Susan Work receives Wartburg College Alumni Citation Award

Susan Work recently received the Alumni Citation Award from Wartburg College for her impressive work as the CEO of Holy Family Ministries. This award is given to alumni for their special achievements and their dedication to living the four pillars of Wartburg College’s mission statement: Leadership, Service, Faith and Learning. Wartburg is located in Waverly, Iowa.

“Susan cares deeply about inequalities in society and is doing everything she can to provide opportunity through Holy Family’s programs,” wrote HFM Board Member Joan Sherman, who co-nominated Susan for the award. “She understands that to make inroads in students’ lives, programs must address the development of the whole child.”

Susan has worked tirelessly to develop a successful and sustainable model of urban education within a faith-based culture that applauds persistence and grit. Under her guidance, HFM has grown to include Holy Family School, Little Learners Academy Pre-School, Adventures in Learning out-of-school program and The Peace Exchange youth leadership program.

Meet our New Program Leadership!

Deana Spencer joins Holy Family this year as the new Director of the Little Learners Academy serving 80 pre-K students. Her past experience as Director of Parent-Child Services at Alain Locke Initiatives (Garfield Park) has enabled her to build partnerships between educators and families at Holy Family Ministries.

Deana’s key belief is best summed up by writer John Fisher: “We must see that every child has equal opportunity, not to become equal but to become different and to realize the unique potential he or she holds!”

After five years as an HFM teacher’s assistant and afterschool instructor, Brett Bravo became the Program Manager for Adventures in Learning, Holy Family’s out-of-school program serving 150 children year-round.

“The goal of Adventures in Learning is to give children a safe place to get homework done and have enriching extra-curricular experiences. I’ve seen many children try an activity in after-school and realize a new way in which they are gifted,” says Brett.
Holy Family Celebrates 30 Years of Excellence in Education

Then...

1985—Holy Family Lutheran School was founded and housed initially at Josephinum Academy in Chicago.

Susan Work joined the first Advisory Council in 1988, and became the first President of HFM in 1999.

1985—Principal Verna White and Founding Pastor Charles Infelt with Holy Family’s first students.

Holy Family is deeply grateful for the starting and continued support of our 30-year church partners.

Trinity Lutheran Church Evanston
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Lutheran Church of the Ascension Northfield

... and Now!

Holy Family moved into its permanent home on the historic Homan Square campus in North Lawndale in 2008 after a successful capital campaign.

Principal Cheryl Collins joined HFM in 2004, and proudly stands with the graduating class of 2015. All of these students went on to high-quality high schools.

Little Learners Academy Pre-School opened in 2008

Chapel at Holy Family School takes place every Wednesday at noon!

The Peace Exchange leadership development program for teens and young adults became a program of Holy Family Ministries in 2014.

Adventures in Learning expanded after-school and summer programs began in 2008.

The Class of 2015
The Peace Exchange Documentary

Tune in to WTTW 11 on Thursday, January 14th at 10:30 PM to watch Hacia Adelante: Moving Forward, a film documenting the international experience of Holy Family’s 2014 Myanmar and 2015 Nicaragua Peace Exchange Program.

The Peace Exchange is a leadership development program for older teens whose goal is to build a culture of peace in Chicago. Following 80 hours of training, our 2015 Peace Builders traveled to Nicaragua to learn about successful peace-building efforts in other cultures.

Upon their return, they shared their experience and reflections with more than 1,000 Chicago school children and community members. If you miss the documentary screening on WTTW 11, find it online at www.peacex.org.

Scholarship Luncheon 2015

The 2015 Chicago Scholarship Lunch took place on Thursday, September 24th in the beautiful Michigan Room at the University Club. Guests enjoyed the convenient downtown location, great hospitality and the opportunity to meet our students. They were wowed by the outstanding blues music performed by Holy Family School middle school students.

John Mjoseth, HFM Board Member and former Board Chair, received a Champion of Children award for his tireless dedication to the children and families at Holy Family. This year, more than $45,000 was raised to help children from under-resourced Chicago neighborhoods complete their education at Holy Family and go on to high performing high schools. The Kemper Educational and Charitable Fund generously matched dollar for dollar all new and increased gifts from the event.

Special thanks to our dedicated committee members, led by the 2015 Honorary Chairs David Fisher, John Palmer and Patti Van Cleave. Luncheon committee members included Liz Burns, Craig & Roxane Busey, Tom & Jan Dusek, John & Kristen Egan, Carl & Linda Fisher, David & Suzanne Fisher, Julie Flood, John & Carol Freidheim, Rob & Susie Hammesfahr, Jim & Susan Lenz, Joe & Tami Pringle, Earl & Cindi Rachowicz, Joan Sherman, Frank & Addie Stanton, Preston and Sarah Tims, and Dick Tribble.
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Every gift makes a difference in the life of a child

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can be sent by mail, or make an online gift at
www.hfm.org/donate

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Many companies match an employee’s donation to charitable organizations. Please ask your employer if there is a matching gifts program at your workplace.

— GIFTS OF STOCK —
Gifts of stock are easily transferred.

— HOLY FAMILY FOREVER —
A bequest is a gift made by naming Holy Family Ministries as a beneficiary in your will. This is a simple and meaningful way to remember Holy Family. There are also many other ways to create a planned gift for Holy Family.

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