing. Net proceeds from this event were donated to the Day Home. Thank you, Bert and Amelia, for putting together another enjoyable evening benefiting the children of Holy Family Day Home!

OLD FRIENDS OF HOLY FAMILY DAY HOME JOIN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Welcome Bob Portman!

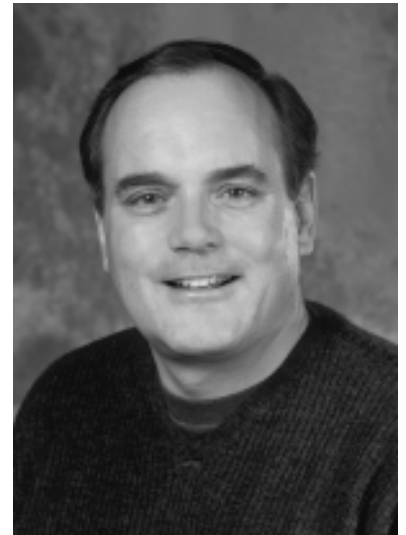
Bob, a native San Franciscan, attended Saint Ignatius then went on to play basketball at the University of Nebraska and the Golden State Warriors. Bob and his wife, Pat, have four children and two grandchildren.

Bob Portman is no stranger to the Day Home. In fact, his father, Frank Portman, attended the Day Home from 1915. Frank Portman has been a long-time supporter and dear friend of the Day Home and Bob continues that tradition. Bob is Manager of the Frank Portman Company, which his father began in 1947, and lends his expertise with building maintenance and construction issues. For many years, the Portmans have helped us with building projects, most notably the construction of the 1984 building and recently when our business office moved into a portable building at the Dolores Street site. Bob is currently assisting in our playground renovation project. The Day Home has been very blessed to have the Portmans!

Welcome Philip Marineau!

We are delighted to have Phil as a new member of our Board of Directors. We were introduced to Phil through Marie Hurabiell, Secretary of the Board. Phil and Marie are alums of Georgetown University, where Phil also serves as a Trustee. Phil is currently President and CEO of Levi Strauss & Co., but that's not the only household name you'll find on his resumé, he was also President of Pepsi-Cola and Quaker Oats Company. Phil is a world-class brand builder who brings the Day Home a wealth of management expertise.

In addition to his corporate career, Phil has long been active in the community, including his involvement with a Chicago non-profit serving at-risk youth. You may recognize Phil from our 2001 newsletters where he and his fellow service-minded employees of Levi Strauss donned less-than-the-latest fashions to paint fences, the shed, and a mural here at the Day Home. We look forward to continued hands-on involvement from Phil.



SHOW YOUR HOLY FAMILY PRIDE!

Holy Family Day Home logowear is now available. Show your support for our programs with one of the following items. Fax orders to 415-703-0125 or mail to Holy Family, Attn: Felicity, 299 Dolores St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Qty.

- T-shirt - logo on front, right chest - \$15.00
(circle one) Red: S, M, L
White: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
Navy: XL, 2XL
- Sweatshirt - logo on front, right chest - \$30.00
(circle one) White: S, M, L, XL
Navy: S, M, L, XL
- Gold and white logo lapel pin - \$5.00
- White mug with red logo - \$5.00

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WELCOME TO OUR SECOND HOME!

The wait is over! Our Minna Street site dedication took place on May 30, 2002. The inter-faith ceremony for the Canon Barcus Community House, where our new infant program is housed, was conducted by Bishop William Swing of the Episcopal Diocese of California, with participation from Archbishop William Levada of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Other ceremony participants included Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. and a representative from U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein's office.



Archbishop William Levada, Sister Sharon Flannigan, and Monsignor Thomas Merson



Bishop William Swing



Donna Cahill, Sister Sharon, Sister Marianne Smith and Sister Karen Stern

The center is one part of the new 92,000-square-foot Canon Barcus Community House and is located at 165 8th Street in San Francisco. The project is a major undertaking in helping families with a history of homelessness. Not only are there 47 apartments designated for these families, but also located on the site are all the services necessary to aid a family on its road to independence. In addition to the Infant/Toddler Center, are on-site case management, a health clinic, after-school programs, and family literacy programs.

The blessing of our infant program took place at the conclusion of the dedication for the Community House. The ceremony was led by Archbishop William Levada with a brief talk by Sister Sharon Flannigan on the historical connection between the Day Home and the Sisters of the Holy Family.

The Minna Street site began enrolling children in June. The center is licensed to care for nine infants and 16 toddlers. Our beautiful new facility is equipped with age appropriate learning toys, books and areas for individual and group play. The site also has separate outdoor play areas for infants and toddlers to exercise in.



Minna Street staff Jeffrey Shurtleff welcomes Sister Sharon



"Say cheese!"



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eScrip - Sign up with eScrip and everytime you shop with a partner store, a percentage of your purchase will be automatically donated to Holy Family Day Home. Partner merchants include Safeway, Von's, Big 5, Pep Boys, and more. All you have to do is sign up with our eScrip designation number 5566862. See www.eScrip.com for details and sign up form or call our Development Office at 415-565-0504 x206.

Stock Donations - The Day Home can accept stock donations. To receive an information sheet with details on how this can be done, please call our Development Office at 415-565-0504 x206.

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Have any good recipes to share?

Staff and parents are creating the first ever Holy Family Day Home Cookbook and they are looking for recipe submissions. Call Felicity at (415) 565-0504 x206 or email fundraising@holyfamilydayhome.org.