

Update for Friends of CFC

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Welcome to our news update. As a friend of CFC, we want to stay in touch with you about this important project for our community. The CFC will house five long-standing agencies: Family Network; Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling; Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care; Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association; and Tri Con Child Care Center.

Joey and Bobcat Save the Day

Joey Magnani is a high school student who remembers attending Highland Park Community Nursery and Day Care Center with his sister years ago. When he heard about the 4.5 foot snow drift blocking the front door of Community he volunteered to move the snow. In doing so he created a huge pile for the kids to play in. When Joey is not in school or studying, he helps his dad in construction and snow removal. Joey's mom teaches the 3 year old class at Community.



Family Service Welcomes New Director

Paul Dean assumed the responsibilities of Executive Director of Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling at the start of 2011. Paul earned a Master's Degree in statistics and finance from Cleveland State University, holds a Master's Degree in social work from the University of Chicago, and is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW). Paul's experience includes serving as a Staff Therapist, Program Director and Chief Financial Officer for Turning Point, the community mental health center for Nilus Township. Paul also served as the Executive Director of H.O.M.E. in Chicago, an organization that like Family Service prioritizes providing in-home services to Seniors. He states he is "excited to be a part of continuing the mission to bring needed services to individuals and families regardless of their ability to pay, many of whom would have no other options for resources if Family Service was not there to help."



Many Thanks for Your Contributions

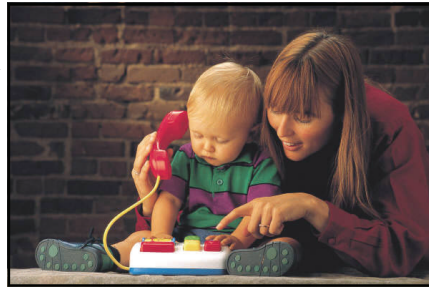
We sincerely appreciate your generous contributions throughout the year, as well as your year-end giving, to support our efforts to raise funds to reconstruct the Karger Center. With your help, we will create a model facility that will serve families throughout the area - many in need of assistance - by offering a single resource for life services, including early childhood and children's services, parent



resource for the services, including early childhood and children's services, parent education, counseling and community education. The new and expanded facility will be environmentally friendly and provide an opportunity to integrate services under one roof and to maximize resources. Click [HERE](#) to make a donation to the CFC.

Economist Says Invest in Early Childhood Education

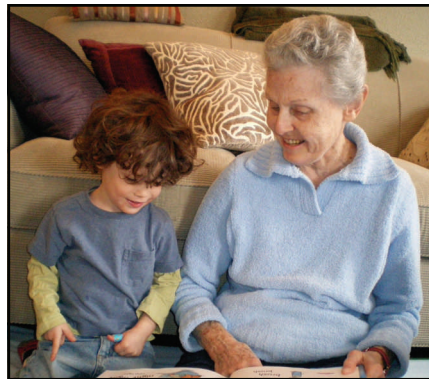
Arthur Rolnick, former Senior Vice President and Director of Research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis and currently a Senior Fellow at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota, says longitudinal studies of comprehensive, high quality early childhood programs have demonstrated that one dollar invested in early childhood can yield benefits to participants and society as high as seven to seventeen dollars.



Moreover, Rolnick says, "Parent counseling may be the most important aspect of a successful early childhood program." The Community Family Center couldn't agree more!

Congratulations Janet

CFC Board Member Janet Freed was recently appointed chairperson of the Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association. Janet is shown here at the child care home of Jane Talesnick, the Association's coordinator. Marilyn Straus, who died in January, had been the Association Chair and a representative on the CFC board. Janet is an active community volunteer. She also serves as co-chair of the Highland Park-Highwood Welfare Council, an affiliate committee of the Highland Park Community Foundation.



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