LITTLE FLOWER’S NEW HOME IN NYC

Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York is proud to announce that we have officially moved into our new NYC Flagship office, in the historic Pfizer building in Brooklyn. Over 140 staff, previously located in offices in Jamaica, Queens and Downtown Brooklyn, now call the large open space home.

To celebrate the move, we hosted a Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting on April 11th. To help welcome us we were joined by Assembly members Maritza Davila and Joe Lentol, Administration of Children’s Services First Deputy Commissioner Eric Brettschneider and Deputy Commissioner Julie Farber, and leaders from the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA), Collaborative for Children and Families (CCF) and other partner organizations, donors, families and friends and the community.

Guests participated in tours of the office allowing them to get a feel for the daily operations and the vast array of programs and services that take place on any given day. They were introduced to the foster care program and the various family focused visiting rooms and learned about our programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

“This is an exciting time for Little Flower. At its core, this move is about community. The Flagship site will provide opportunities and benefits to all our staff, children and families and the community overall,” remarked Chief Executive Officer Corinne Hammons.

“Our new urban campus offers an open, collaborative space allowing for a better work environment as well as a welcoming, child-focused waiting room and visiting area. As we settle in we look forward to furthering our vision of supporting those who rely on us as they transition to their best self.”

Assemblyman Joe Lentol, Little Flower CEO, Corinne Hammons, Assemblywoman Maritza Davila, ACS Deputy Commissioner Julie Farber, Little Flower CEO, Corinne Hammons, ACS First Deputy Commissioner Eric Brettschneider
Message from the Chief Executive Officer – Corinne Hammons

As you read this Spring issue of our newsletter I hope you get a sense of pride in being part of our ever-expanding community. The work we do is critical to the well-being of so many and as a friend of Little Flower your support is a vital component of what we do. As our footprint changes and expands across the region our dedication to our core mission remains strong.

Little Flower is made up of so many remarkable people. At the recent Grand Opening of the NYC Flagship it was amazing to see a variety of people in one room for one purpose – to celebrate Little Flower. But the neighborhoods we are part of don’t just come out to celebrate – they support us in many ways.

In April, businesses, foster families, youth and staff came together to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month by creating Pinwheel Gardens that were displayed throughout the NYC Flagship building. At a recent meeting at St. John’s, members of the community gathered to work on creating positive opportunities for the youth living in their neighborhood. Recently, our St. John’s youth joined the Rockaway community Chili and Mac & Cheese cook-off – and won! Little Flower was proud to join our friends from the Rockville and Brooklyn Dioceses at a celebration of mass in honor of our founder Msgr. Bernard Quinn who is on the road to Sainthood. And several groups throughout our community are coming together to support our mission through their fundraising efforts.

We are grateful to everyone for your help and commitment. We are stronger when we work together toward our common goal of creating opportunities and connections for a positive future.

Sincerely,

Corinne Hammons
Chief Executive Officer

Little Flower Affiliates with St. John’s Residence for Boys

In Fall 2018, Little Flower entered into an affiliation agreement with St. John’s Residence for Boys, an organization serving abused, dependent and neglected young men in the Rockaways.

This partnership allows for increased collaboration as a means to further the missions of each organization, to increase program efficiency and services offered and to broaden those services to a growing base in the communities they serve.

“St. John’s and Little Flower have a long history of shared governance as Father Fagan was Executive Director of both organizations at one time,” recalled Paul Garavente, President of St. John’s Board of Directors. “This affiliation feels like a natural continuance of that strong connection.”

“I look forward to this new chapter in both Little Flower’s and St. John’s story and to the great possibilities before us and what it could mean for all of the children and families we serve” said Corinne Hammons, who is now Chief Executive Officer of both organizations. “I’m excited that St. John’s is enthusiastic about moving forward under the Little Flower umbrella and agree that we will be better and stronger together”.

The Ruscillos Give Back

From left to right: Jennifer Horsley Executive Director, Danny Ruscillo NYPD Community Partner, Johnny Arcuri Assistant Director Residential Service

Danny Ruscillo an NYPD 100th Precinct Community Partner and his son Scott Ruscillo purchased some indoor/outdoor basketballs for the residents at the St. John’s Home for Boys in Rockaway Park.

“We both thought it would be nice especially since the boys enjoy playing basketball,” said Danny.
Casino Night Fundraiser

Over 100 guests and sponsors came together to raise $106,000 for Little Flower on May 2. The Casino Night fundraiser was hosted by Fluent, a leading performance marketing company and founding sponsor of Little Flower’s The Emergence Project (TEP), an innovative youth development program that connects foster teens with the business community.

Additional top sponsors included: Acumen Capital Partners, BNB Bank, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, Retreaver and Tradeweb.

Our deepest appreciation goes to Mohit Singla, Chairman of Fluent Philanthropy and the event committee for making this first-time event a huge success!

Credit Suisse Employees Give Generously

In December, 181 employees at Credit Suisse raised over $55,000 for Little Flower through participation in the company’s annual Holiday Charity Initiative.

Rob Griffith, Managing Director and Little Flower Board member, led the charge in inspiring his colleagues to give to Little Flower’s work of turning caring into action for those most in need in our communities.

Credit Suisse employees are building direct relationships with Little Flower foster youth. Rob and four colleagues conducted a “How to Interview” workshop for The Emergence Project students in the fall semester. Currently a group of nine first-year employees have chosen to focus their philanthropic and volunteer efforts on Little Flower for the next two years.

Many thanks to all of our new friends at Credit Suisse!

Check Out Our New Video!

After much anticipation, we are excited to share with you the new Little Flower video! This project conveys what Little Flower is all about – the children, families and individuals with developmental disabilities. Take a peek and see how their lives have been transformed.

The video is available to view on Little Flower’s YouTube page, LittleFlowerNY, as well as on our website.

Msgr. Quinn Memorial Mass

Staff and residents from our Residential Treatment Center joined a delegation of Long Island and Brooklyn Catholics at the burial site of our founder, Msgr. Bernard J. Quinn. Mass was offered at St. Brigid, Westbury, by Msgr. Paul Jervis, one of the priests leading the cause for canonization of Msgr. Quinn. Msgr. Quinn’s family members were present along with members of the Msgr. Quinn Guild.
Upcoming Events

Friday, June 21, 2019  St. John’s Day
150 Beach 110th Street, Rockaway Park, NY

Monday, September 16, 2019  2019 Annual Golf Outing
Engineers Country Club, Roslyn Harbor, NY
Honoring: Jason Zoracki, Elite Glass

Yes! I want to give the gift of hope to the children, families and adults of Little Flower:

☐ $2,500  ☐ $1,000  ☐ $500  ☐ $250  ☐ $100  ☐ other_______

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