





PROGRAM OVERVIEW & UPDATES



Transitional Housing: Located in Glenshaw, HEARTH provides 16, 2-3 bedroom apartments to mothers with children experiencing homelessness, domestic violence and other traumas.

Boiler Building: Located in Glenshaw, HEARTH provides 4 subsidized housing apartments to HEARTH graduates on HEARTH's campus.



Benet Woods: Located in Ross Township, Benet Woods provides 11 subsidized permanent housing apartments to families who have graduated HEARTH's transitional housing program.



HEARTH to Home: In partnership with Enterprise Bank, families at HEARTH have homeownership opportunities through the HEARTH to Home house donation program. In July 2023, Enterprise and HEARTH donated their first home to a family at HEARTH!



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In April 2023, HEARTH welcomed Christy Pietryga as the new CEO. With over 12 years of experience in the nonprofit sector in Pittsburgh, Christy has dedicated her career to assisting individuals experiencing homelessness. To connect, please feel free to reach out to Christy via email at <u>cpietryga@hearthpgh.org.</u>



HEARTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In June 2023, the Boards of Directors of HEARTH and Benet Woods commenced joint meetings with the aim of fostering cohesion between HEARTH's transitional housing and Benet Woods' permanent housing program. These meetings also serve to align the boards regarding strategic planning goals and fundraising opportunities.

4 Board committees: In July 2023, the HEARTH Board of Directors implemented the following Board Committees: Finance, Programs, Governance, Development & Ad Hoc Audit committee.

HEARTH FOUNDERS & END OF YEAR APPEAL

2023: The Year of HEARTH's Founders! HEARTH set the End of Year Appeal goal to raise \$95,000 in honor of the HEARTH Founders, marking the year HEARTH began serving families. This goal was not only met but surpassed, with \$105,487 raised!

Your support is more than just a donation; it's a lifeline for the mothers and children we serve at HEARTH. Your kindness and compassion are creating pathways to healing, hope, and new beginnings. To each donor who believes in our mission, shares our vision, and contributed to this success - THANK YOU!

Opening Doors to Families in Crisis Since 1995



HEARTH is hosting a Founders Breakfasts on February 23, 2024 to honor and recognize the founders of HEARTH from 1989-1995. Please reach out to HEARTH's Development Director, Megan Lang if you'd like more information: mrlang@hearthpgh.org





SIGNATURE EVENTS

Purses with a Purpose, February 2023: HEARTH held Purses with a Purpose at the beautiful LeMont Restaurant gathering over 300 guests. With it's breathtaking views, a delicious brunch and a fun-filled purse auction, it was a lovey way to spend a Sunday afternoon as well as raise awareness and money for the families we serve.

Tees & Traps, June 2023: HEARTH hosted the annual Tees & Traps event, welcoming over 100 golfers and trap shooters to the scenic Longue Vue Club. The combination of golf, trap shooting, and beautiful scenery created a perfect summer day, allowing us to raise both money and awareness to support the families we serve.

Eleventh Hour Event, September 2023: HEARTH's Young Professionals Board held a fun and welcoming event at Eleventh Hour Brewing. Great connections were made and all donations raised benefited families at HEARTH.

Hats Off to HEARTH, October 2023: HEARTH held Hats Off to HEARTH at the August Wilson African American Cultural Center, gathering over 250 attendees. The stunning venue, along with fantastic food and wine, provided the ideal setting for an evening celebration of honoring our Founders and raising funds to support families at HEARTH.





In 2023, HEARTH served a total of 67 individuals. Our team provided essential services to 21 moms and 46 children.

CAMPUS UPDATES

HEARTH has recently enhanced several areas of the Glenshaw campus, including the addition of a new therapy room where families and individuals can engage in therapy sessions with our community partners. Additionally, a wellness room equipped with a spinning bike, treadmill, and various exercise equipment has been added, offering adults on campus access 24/7.

In the spring of 2024, an outdoor pavilion and picnic area will be generously donated and installed by Lowe's of McCandless, providing space for outdoor family activities on campus. HEARTH remains committed to offering essential amenities such as a 24/7 food pantry, on-site laundry facilities, clothes closet, HEARTH store, two playgrounds, a community garden, and sports court.



"Because of HEARTH, we have gone from barely surviving to thriving."

HEARTH GRADUATE SHARES HER STORY AT HATS OFF 2023

"HEARTH has provided my son and I with a meaningful path. A path we could have never been on without HEARTH's unwavering support to help us through the bad days. HEARTH believed in me at times I didn't even believe in myself, and that's priceless. Being able to step out into the real world and show workers, volunteers, and donors that the time given truly transforms lives is one of many ways I show appreciation to the amazing organization. Moments I will hold close to my heart for the rest of my life." - Tabitha



FAMILY EVENTS & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

With local community support such as Brentwood Bank, Millie's Ice Cream, Pirate Parrot, and the Norwin Show Choir, we were able to provide our families with lots of fun, engaging events to support connection, growth, and healing. We kicked off Mother's Day with a Floral Arrangement event, the end of the summer brought a Back to School social, the fall is always a fun time with our Boo Bash, and our Holiday Party with gifts for every child was a success. Thank you to our partners and generous community for supporting our adventures this year!



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT WITH BRENTWOOD BANK



KIDS' ARTWORK



DRUMMING IN CHILDCARE



PLANT YOUR OWN POT EVENT



COMMUNITY GARDEN GNOME



TEAM HIGHLIGHT & COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

During the week leading up to Christmas, the Program team at HEARTH welcomed four new families, three of whom were actively fleeing domestic violence, while one family was experiencing homelessness. This past holiday season, the team provided families with a warm, safe, and supportive home filled with wrapped presents, decorations, and peace. Witnessing the relief on the mothers' faces and the joy on the children's faces serves as a daily reminder of the significance of HEARTH's mission. The HEARTH team consistently goes above and beyond to provide support and care to families at HEARTH.



VOLUNTEERISM & IN KIND GIVING







In 2023, HEARTH had 120 volunteers and over 391 service hours! We held 45 volunteer events with a total of \$14,000 in economic impact. HEARTH hosted our first Volunteer Appreciation Event in September of 2023 and we're excited to make this an annual event.

Through In-Kind Giving, many donors gave to our major resource areas such as our Food Pantry, HEARTH Store, Clothing Closet, Community Garden, and many other spaces. Our mothers and children received many gifts for the holidays, and household and personal care items from many generous community donors.

Thank you to every single one of YOU! You're an important piece to creating a warm, safe, and healthy environment in our HEARTH community.



HEARTH STAFF

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