



FAMILY LIFE LINES

FAMILY LIFE RESPONDS TO CRISIS

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- More parents laid off or cannot find full-time work
- More requests for food, rental and utility assistance
- Fewer jobs for those without a high school diploma
- Increased domestic violence

While at the same time:

- Grant requests funded at lower amounts
- Retired donors with less assets

In response, Family Life is

- Seeking and training additional volunteers
- Asking for and receiving material donations such as food, maintenance assistance
- Training staff and Board to build a stronger and larger individual donor base through individual solicitation as well as on-line through safe, secure website donation option

Your investment here goes far, making great changes in the lives of children and families. Thank you for allowing us to steward your funds.

Save the Date

**“Investing in Families
for
Stronger
Communities”**

**ANNUAL GALA
October 24, 2009**

Visit www.familylifeedu.org
for details



**Dr. Joanna Gerber
2009
Volunteer of the Year**

YOUR GIFTS IN ACTION

During these stressful and uncertain times, your gifts to Family Life Education are critical and continue to have powerful beneficial results. Here is how one family's life has been changed through your generosity:

Keyana is a 17 year old Latina woman with a 2 year old son who came to the High School group in September 2008, referred from the Nurturing Families program of Family Life. Keyana had dropped out of school in 11th grade and had become very depressed and isolated, never leaving her house.

Her Family Life worker helped Keyana to set goals, one of which included continuing her education. The worker directly assisted Keyana in enrolling in a GED preparation class at Adult Education. The worker also provided transportation and encouragement for Keyana to attend the High School educational peer support

group. Once she joined, Keyana attended regularly and seemed to enjoy the sessions. She especially appreciated the self-esteem sharing part of each meeting. During one of these sharing times Keyana told the group that she was in a GED preparation class and that she wanted to go to college and study to prepare for work in the legal field. The other teen mothers were very supportive and encouraging. Keyana seemed very proud and self-confident. In December 2008, she began working in retail. In mid-January 2009, Keyana called overjoyed with the news that she had obtained her GED. Her worker is now helping her to research colleges and will help her to apply for the summer semester. The worker will also be researching the possibility of employment with former Family Life Board members who are lawyers in the Greater Hartford community.

Keyana and her son are thankful to YOU!

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SPRING MESSAGE

The Joy of Spring

Spring is such a joyous time; a season for renewal. I love seeing the tulips in my garden bloom in wonderful red, yellow, purple, pink colors. The air has a new aroma. I love listening to the birds when I wake up (instead of my annoying alarm clock). Some people hang spring wreaths on their front door to welcome visitors or open all the windows to let in the fresh air. Others look forward to swapping their heavy winter clothes for lighter fabrics. Still other people give their houses a thorough spring cleaning; usually followed by a big garage sale. Some of us say goodbye to comfort food to welcome fresh veggies from the season. There are so many things to love about Spring!

But what would the meaning of Spring be to you if you lived in an overcrowded old apartment where you cannot open the windows because they may fall off? What if you did not have "lighter fabrics" to replace your heavy winter clothing? What if instead of listening to the sound of the birds in the morning, you are awakened by an irate husband, children crying because they are hungry, or perhaps gun shots out in the street? What if you could not enjoy the flowers because you

are too tired from being awake all night worrying about being evicted or having your utilities disconnected?

The average person would have a very difficult time enjoying nature and its wonderful manifestations if they were affected by any of these issues. At Family Life we see families and individuals on a daily basis who, despite being afflicted by all these issues, come motivated by hope and by a belief that tomorrow will be a better day. With your help, we help the families fulfill that belief by assisting them with basic needs such as appropriate clothing for the season, food, furniture, etc. We help them write reasonable, achievable goals with clear, doable action steps so that they begin to see and feel a better tomorrow. We teach them how to assess the developmental progress of their children. We help them better prepare their children to enter the school system; to become more effective parents. We coach them on how to manage their money more efficiently and how to protect themselves against domestic violence. After these interventions, Spring becomes more visible, more tangible, more real. The aim, in addition to helping families become stronger, healthier, and self sufficient is to help them be happier and, to be able like the majority of us, to enjoy the wonders of Spring.

CANDIDA FLORES, Executive Director

PROGRAM CORNER



*Baby Massage Class
Nurturing Families Parenting Group*

2008 Statistics

1423 Educational Sessions

617 Participants

764 Children

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

248 parents/extended family in the *Parkville Family Center*
640 activities including classes, trips & events

100% of *Nurturing Families Program* families

were not involved in child abuse or neglect

100% of *Nurturing Families* children enrolled in HUSKY &
up-to-date with immunizations

100% of children assessed for developmental delay

Of the 54 young parents in *Teen & Young Parent Support*:

80% in school or working or graduated

92% avoided additional pregnancy

10 graduated from High School or with GED

1 attended College and worked

THANK YOU, FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS OF 2008

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Siisi Adu-Gyamfi
 Dr. Kenneth & Elizabeth Allen
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 Doris & Edward Arrington
 Jack & Lori Arsego
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 Elizabeth Bock
 Marcia Bok
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Faith-based: Church of the Incarnation, Wethersfield; First Church of Christ Congregational, Glastonbury; Flagg Road Church, West Hartford; St. Ann, Avon; St. Catherine of Siena, Simsbury; St. Mary Star of the Sea, Unionville; St. Peter Claver, West Hartford; St. Thomas the Apostle, W. Hartford
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 - Office of Young Children
 - Office of Youth Services
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AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION...

PROBLEM*

Crime, Families torn apart, Record numbers of girls under 18 in jail
 Cost: Over \$60 billion annually on intervention through prisons alone

SOLUTION = PREVENTION

Work with one family for one year costs \$2455 or less than \$750 per person at Family Life.

Help Break the Cradle to Prison Pipeline!

*ACE Study and Children's Defense Fund



Mission of Family Life Education

To build a healthy community, strengthen families and promote the well being of children and youth through education, outreach and support services.



For this food!

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 ★ **YOU!** ★
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For this joy!



For this love!