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new 'family center' to be built in Springfield

Opportunities for families are the driving force behind the decision to build a new family center by The Children's Study Home. The new center will be the physical location for several community options to help 'build healthy families' within the city of Springfield. It will provide several different choices for children and families that are in need of services. The center will be located in the former Kathleen Thornton School on Sherman Street. It will house the family, foster care and clinical programs of the Study Home which have all been

rapidly expanding over the past several years. The project has been in the discussion stages for close to a year when the Kathleen Thornton School was moved to the Study Home's Mill Pond campus. The move was very successful for the school as well as the students who are thriving in their new location.

"the new center will provide for several community options to build healthy families"

"We are now in the full planning stages of this new and exciting initiative and

we will be finalizing the details over the summer with an anticipated opening date of early fall," stated Steve McCafferty, Executive Director. "These expanding services need the space as they continue to provide quality services to this important population," he added.

The Study Home is hoping that many of their community friends and volunteers will help us make this project a reality. If you are willing to donate financial resources, materials or hours of time to the new family center, please utilize the enclosed envelope, call or email the Study Home.

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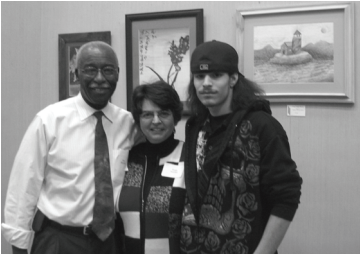
The transformation of the Cottage was a success on a sunny day in April when the campus on Sherman Street turned into an exciting and entertaining carnival. Students in the Bear Tracks and CARE programs at Western New England College organized this event for the boys living at this residential facility. It was a beautiful day with sunshine, games, arts and crafts and barbeque

food. The boys in the Cottage were each teamed up with a student buddy who interacted with them in face painting, Bingo, sand art and sack races among other games. The WNEC Alumni Association granted money allowing them to host this event, and present the



boys with exciting toys and prizes. At the end of the day, the boys were handed new books and were surprised with two new bicycles, helmets, and new pools.

an art show and thank you



From left: Don Blanton, Art Instructor; Fran Levine, supporter; and Alennis Andino, student artist

Beautiful pieces of artwork created by the children in the programs of The Children's Study Home filled the Sprague Cultural Arts Center at AIC on February 26. The night was organized to say thank you to donors of The Children's Study Home. This special night was also held to recognize the true talent of the children attending Mill Pond Schools who are

benefiting from all of the generous gifts and donations received throughout the year.

The many pieces of art work on display were products of the Art Program taught from grades 1—12 under the direction of community artist, Don Blanton. All of the displayed artwork was for sale to the public and for any

piece sold, the young artist received the payment.

The night was a success, with over fifty people in attendance who commented throughout the evening about the talent of the children. The guests listened to acoustical guitar played by Mill Pond High School senior Alennis Andino.

two organizations committed to improving the lives of children and families

new partnership with Community Services Institute

A new partnership at The Children's Study Home has been announced with the Community Services Institute and has allowed for an expansion in their community based therapeutic services for children and families in need. CSI of Springfield and West Roxbury, and The Children's Study Home of Springfield, have joined together to better provide services for family stabilization and therapy throughout greater

Springfield. CSI is known for being one of the first organizations to provide 'in home therapy' and The Children's Study Home provides residential, educational, family services and foster care. Together they have been able to enhance a continuum of services for families and individuals in need of family-based services and programs. The two organizations, committed to improving the lives of children and families, have been able to offer

programs and support to the greater Springfield area.

Already this joint venture has created more opportunities for and worked towards improving the lives of these children and families.

Debra Call, a program manager at the Study Home, has been promoted to the new Clinical Director of the organization. She will now direct community based therapeutic services to children and families.

Springfield Falcons hockey night

Westfield State College President visits Mill Pond

YPS luncheon with Steve McCafferty



cheers to the AHL Springfield Falcons for hosting friends, families and students of the Study Home

On a mid March night over 100 people related to The Children's Study Home attended the Falcons' game and excitingly watched a very competitive game of hockey. This event was made possible through the generosity of the local hockey club. Friends came from as far as Boston and after watching the game, they commented it was well worth their trip.



Dr Evan Dobelle recently visited the Mill Pond Campus along with Nanci Savlidio and Kathi Bradford of the Alumni and Development office. While there, they visited with Study Home staff and staff WSC alums pictured above.

Members of the Young Professionals Society of Springfield gathered for their monthly CEO luncheon in our board room in November to listen to the words and wisdom of Executive Director Steve McCafferty.



thoughts from

In this newsletter, you will read a lot about new community projects, ranging from our CSI partnership to our new family center conversion. These projects have their roots in our 2007 strategic plan and culminate an ongoing commitment to developing new approaches to the at-risk populations that are the focus of our mission.

Over the last year, our Board Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting monthly, but not to review operating reports or financial results. Instead, we have been talking about the vision for the Study Home, the future of our services, and perhaps also thinking about what the organization wants to be when it grows up. That may sound a little strange for an agency that's 144

years old, but we truly believe that these discussions will help us shape our future and allow us to meet the changing needs of our community in these uncertain economic times.

We will be keeping you informed of our efforts and new projects over the next year or two. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact us.



Steve McCafferty, Executive Director and Attorney Gary Martinelli, Board Chair

21st annual invitational tournament success

The spring day of May 7, 2009 brought excitement and competition to the 21st Annual Invitational Golf Tournament which was held at Crestview Country Club. The threat of rain didn't stop the enthusiasm amongst the players. Rain had been predicted for the entire day, but the sun came out and the rain did not begin until after 4:00 p.m. The golfers enjoyed healthy competition, fabulous prizes, and great refreshments including a

delectable lunch and dinner by Crestview. Beverages and hot dogs were offered throughout the day with the help of the annual appearance of the Peter Pan Metroliner Refreshment Bus.

The Study Home welcomed back many returning players as well as many new golfers to this year's invitational. Volunteers from the community as well as the Study Home came out to help and

show their support for the tournament.

Yet, another successful day of golf brought everyone together to support the programs of The Children's Study Home.

Thanks to sponsors, Health New England, Wolf & Company, P.C. and Northeast Grounds Management, Inc.

Save the date for next year's event, May 6, 2010!



Flora Masciadrelli, Juan Campbell, Kerry Besancon and Mark Morris

open house held at family support project

On January 13, 2009 The Family Support Project in Hyannis hosted an open house which provided an in-depth look at the services it provides to the youth in the Cape Cod area. The event was held at the 'youth center' which is the hub of the project's operation.

The project provides at-risk youth a safe and positive place to go after school and on some weekends to learn,

play and socialize. This program is designed as the core experience for adolescents, as the center of communication and family support and as the foundation for engagement of families participating in the program

The staff provide mentoring and coaching to solve problems, improve decision-making and to build positive reciprocal relationships. The

young men and women are also provided educational support and advocacy, tutoring, as needed, and linkages to explore post secondary education.

Knowing that active exploration is a positive tool to ward off boredom and develop interests, frequent recreation and leisure activities occur both at the center and in the community of Cape Cod.



visitors in the living room of the youth center at the Family Support Project in Hyannis



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calendar

2009

June 23
Annual Meeting
Mill Pond High School
Graduation

August 28
WNEC Urban Plunge at
The Cottage

Fall
Family Center Opening

October
Murder Mystery Dinner

November thru December
Secret Santa

Check our website
www.studyhome.org
for more details and
additional listings

volunteer

Sewing and Cooking
Instructors at Cape Cod
locations

Landscaping volunteers
to help at Cape Cod
locations

Volunteers are needed to
assist in planning the Fall
fundraising events

We are looking for
volunteers to join the
Community Relations
Committee to plan future
fun and happening events

If you are interested, in
volunteer opportunities,
please contact Suzanne
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wish list

Woodshop Supplies

- Plywood
- Tools

Art Supplies for schools

- Water color crayons
- Pastel chalk
- Drawing pads

Physical Education

- Floor Hockey Sets
- Junior Tennis Racquets
- Foam bounce balls

Durable Medical Supplies

- Wheelchair
- 2-3 pairs of crutches
- Digital thermometers

Flat Screen Computer
Monitors

Picnic Tables

Camping Equipment

our mission

The Children's Study Home
is an organization of
professionals and volunteers
dedicated to caring for and
improving the lives of at-risk
children, youth, and families
through educational, residen-
tial, and family services.

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