Ten years ago, the Holy Family Ministries Center opened in North Lawndale to provide a permanent home for our school and after-school programs, along with Holy Family’s new Little Learners Academy pre-school program. The Center was the result of many years of construction planning and outreach to donors through the Building Hope Capital Campaign which was guided by a shared challenge and vision:

**Ours is the challenge to live the vision—one kingdom of God, where all children are cherished and guided to discover His special purpose for them. We must give the vision form and foundation for generations of children struggling to grow up healthy in the midst of unhealthy forces at work in their communities.**

On September 16th, 2018, Holy Family’s gym was transformed into a cozy lounge to celebrate our beautiful Center, and to renew our thanks to our faithful and generous donors who made it all happen.

Sixty guests shared fellowship and fond memories as they raised their glasses of champagne to toast the Center at the invitation of Susan Work, CEO during the Campaign, and Joe Pringle, Campaign Chair.

Susan and Joe shared their memories of the campaign years, joined by former Principal and current CEO Cheryl Collins, and Chaplain Leslie Hunter.

A highlight of the afternoon was a heartfelt speech by alumna Lundyn Davis who had attended school in 2006 in our old building. She invited the guests to close their eyes and imagine an old brick building with cracked green and white floor tiles, old wooden doors, and peeling white paint. She spoke of the opening of new Center as the “dawning of a new day.”

Our thanks to all who gave their time, talent and treasure to ensure the success of the campaign!
Dear Friends,

At Holy Family, we have always believed that every child has multiple strengths and abilities. We celebrate these talents and foster a “go-getter” attitude! Those of you who have attended a Wednesday chapel service have experienced the optimism and energy in the room as children feel enveloped in God’s love! Each week students receive “shout-outs” from teachers and staff to recognize their special achievements.

Building on this culture of caring, Holy Family recently introduced the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) model.

This evidence-based framework is designed to create an environment where positive behaviors are explicitly taught and reinforced, creating a positive mindset for learning. Schools across the country have adopted their own individualized versions of PBIS. Holy Family implemented a version that truly reflects our unique approach. This year, our PBIS system offers the ANGELs program, an acronym for:

- ATTITUDE of a Christian
- NEVER quit
- Grit
- ENTHUSIASM for Learning
- Demonstrate LEADERSHIP

Teachers and staff watch for opportunities to recognize and reinforce positive behavior, giving students “Angel Wings” during school, and “Halos” during the after-school program. These awards are given when children display one or all five of the characteristics in the ANGELs program. Students redeem them for prizes, including a chance to enjoy open gym, swim in the Park District Pool, or join in a special art project.

Here is a story that helps share the success of the program. Shineka has been at Holy Family since second grade. She is now a fifth grade student. For many years her behavior has been disruptive and problematic. She was excited to learn about the new ANGEL Wings program when it was presented this year. Recently, Shineka was called to the office to receive a Positive Office Referral. This is a note written by a teacher and sent to the office. She was thrilled, as the note results in a positive phone call home to the parent! Her teacher had written, "Her behavior is filled with enthusiasm for learning and she is focused in class. Her homework is completed and she raises her hand often to contribute to the class."

I strongly believe that "earning her wings" has helped attribute to Shineka's improved behavior in school. Want to be a part of our new program? Stop in the office when you come for Chapel or for a tour. Pick up an Angel Wings card, and if you experience an extra effort offered by one of our students, present them with your wings card as a thank you!

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Cheryl

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Research shows that children of involved parents have significantly higher achievement in school than other students. Holy Family has always promoted that our parents are equal partners in their child’s education. Our successful Parent Engagement program includes formal and informal opportunities for parents to connect with their child’s teachers, and also offers workshops for parents on topics of interest.

Jonathan Banks, author of *Raise Your GPA*, facilitated a workshop in October, impressing upon those in attendance that Parents are the first teacher to their children, and that efforts at home are as important as the work of HFM teachers and staff. Mr. Banks is an ordained minister and holds an undergraduate degree from Purdue University and an MBA from Northwestern University.

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Students sing a chorus of “Happy Birthday” to honor their building.
The STARS shined at the 2018 Fall Benefit!

The 2018 Reach for the Stars Fall Benefit was a great success, and raised more than $260,000 for the children of Holy Family! Many new friends joined guests to support Holy Family at the Stonegate Banquet Center on Saturday night, November 17th. The stars of the night were, as always, the students, whose energetic presentations shared their joyful spirits with the entire audience. Guests enjoyed a hope-filled program that celebrated the success of current students, alumni and their families.

Speaker Miracle Pitts, Class of 2005, spoke about the profound impact Holy Family had on her life: “Holy Family is a remarkable place for children to learn, grow and develop. Because we have teachers that love us and want us to succeed, we have the opportunity to make a real impact on the world.”

Miracle, a Doctor of Chiropractic, recently opened her own office with her fiancé Keith.

New this year were two beautiful videos, one sharing the history and mission of Holy Family, and one sharing an amazing success story, staring parent Joy Moffett and her three children- Lawrence, Nakiya, and Nicole. Lawrence is now a freshman at the University of Illinois on a full ride scholarship! “Holy Family offers amazing opportunities, and amazing kids come out of here!” said Joy.

Guests shared in the spotlight with their generosity and mission driven enthusiasm for Holy Family. Every gift that night helps make a brighter future tomorrow, for our students and families.

Special thanks to our committee, pictured right with students:

Kristen Egan, Jennie & Sam Kramer, Tami & Joe Pringle, and Laurie & Dan Badovinac.

2018 SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Holy Family hosted its annual Chicago Scholarship Lunch on Thursday, September 27th at the University Club of Chicago. Our students greeted guests and the student ensemble sang a rousing version of Siyahamba, a popular South African hymn whose title means “We Are Marching”.

Eighth-grader Amarye spoke about the impact attending Holy Family has had on him. “A part of the Holy Family culture is that we focus on certain character strengths throughout the year such as optimism, zest, grit, enthusiasm and my favorite one: self-control.” Nearly $60,000 was raised to provide scholarships for students like Amarye.

Thank you to our 2018 Honorary Chairs

Susie Shaw Hammesfahr & Rob Hammesfahr (pictured left with students) and our 2018 Committee Members Nick & Kristen Anson, Tom & Jan Dusek, Julie Flood, John & Carol Freidheim, Jim & Susan Lenz, Joe & Tami Pringle, Joan Sherman, Frank & Addie Stanton, and Susan & Mitch Work.

PATRON OF THE ARTS

Holy Family honors Jim and Peg Provenza as this year’s Patron of the Arts.

Their special gift supports the Holy Family music and arts education program. We are grateful for their commitment to our children.

Come visit soon and see the creativity and talents of our children!
Every gift makes a difference in the life of a child

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If you donated to Holy Family in 2018 through Invest in Kids, thank you so much! Please remember to re-apply beginning in January to reserve your new tax credit if you plan to donate again in 2019.

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