Meet Adrienne Hunter

Excited to be joining the Holy Family Ministries team as our new Adventures in Learning Manager, Adrienne Hunter brings more than 20 years of teaching experience in community colleges and Chicago Public Schools. Adventures in Learning is Holy Family’s after-school and summer program.

For Adrienne, building relationships with parents, children, and the community is what it is all about. She is passionate about sharing knowledge, believes strongly in the power of education, and is making it her goal to help students reach their full potential.

Always reaching out to the community, just recently Adrienne and eight students in Adventures In Learning partnered with the School of the Art Institute and artist Cheryl Pope to create a memorial quilt which was on display at Monique Meloche Gallery in Wicker Park.

Adrienne is thrilled when parents and caregivers come and observe her classes and volunteer with special projects and events.

Did you know?

90% of Holy Family parents attend parent/teacher conferences

When families are involved in their children’s education, children earn higher grades, attend school more regularly, have better self-esteem, and exhibit higher aspirations and motivation toward school. Holy Family has always recognized that the parents and families of our students are the most important influences in their life, and we value families as essential partners in their child’s education. We congratulate all of our parent-partners who shape the future of their children.

The Peace Exchange

View our documentary “Ubuntu: The Peace Exchange in South Africa”

www.peacex.org

We dedicate it to our Chicago neighborhoods and to the wonderful South Africans who showed us, time and time again, the meaning of Ubuntu:

“I am what I am, because of who we all are.”
2016 Scholarship Luncheon

Holy Family hosted its highly successful annual Chicago Scholarship Luncheon on September 22 at the University Club of Chicago, located in the heart of the city. Guests mingled with Holy Family students, and warmly welcomed Holy Family Ministries’ new CEO, Dr. Ciurnal Lewis, before the program began with the invocation by Chaplain Hunter.

Patti Van Cleave and the Kemper Educational and Charitable Fund were honored with the “Champion of Children” Award, which recognizes dedicated individuals for their unwavering support of Holy Family’s children.

Special thanks to our dedicated committee members, led by the 2016 Honorary Chairs John Palmer, David Fisher, Eric and Jodie Draut, Nick Anson, and Rob & Suzie Hammesfahr. Luncheon committee members included Craig & Roxane Busey, Tom & Jan Dusek, Carl & Linda Fisher, Julie Flood, John & Carol Freidheim, Jim & Susan Lenz, Dick & Beverly Moody, Joe & Tami Pringle, Jordan & Katelyn Pringle, Earl & Cindi Rachowicz, Frank & Addie Stanton, Preston and Sarah Tims, Dick Tribble and Cynthia Schmidt.

More than $60,000 was raised for student scholarships. The Kemper Educational and Charitable Fund generously matched all new and increased gifts from the event.

Students Thank Dr. Work

Dr. Susan Work retired in September after nearly 30 years of tireless dedication to Holy Family. She was showered with love from students, parents, teachers and volunteers during a special chapel service to celebrate her achievements. Chaplain Hunter and Principal Collins led the program, which included songs, poems and other tributes to honor Susan's unending passion for the students of Holy Family.

Susan joined HFM in 1987 as a volunteer, and led the organization as chief executive since 1998. “Through her leadership, Susan created a well-managed organization that combines her vision and strength. She is an advocate, mentor and cheerleader for our children,” said Board Chair Dan Badovinac. “We will continue to be blessed by her leadership and guidance, as she serves on the HFM Board of Directors and as CEO Emeritus.” The Board shared their appreciation by hosting a special dinner that included family and friends who joined in recognizing Susan’s extraordinary journey. “I look back with immense gratitude on the years I have been privileged to serve God and Holy Family,” shared Susan at the close of the evening.

Award Winners are HFM’s Best of the Best!

Congratulations to Eric & Jodie Draut and Dr. Susan Work for awards received on October 6th from the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives (ALDE). Holy Family Board Members Walter Grandberry (pictured far left) and Kristen Egan are active members of ALDE and supported their nominations. Susan won the 2016 Outstanding Executive Award which honors a CEO who serves with extraordinary leadership through deed and example, and makes a lasting impact on others.

Eric and Jodie received the Spirit of Giving Award, which recognizes an individual or family who exemplifies generous contributions of service, time and resources that inspire others to greater commitment and involvement. Eric and Jodie support many causes with tireless compassion and hard work. Both Susan and Eric currently serve as dedicated members of the Holy Family Board of Directors.
Who is a Holy Family School Volunteer?
Someone like you! Holy Family needs people who are willing to share their time and experience with children on the threshold of their future. Volunteers are valuable people in the life of our students. We can find an engaging volunteer role for you whether you have 2 hours, a full day, or you can volunteer every week.
Please contact Margaret Flanagan@ 773-273-6013 x7 or mflanagan@hfm.org.

Urgent Needs: Classroom Aides/Tutors, After School Homework Help and Music/Choir Volunteer T/Th 3-5pm thru June

“I love engaging with the students. Since I work in the classroom one day a week and move up with the children in the new school year, it provides me the opportunity to form real relationships and to see the tangible results that Holy Family achieves.”
Dirk Landis, Classroom Aide

“I like being in the classroom and seeing learning happen. For me, the benefits are being with the children, getting to know the staff, and knowing I’m contributing to a powerful Godly cause.”
Rev. Linnea Wilson, Classroom Aide

Reach for the Stars Benefit

The 2016 Reach for the Stars Fall Benefit was a tremendous success! More than 250 guests, including many new friends, came to support Holy Family at the Stonegate Banquet Center on Saturday, November 12.

Generous donors shared in the spotlight by raising more than $200,000 to support the mission of Holy Family and help make a brighter future for our students and families.

Guests enjoyed a joyful program that celebrated Holy Family’s weekly chapel service, led by Chaplain Leslie Hunter. Students sang along with guests to “Lean on Me,” showing strength and encouragement to others.

A round of applause for the 2016 Fall Benefit Committee:
Dan & Laurie Badovinac,
Don Sutherland,
Tami & Joe Pringle,
Linda & Tom Ernst,
Jennie & Sam Kramer,
and Kristen Egan

Finding Your Voice and Vocation

It really is a small world after all. Just ask Linda Rosholt, HFM library volunteer. On a recent trip, Linda sat on a plane next to Sa’Rayah, contestant from the television show, The Voice. During their conversation, Linda asked Sa’Rayah, who grew up in the former Cabrini-Green housing development, to be a guest at Career Day this past October 28th. Sa’Rayah agreed to join our other nine inspiring guests:

Antoinette Bradley, Paramedic; Lakeesha Douglas, D.J.; Quintin and Jackie Huckabee, Project Manager; Vada Kornegay, Architect/Entrepreneur; Sa’Rayah Taylor, Singer/Entertainer; Angela Pinson, Adult Probation Officer; Jordan Pringle, Patent Lawyer; Theresa McBeth, Chicago Police Officer; James Humphries, Writer/Entrepreneur.
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Email Margaret for details mflanagan@hfm.org.

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Proceeds support Holy Family’s school and youth programs.