



Dear Friends,

Saturday, October 8, 2005 was, I believe, more than just a celebration at Holy Family Day Home—it was a consecration, a breaking of holy ground.

The corner of 16th and Dolores Streets is holy ground because it is the place where native peoples and Europeans began the dynamic experiment which has become our great City of San Francisco.

This is holy ground because it is the place which transformed the lives of more than 15,000 children and their families since the Day Home first opened in 1912.

This is holy ground because it will continue to be a place of transformations, a place of extraordinary education and care from which flows hope for the future for so many vulnerable children.

This is holy ground because it is 15,000 square feet of enriched learning space that will create new growth, new ideas and new opportunities for an additional 50 children and their families.

Finally, this ground is holy because of the personal, financial and spiritual commitment of so many incredible individuals to improving the lives of children.

Thank you to the Sisters of the Holy Family for the traditions and values you have entrusted to us. Thank you to our incredible Board, staff and volunteers. Thank you to Bob and Bill Portman, the sons of our dear alum, the late Frank Portman, who lovingly oversee this construction as if they were building a room onto their own homes. Thanks to the team at CCS Architecture who have provided a remarkable building, and to Renaissance Project Management for handling the daily activities at the construction site.

Most of all, thank you to our families. We consecrate this new building and our continuing efforts to making your dreams and hopes for your children a reality for another 100 years!

Sincerely,
Donna M. Cahill
Executive Director



Our Groundbreaking Celebration



A Big Welcome to Our New Staff and Teachers



MARIA D'AMELIO
Receptionist

Maria left her native Argentina when she was four years old and grew up here in the Bay Area. When she is not at the Day Home as one of our two receptionists, she is working on her B.A. in Spanish. Maria wanted to work in an environment where she could interact with bilingual and monolingual families and staff. She is also considering pursuing a teaching career and thought that working at the Day Home would be great exposure to a school environment and to working with children and their families. Maria is also a committed activist and volunteers for the Center for Economic Research and Social Change.



SUSAN KING
Dolores Site Case Manager

A native San Franciscan, Susan grew up in the outer Mission. However, she received her B.A. in Humanities from Antioch University in Philadelphia. She is also a Certified Addiction Specialist and studied at the SF Conservatory of Music in her teens. Besides being a violinist, she can also play a little guitar, congas and other Latin percussion instruments. Susan is the Case Manager at the Dolores Site and is an excellent advocate for our families. A champion for homeless families, she would like to be one of the voices that speaks up for this particular community. She also teaches a parenting class at another program and facilitates an on-going women's group. When she isn't exhausted,

Susan can be found dancing, creating music, and making her friends laugh with her irreverent sense of humor.



SANDRA LAU
Minna Site Intake Coordinator

Although Sandra grew up in Lima, Peru, she has been in the U.S. for seven years. As our Intake Coordinator at the Minna Site she gets to interact with many families from the Latino community—one of the main reasons she was attracted to the Day Home. "I have a great passion for improving the welfare of Latino immigrants who struggle to adapt to life in the United States," she explains. She has her B.A. in Psychology with an emphasis in counseling from San Francisco State University. Sandra is bilingual in English and Spanish and is a member of Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Sandra also loves to dance, hike, bike ride and travel.



PATRICK LAVELLE
Penguins Teacher

A recent transplant from the East Coast, Patrick grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania. His B.S. degree from Temple University is in Education—with an emphasis in Elementary and Special Education. However, at the Day Home he is working with a new age group for him—our toddlers. Although the Penguins are a change for him, Patrick has experience in working with children of all ages. In the past, Patrick has been a lifeguard, a tutor and a coach—all work involving youth of different ages. Patrick enjoys sports; he

ran a marathon two years ago. He is also a big fan of football and baseball.



ANNA LINDBERG
Community Health Advocate

Even though Anna grew up in Minneapolis, she got her B.A. from Vassar College in New York. Not only is her B.A. in Latin American Studies, she also minored in International Political Science and Spanish. With such an interest in Latin America, it is no surprise that Anna is bilingual and loves to travel and practice her Spanish in countries like the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Costa Rica, Chile—and that's just a partial list. She gets to use her Spanish often at the Day Home as our Community Health Advocate. About the Day Home, Anna says, "The staff feels like a family. I love being supported and respected in the work that I do." When not working with our families, Anna is riding her bike, reading, watching films, volunteering and dancing.



DENISSE MANCÍA
Development Assistant

A native of San Diego, Denisse came to the Bay Area to attend UC Berkeley. After receiving her B.A. in political science, she decided to become a permanent San Francisco resident. As the Day Home's Development Assistant, Denisse is responsible for our grant writing. She has been working or volunteering at non-profits since she was thirteen. The Day Home is particularly close to her heart because she loves children! She



also volunteers at Empona Foundation and is a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA). Denisse also dabbles in snowboarding, running, hiking, reading, the stage (both onstage and backstage), screenwriting, hip hop dancing, and special event coordination. She likes to consider herself a Jill of all trades, though master of none.



MIKIYA MATSUDA
Dolores Site Intake
Coordinator

Although Mikiya grew up along the Peninsula, from San Carlos to East Palo Alto, he has spent the last five years living in New England. He has his B.A. in Music from Amherst College. Mikiya was on staff of an organization called Amigos de las Americas. Through Amigos Mikiya has had the opportunity to work and live in Ecuador, Honduras, Bolivia, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Not surprisingly, Mikiya speaks Spanish fluently—a skill that comes in handy as our Dolores Site Intake Coordinator. Besides getting to use his Spanish, Mikiya says that interacting with the staff, spending time with the children and Art's cooking are among his favorite aspects of working at the Day Home. Mikiya also plays the guitar, listens to records and enjoys live shows.



ART REAZA
Head Chef

A native of Los Angeles, Art just moved to the Bay Area a year ago. As our Head Chef, Art does an amazing job of providing healthy and delicious meals for our children. He has worked as a chef at the Sony Studios, the Great Western Forum, the Staples Center and the Pacific Amphitheater. It's no wonder he is an amazing cook. He says he first got interested in cooking when he bought a grocery store. After a while, he turned that grocery store into restaurant. The rest, as they say, is history. Art admits that one of his favorite pastimes is, in fact, cooking. He is also the proud uncle of twins: one niece and one nephew.



MAYTE SARAS
Office Manager

Originally from Huesca, Spain, Mayte arrived on our shores about two years ago after a brief stint in Dublin. While in Spain she studied Human Resources and received her Master's Degree in Health and Safety at Work. Currently she is the Office Manager at

the Day Home. She says she loves the Day Home for several reasons—one of those reasons being our spirit of helping people. In her words, "I love being part of this big Home." When she's not at work, Mayte can be found on her computer, taking French classes, having fun with friends and, in the future, pursuing tap dancing. One little known fact about Mayte is that back in Spain she worked at a gliding center—who knew she could fly!



CARINA SCHINDLER
Bearcubs Teacher

Carina grew up in Ithaca, New York, and lived there until she moved to the Bay Area about seven months ago. She unabashedly admits that one reason for moving West is for the better weather, including the absence of snow. As the newest Bearcub teacher, Carina brings her endless energy and warm personality into the daily lives of the children. Carina attended community college and hopes one day to be a therapist, preferably in Art or Music Therapy. Outside of the Day Home, Carina can be found riding her bike or at live music shows.

IT'S TIME TO COME HOME!

More than 15,000 children and their families are part of the Day Home's history. Whether we were your "home away from home" four years ago or forty years ago, we want to bring you back "home." We want you to be a part of our second century of serving the children of San Francisco. Let us know who you are, what years you (or someone you know) attended the Day Home, and the easiest way to reach you. We have a Holy Family Day Home gift just for you!

Did you, or someone you know, grow up at Holy Family Day Home?

CLIP AND MAIL IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE (Please print clearly.)

Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

I attended the Day Home in: _____

Or visit our web site: www.holyfamilydayhome.org
and fill out the Alumni Form.

Our Celebration



October 8, 2005

Donor Luncheon and Groundbreaking

On a lovely Fall day, more than 300 people gathered at the corner of 16th and Dolores Streets to participate in the Groundbreaking festivities at Holy Family Day Home. After more than a century of service to the children and families of San Francisco, the Day Home begins construction on our 15,000 square-foot building, which will provide enriched early education space for 150 children.

Help us ensure another one hundred years of comprehensive educational and support services to families. Stop by for a tour. Let us show you our progress. Let us tell you about all the wonderful opportunities our new building will provide to the children of San Francisco. We would be honored to have you as part of our exciting future!



◀ Tom Oertli, HFDH Board Member, joins his fellow San Francisco Firefighters in preparing a delicious Crab Cioppino for our Donor Luncheon.

Sr. Sharon Flannigan, President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family, addresses friends and family gathered for the Groundbreaking.



Supervisor Bevan Dufty and Mike Farrah, Senior Advisor to Mayor Gavin Newsom, present Proclamations which designate October 8, 2005, as "Holy Family Day Home Day in San Francisco" to Donna Cahill, Executive Director of the Day Home.



City Historian, Charles A. Fracchia, describes how organizations like Holy Family Day Home helped ensure the growth and prosperity of San Francisco.



Phil Marineau, CEO of Levi Strauss & Co., addresses the crowd at the Donor Luncheon.

Board Member and Capital Campaign Co-Chair, Marie Hurabiell with daughter, Cassidy.



Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign and HFDH Board President, Tom Bonomi.



So many helping hands.

Thank you!



▲ **San Francisco Giants**

Joshua and Day Home Board Member Jeff Cerf were on hand at SBC Park in late September to accept a \$5,000 donation for our Family Literacy Program from the San Francisco Giants Community Fund.

◀ **AlwaysOn**

Tony Perkins and his team at AlwaysOn chose the Day Home as the beneficiary for the proceeds from their Annual Charity Golf Classic held at the Stanford Golf Course in Palo Alto in July.



Wells Fargo Bank

Face painting was part of the fun when volunteers from Wells Fargo visited the Day Home.



GAP, Inc.

A wonderful group of volunteers from GAP, Inc. explored the Bay Area Discovery Museum with the Sunflowers in August.



Washington Mutual (formerly Provident Financial)

A hard-working group of volunteers spent a whole Saturday in August cleaning and painting our classroom building.



San Francisco Women's Club

The Penguins enjoy their first field trip in the new group stroller generously underwritten by the members of the San Francisco Women's Club.

Ways of Giving to Holy Family Day Home



The Day Home's children and their families thrive because of the generosity of our many donors like you. Thank you. It is your support that allows us to continue to provide affordable, high quality early childhood education to all families regardless of their ability to pay. The Day Home's message is that every child, regardless of background and family income, deserves a loving, nurturing environment that engenders in them a lifetime love of learning. The reality is that the Day Home must privately raise one dollar for every three dollars we receive in government support to provide that education. Through annual giving, loyal donors like you rise to the occasion and invest in our "home away from home" and, by extension, in the children entrusted to our care.

*Just as we have many supporters, there are also many ways to support the Day Home. **One often overlooked but vital way to support the Day Home is through planned giving.** This simply means that supporters include the Day Home in their estate plans. This kind of gift provides a significant and lasting impact for the Day Home. Planned giving is essential to any non-profit because it enables the organization to plan for the future.*

Even though construction has begun on our new building, we recognize that in order to ensure that the Day Home is around for a second hundred years of service, we must engage our supporters in helping us to plan for that future. We hope you will consider including the Day Home in your estate plans.



Giving Through Your Will or Trust: By far, the most common means of making a charitable gift is through a will or living trust. Such tools, when carefully prepared by your attorney, will allow you to retain full use of your assets during your lifetime and still make a significant contribution to the Day Home.

Giving Through Gift Annuities: A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract between you and the Day Home which creates an irrevocable gift. Once that contract is signed, the Day Home agrees to pay the annuitant(s) a fixed dollar amount each year for life. The amount is based on life expectancy; the older you are at the time you make your gift, the greater the payout can be. Such Annuities can be funded with cash or appreciated securities. You receive a significant tax deduction based on your age, the payout rate, and the federal discount rate. This sort of gift can also be made in a deferred format, with payout beginning at some agreed-to date in the future. In either case, at your death the proceeds of the gift annuity becomes available to Holy Family Day Home.

Giving Through Stocks and Securities: Charitable gifts of appreciated stocks and securities can provide even greater tax

benefits than a cash gift of equal value. You may take a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the asset, while avoiding capital gains.

Giving Through Real Estate: When you donate a residential or commercial real estate asset to Holy Family Day Home, you may deduct the full fair market value on your federal tax return and avoid the capital gains on the difference between what you paid for the property and its present value.

Giving Through Charitable Remainder Trusts: A charitable remainder trust allows you to retain income from your asset for a specific period of time or for the rest of your life. Your funds are held separately and invested for payment of a fixed (or variable) income to you or someone you name. These funds could be a welcome supplement to your retirement income. At the death of each income beneficiary, the remainder of the trust is paid out to Holy Family Day Home. There are many types of charitable trusts. The two best known types are: a unitrust, which provides a flexible rate of return and can have additional gifts added to it; and, an annuity trust, which provides a fixed, guaranteed income but cannot be added to once the initial gift is made.

Giving Through Retirement Plans: Retirement plans can provide a convenient way to make a meaningful gift to Holy Family Day Home. If you have established an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), a tax-sheltered annuity, a Keogh Plan or a company retirement or profit-sharing plan that you do not need to draw upon in your retirement, you can earmark these funds for the Day Home, either in your will, or through a trust or direct gift.

Giving Through Life Insurance: A life insurance policy provides a unique and surprisingly effective and inexpensive way to support the important work of Holy Family Day Home. You can name the Day Home as primary or secondary (as well as final or remainder) beneficiary. You can assign yearly dividends from the policy to the Day Home. You can donate a paid-up policy that you no longer need, or purchase a new policy naming Holy Family Day Home as the owner/beneficiary. Gifts of Life Insurance entitle you to a tax deduction generally equal to the cash value of the policy at the time of the gift.

Of course, all charitable gifts should be discussed with your lawyer, accountant and/ or tax advisor. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Office: rlimoges@holyfamilydayhome.org or call 415.565.0504, x206.

Always remember to check if your employer will match your charitable donation.

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Yippee! Groundbeaking

See inside for details.

