



HEINZ HOUSE HAPPENINGS

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A GOLDEN EVENING

On Oct. 26, 2009 SHH was glowing with pride, celebrating our GOLD LEED certification with an informal evening attended by 125 friends. Pamela Meadowcroft, Board Chair, spoke eloquently of our Gold LEED Certification and the impact of our new building for the community. The evening was a testament to our new tag line “*laugh. learn. lead*TM” as we heard much *laughter* resonating through our halls while our friends and supporters *learned* more about our gold building and our mission of *leading* youth to a brighter future!

KUDOS TO OUR KEYSTONERS!

Congratulations to our Keystone Club for winning an Award for **Program Excellence in Career Preparation** at the Career Fair and Conference in Worcester, MA on 11/22/09. There’s



more excitement on the horizon for our Keystoners. The National Keystone Conference will be held in Pittsburgh (3/12-3/15/10). Sarah Heinz House will have the honor of showcasing our wonderful facility as the host club for 1500 teens from across the country and military bases worldwide.



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SHH's COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Sarah Heinz House continues to reach out and build community partnerships. Open 15 hours a day, *we truly serve the entire community*. Regular visitors and partners include: Manchester Academic Charter School • McNaugher Education Center • Spring Hill School • YES Community Soccer Program • Family Tyes Fishing Program • Silver Sneakers Training, Certification Site • Zumba Rental/ Instructor Certification • Kidshape – Highmark Program • Reading is Fundamental Pittsburgh • Venture Outdoors • CMU/NREC (National Robotics Engineering Consortium). To learn more about partnering with us, call Director of Operations, Charley Chmura at 412.231.2377.



SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI:

PATTY SPISAK



This summer, Patty generously donated equipment for our Gymnastics Team, including some pieces especially designed for pre-school gymnasts. All the girls (and guys) are appreciating this donation on a daily basis!

- **Years at SHH:** 3 years
 - **After high school:** pursued gymnastics as a teacher, judge, coach and gym owner.
 - **Lives:** in the North Hills
 - **Memories of SHH:** SHH laid the foundation for my 35 year involvement with the sport of gymnastics.
 - **Current involvement with Heinz House:** Donated equipment to the gymnastic team and attended our October “You’ll Fall for our Kids” event.
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- **Last book read:** A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity by Bill O’Reilly
 - **Favorite athlete:** Olga Korbut of course!
 - **Family:** husband George, children Kristopher, Stephanie, Nickolas.
 - **Advice for today’s members:** “Work hard, stick with it...nothing worthwhile ever comes easily.”

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Christmas is always special at Sarah Heinz House. The familiar decorations are hung, the children have parties in their Club Programs, and there are so many opportunities to celebrate the magical season together as a community. Highlights include:

- The play, **Rock n Roll Santa**, was great fun for members and families, featuring 30 of our members who did a great job.
- The SHH Alumni, once again, hosted the ever popular **Snowflake Formal** for our members.
- **Boys Camp Weekend** was a huge success, with 18 enthusiastic boys attending and enjoying the winter tradition.



SILVER SNEAKERS™ & FITNESS CENTER

There are now over 200 seniors enrolled in Silver Sneakers™. The new Stretch Yoga class is a big hit. Stretch Yoga, Muscular Strength & Cardio classes, coupled with water aerobics or lap swimming offer many ways to stay fit! If you or someone you know may benefit from adult fitness programs, please spread the word. Hours are expanded to 6AM-2PM & cost is still an affordable \$20/month!

EDUCATION NATION

These two photos depict two of our recent community collaborations funded by MetLife. One photo is a program called **Read to your Dog**, whereby readers have a furry friend to listen to their story! The other photo is a child who just got a brand new book from Reading is Fundamental Pittsburgh; in the accompanying art project, our young member chose to draw the RIF volunteer who read a funny book to the group. These activities reflect our commitment to literacy as the starting point for lifelong learning.





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THANK YOU ALL AROUND

A big thank you to the recent investors who believe in our mission and help us meet our annual expenses of over \$2.1M:

- **The Heinz Endowments** – \$1.3M for operating support. This annual support is crucial to allow us to continue to provide our core programming at an affordable price to our members.
- **The Grable Foundation** – \$30,000 to fund one of our most successful and popular program areas – the arts. With Grable’s help, we can continue to provide outstanding and affordable music, voice, dance, art classes and special events like the annual Holiday play and recitals.
- **The Buhl Foundation** – We are very grateful for the \$23,200 start up grant to launch an advanced robotics level. The grant funds, in full, our participation in the National FIRST robotics program and competition.
- **PNC Charitable Trust** – Grant was \$15,000 in operating support to offset the actual cost of \$1800 per member to provide after school programming.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS



In 2009, we were so proud to welcome Larry Richert (KDKA), Chauncey Smith (HJ Heinz Company), Mark Rutherford (PNC Bank), Carol Caroselli (CW Design) and Colleen Coll (Eat ‘n Park). Board members in the photo are Al Toohey, Chauncey Smith, Jeff Bresch, Tony Marfisi, George Pashel, Marge Petruska, Sharon Cowden, Pam Meadowcroft, Carol Caroselli, Mark Rutherford, Geoff Stillson, Jim Murrin, John Mazur, Gary Matson, Charlie Leonard and Stan Pittman. (Not in photo: Sheila Collins, Colleen Coll, John Bonassi, Larry Richert)

- **Met Life Foudation** – \$10,000 for Literacy Activities.
- **JC Penney Foundation** – \$5,500 for registration fees associated with the National FIRST robotics program
- **PNC BANK and UPMC HEALTH PLAN** – \$5,000 each under the PA EITC Program
- **First National Bank of Pittsburgh** – \$4,300 for general support & Educational Programs.
- **WI Patterson Charitable Fund** – \$3,000 for general operating support
- **Citizens Bank & Old Navy** – both gave \$2,500 to subsidize the actual costs of Resident Camp
- **Sam’s Club Foundation** – \$1,000 in operating support
- **American Student Dental Association** – \$750 in operating support from golf outing proceeds.

IT JUST TAKES ONE!

One individual donation at a time, that is. Our annual campaign was our best ever, raising \$35,000 in gifts and pledges from individuals who believe in our programs. Thanks to each and every ONE of you who helped.