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Our Mission *The Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation is dedicated to improving the emotional health and well-being of children living in Allegheny County by providing grants and collaborating with public and private organizations to implement innovative policies, practices and programs.*

PCGF Moves as Building Undergoes Renovation

Throughout the past 62 years, the shining skyscraper at 425 Sixth Avenue — home of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation — has enjoyed an illustrious history.

In 1953, it opened as the world headquarters for the ALCOA Corporation. In 1998, it was given to the City of Pittsburgh for a modest sum to become a hub for community and economic development organizations.

Now owned by PMC Property Group, the building is being reinvented to include both residential and retail space.

While office space occupies floors 3 - 14, approximately 240 luxury apartments are available on floors 15 - 31. The renovated building will feature a state-of-the-art fitness center and community lounge. Two new restaurants will open in addition to Simpatico, the fresh juice and coffee bar currently operating in the lobby. Vallozzi's Pittsburgh, currently serving authentic Italian cuisine at its Fifth Avenue location in Downtown Pittsburgh, will open in the spring.



PCGF's new conference room

An organic salad eatery will reside in the former Palmer's Restaurant space.

In early July, PCGF moved to a newly renovated office space on the building's third floor. The suite features a small kitchen area, two dedicated workspaces, a conference room and storage area. According to PMC, the renovations have maintained the characteristics that make the ALCOA Building so unique — including the elegant aluminum and marble — while upgrading the building by polishing the floors and the aluminum and upgrading the lighting.

To differentiate between the residential and business sides of the building, our street address has been changed. While PCGF's telephone number remains the same (412-434-1665), our new address is:

Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation
611 William Penn Place
Suite 303
Pittsburgh, PA 15219



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Successful Training Session for Homeless Providers Wraps Up

After months of planning, PCGF and its partners launched “Serving Families in Crisis,” a five-module training series to improve the quality of care and service to families residing in homeless housing programs receive by enhancing staff knowledge and practice and creating a learning community among providers.

Designed for front-line staff working at shelters and other service organizations, the free series covered such topics as Cultural Competence, Early Childhood Development and Trauma-Informed Care. Nearly 150 participants from 22 organizations participated in the seminars, and 17 Licensed Social Workers received continuing education credits for participating in the workshops.

Post-training surveys revealed that participants found the series very valuable. In addition to receiving a wealth of information, participants appreciated having an opportunity to network with colleagues

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from other organizations. More than 75 percent of participants indicated that they will incorporate strategies from the sessions on a daily basis.

PCGF collaborated with Pittsburgh Mercy Health System, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, the Office of Child Development at the University of Pittsburgh and Women’s Center & Shelter to create the “Serving Families in Crisis” series, which offered workshops to shelter staff employees April through August.

Thanks to the representatives from these organizations who participated:

- Allegheny Valley Association of Churches
- Center for Victims
- Community Human Services
- East End Cooperative Ministry
- Familylinks
- Family Promise
- HEARTH
- Integrated Social Services
- Light of Life Rescue Mission
- Naomi’s Place
- Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Sisters Place, Small Seeds
- Sojourner House
- The Salvation Army Family Caring Center
- The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center
- Urban League’s Northview Heights Family Support Center
- Veterans Leadership Program
- Women’s Center & Shelter
- Womanspace East
- WPIC

GPNP to Host Annual Nonprofit Summit

The Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership (GPNP) will host its annual Summit, a dialogue and training conference that will bring together individuals representing nonprofit, private and public sectors for a day of inspiration, training and networking. The Summit will take place on Thursday, October 15, at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center from 12:30 to 7 p.m.



Entrepreneur and philanthropist **Kimbal Musk** will serve as the event's keynote speaker. A graduate of the French Culinary Institute in New York City, Mr. Musk co-founded The Kitchen, a chain of community-focused restaurants that showcase local ingredients, community gardening and sustainable, renewable energy.

For more information and registration, see www.gpnpsummit.org. Register by

September 30 and receive a 15% discount.

GPNP provides public policy analysis, education, advocacy and membership discounts to more than 400 nonprofit organizations in southwestern Pennsylvania. PCGF is both a member and proud supporter of GPNP's 2015 Summit.

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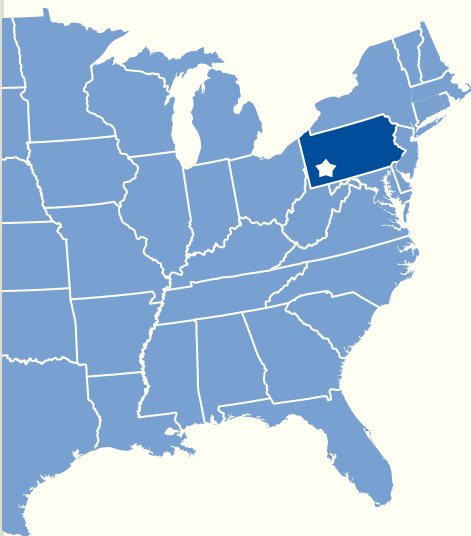
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Our region wins when we work together.

Thursday, October 15, 2015
12:30 – 7 p.m.

David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Downtown Pittsburgh



Brookings Institute Studies Poverty in America

The Brookings Institute, a research organization based in Washington, D.C., recently reported that 27.9 percent of Pittsburgh households have annual incomes that are at or below the federal poverty level for a family of three. Of the 72 cities included in the study, Pittsburgh has the 14th highest percentage of households with annual incomes less than \$21,433. In contrast, only 4.4 percent of Pittsburgh households have annual incomes of \$200,000 or greater. *(Source: U.S. Census 2013 American Community Survey)*

Mark Your Calendars:

We ask Trustees to mark your calendars and make every effort to attend these meetings:

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 15
4:30 - 6 p.m.
Foundation Office

BOARD MEETING/ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17
4:30 to 6 p.m.
Foundation Office

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Greater Pittsburgh Nonprofit Partnership
Annual Summit**
Thursday, October 15
12:30 - 7 p.m.
Convention Center

Homeless Children's Education Fund Summit
Friday, November 13
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh Downtown

Remembering Dr. Sonis...



PCGF honors the legacy of **Dr. Meyer "Mike" Sonis**, who passed away on April 26, 2015 at the age of 96.

The noted child psychiatrist and consultant served as the Director of the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Center from 1961 to 1972. Dr. Sonis also served as the Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh and as a chair or consultant to various organizations dedicated to improving the mental health of children and adolescents. We extend our sincerest condolences to his family and friends, and we reflect on the profound influence that Dr. Sonis had on our work today.

Kudos to...



Michelle Figlar, former executive director of the Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC), who has been appointed as the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Child Development & Early Learning in the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Ms. Figlar and PAEYC have been wonderful partners to PCGF, and we look forward to working with her in her new capacity. Congratulations, Michelle!

Aja Thorpe, who after three years of working part time at the Foundation, headed off to Yale in August. Best of luck, Aja!

