Many thanks to all those who helped make our annual auction an evening to remember. On Saturday, April 13, 2013 nearly 200 guests gathered at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy to celebrate the HOSPITALITY that is the hallmark of Face to Face. Old friends and new mingled amid beautifully displayed gifts while sipping drinks and sampling delicious food. It was a vibrant party as people shopped, selected mystery wines concealed in identical bags, and got to know more about Face to Face. In the silent auction that followed dinner parties, trips to Costa Rica and custom made t-shirt quilts went to the highest bidders.

Before the live auction, Mary Kay Meeks-Hank, our Executive Director addressed our guests and spoke about our most pressing needs for the Fund a Need part of the program. Mary Kay discussed how our building which houses all of our programs is home to so many. One need only visit our dining room any morning and see people relaxing, chatting or playing games to realize that this truly is their home. It is also a 150 year old building that is in need of serious renovation to make it safe for all of our people, from the youngest to the oldest. Mary Kay asked our guests to apply the same standards to Face to Face’s Hall that they would to their own homes; to make the children of Face to Face as safe as their own. This will entail making renovations to bring our building up to code in essential areas such as fire detection and suppression among others. The room of supporters responded enthusiastically with pledges ranging from $50 to $5,000. It was an auspicious beginning to what will be a challenging undertaking. The evening ended with heartfelt thanks to Ancillae-Assumpta for hosting us once again and to Sherry Mischler and the entire auction committee for a lovely celebration.
SUNDAY MORNING REGULARS

HOSPITALITY, MUTUALITY and TRANSFORMATION, the motto of Face to Face, is brought to life by volunteers like Vince Cuco and his family. In 2007, Vince and his oldest son Vince signed-up with the Father's Club at La Salle to volunteer at Face to Face. Following that first visit, Vince asked Josh Skinner, our chef, when he needed help the most. Josh said that Saturday mornings would be most helpful, that is when they prep for both Saturday and Sunday meals. Vince has been a regular every Saturday morning since. First, young Vince was his companion; then his sons John and Joe joined him. John is a junior at La Salle while Joe is a freshman. Vince explained that he and his wife Janet wanted their sons to realize that there is more to life than iPhones and iPads; that no matter what their complaints were, they pale in comparison to the challenges encountered by our dining room guests each day. Clearly that message has taken hold in their boys, Young Vince returns to volunteer at Face to Face when he is home from The University of Pittsburgh and John and Joe are Saturday morning regulars. Vince explained that all of his boys have taken the La Salle motto of, "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve," seriously. In addition to their work at Face to Face, Vince works with Pitt's Urban Immersion program when he is at school, Joe does service with the Scouts and John volunteers through La Salle. We are delighted that Vince joined the Board at Face to Face in September and that he has agreed to become the vice-chair beginning next September.
MAKING SUMMER MEMORIES

July is right around the corner and soon we will open our doors to another memorable summer for the children of East Germantown. School will be closed but our children will not be left to wander the hot, dangerous streets with nothing to do. Instead they will be at Face to Face’s summer camp, enjoying music, art, dance and friendship. They will also receive two nutritious meals each day. Approximately 100 local children from kindergarten through 6th grade will spend from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm enjoying the magic of summer. In addition to the daily activities, the children will be taken on day trips to pools, bowling alleys, movies, plays and historic sites. The camp is led by Amy Koslowsky, our Director of Children’s Programs. In addition to Amy we employ support staff to ensure that each camper receives the individual attention that he or she deserves.

We also have a Counselor in Training program for early teens that have "graduated" from our Summer Camp. This program provides these adolescents with the same benefits as the younger children; nutrition, structure, and adult supervision; with the added bonus of earning a small stipend and gaining invaluable work experience. The Junior Counselors also set a wonderful example for the neighborhood children who look up to the JC’s as mentors and role models.

Families who are able, pay a nominal fee each week. The many who cannot are given scholarships so that their children can participate in the camp experience. This is a wonderful program and vital to the children of East Germantown. If you would like to support our camp please click below to donate to make a child’s summer a memorable one of learning and friendship.

To make a donation to our Summer Camp, click on the link below:

https://ftf.ejoinme.org/?tabid=464961
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is the time of year when we need our volunteers most! Many people are vacationing and our high school/university groups are out of school. Beginning May 6, 2013, we are in need of regular volunteers to serve meals on Monday & Friday. Meal service is from 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Please plan to volunteer at Face to Face this summer.

To schedule volunteer time, please contact Patty McDonough, Volunteer Coordinator, at
patty@facetofacegermantown.org
or 215.849.0179

New to volunteering? Contact Patty and request a Volunteer Application.

THANK YOU!

Jennifer Hendricks, Community Outreach Coordinator at Primex Garden Center in Glenside, has quietly been tending to our community garden for three years. Jenn also expertly directs groups when they volunteer in our garden. During the summer months, our weekly meals are enhanced by the fresh vegetables from our garden.

Jenn comes to Face to Face on her own time to help with the planting, weeding, and harvesting of the garden. Thank you Jenn for your dedication and generosity to Face to Face.

WISH LIST

Your in-kind donations are greatly appreciated and allow us to continually meet the needs of our Germantown community. We couldn’t do it without you!

Coffee
5 lb. Bags of Sugar
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Deodorant
Lotion
Plastic Grocery Bags
White All-Purpose Paper for Copiers and Printers
No. 10 Envelopes
Artists’ Paintbrushes
Elmer’s Glue

Items may be dropped off at Face to Face Fridays through Tuesdays from 9AM to 3PM. Call 215-849-0179 for additional information.

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