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A Fine Reputation

Bonnie Floro: Executive Director



Recently a man in his 80s stopped by the agency just to look around. He lived in our Children's Home in the 1940s when he was a boy, along with his brother and sister. He spoke of fond memories of the matron, Miss Mary Pope, and was hoping we had a picture of her. With a smile on his face he told us that his job was to empty rat traps in the basement and throw the rats into the furnace! He added that sometimes there were so many kids in the home he had to sleep at the foot of his brother's bed. I also had a recent message from a woman who lived here decades later. She said those were the most stable years her life and she planned to start a social media group for former residents. We occasionally hear from past residents like this, and the stories are always positive ones. It's good to hear that a place that sounds like you would never want to live there, a Children's Home, was a safe and loving refuge for many children. We know that our services continue to provide a safe space for children of today. This holiday season, please help us continue this great work.

SANTA'S WISH LIST THIS YEAR

Free food vouchers for incentives	\$25+
New frames for our certificates	\$100
Electric stove/oven	\$600
New hallway mats for Child Care	\$800
Gift cards for program incentives	\$50+
Crayons/prizes for handing out at events	\$250
Laptops with touch screens	\$750
Learning tablets for preschool rooms	\$1,000

AND IF WE HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD...

Front sidewalk renovation (we have a partial donor!)	\$10,000+
Air conditioning for Child Care Center	\$18,000+
New and Improved Office Building	\$150,000 - \$1,000,000

Wishing you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS



CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

17TH ANNUAL SPORTING CLAYS CHALLENGE

Proceeds benefit



Youth Mentoring

JUNE 12, 2020

WARRIORS MARK WINGSHOOTING LODGE
IN HOUTZDALE (GINTER), PA

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

Bring a Team

4 Member Team \$1,100 (\$650 tax deductible)
Registration includes practice, lunch, a 100 target competition, ammo (12 gauge), appetizers, and prime rib dinner.

Become a Sponsor

Gold Corporate —\$3,000 (\$2,550 tax deductible)

Silver Corporate —\$2,000 (\$1,550 tax deductible)

Pavilion Sponsor \$200 (\$200 tax deductible)

Station Sponsor \$150 (\$150 tax deductible)

Other Sponsorships Available
Major Credit Cards Accepted

Registration & Sponsorship Deadline June 5, 2020



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Not Just a Home for the Holidays

Shannon Kelly: Adoption Program Manager

Like many families in our community, our family eagerly awaits the weekend after Thanksgiving to begin our Christmas traditions. We carry our Christmas tree and all of the heavy boxes filled with ornaments and decorations from the attic, and as we pull each ornament from the boxes, our family reminisces about the stories and memories behind many of them. With holiday music playing in the background, we begin making homemade ornaments for family and close friends, bake cookies to enjoy, and anticipate the many gatherings that we'll celebrate together, as a family.

For thousands of children, they're waiting, not *just* for a home for the holidays, but one for *forever*.

in Pennsylvania alone and of those children, over 3,000 have a goal of adoption. Every child deserves a loving home where they are safe, loved, and given every opportunity to succeed.

So as you begin your own family traditions this holiday, please consider opening your home and heart to a child in need. Visit www.adoptpakids.org to learn more about children waiting for their forever homes. Because every child not only deserves to have a home for the holidays, but one to come home to every day of the year.

If you're interested in learning more about becoming a foster or adoptive family, please contact us at (814) 765-2686 ext. 205 or adoption@childaid.org.



Real Relationships

Danielle Boyles:
Real Relationships
Program Manager

Real Relationships has completed a very successful grant year! We exceeded the expected number of people served and provided high quality evidence-based marriage education to Clearfield and the 8 surrounding counties!

At the National conference at the National Harbor in Maryland, we were given the first place "Urkel" award for the second year in a row for excellence in data and program completion. That is number one out of all the HMRF grantees in that

category! We were able to do this by focusing on our mission and working as a team!

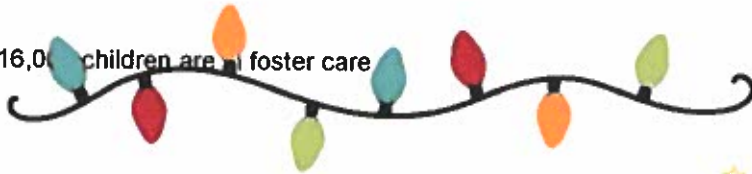


There are many Marriage Retreats and One Day Committed Couple Workshops available in the year ahead. This is a great way to bring couples closer together through better communication and more intimate connections no matter how long you have been with each other. This is not therapy or counseling just real education for Real Relationships!

For more information email us at RealRelationships@childaid.org or call 814-765-2686.



Over 16,000 children are in foster care



CAS Pre-K Counts Receives Expansion Funding



This summer, we received increased funding to serve more children through our Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts program. This allowed us to open up an additional classroom of 10 children, upping the total capacity to 28. At first we were concerned about hiring a new teacher and filling the new classroom, but we were able to accomplish both in time for the first day of school.

Pre-K Counts provides quality half-day and full-day pre-kindergarten to eligible 3 and 4 year olds in Pennsylvania. It's designed for children at risk of school failure due to income and other risk factors. CAS operates a full-day program, following the 180-day Clearfield Area School District calendar. Teachers certified in Early Childhood Education lead each classroom with a focus on helping kids develop the skills they need for school success. The program is free for eligible families. Before and after care and summer care are also available in our Child Care

Center, for a fee.

Quality pre-kindergarten prepares children for reading and math, but also for paying attention, following directions and getting along with others. Pre-kindergarten gives children a chance to learn, become excited about school and be better students.

Please join us in welcoming new classroom teacher, Rachel Dunlap, to our CAS family. Rachel lives in Clearfield with her husband and new daughter Daisy.



Family Support

Christina Woodel:
Family Support
Program Manager



Greetings from Family Support Services. We have been very busy starting new grants and closing an old one.

The new PCCD Grant for Triple P is up and running in Centre County. This is our 5th year for Triple P here at CAS. Triple P teaches some very positive ways to approach behavior problems. Lisa is busy setting up groups and working with individual families. The Children's Trust Fund Grant which covered Clearfield County Triple P was closed successfully in October.

Other exciting news... Our new Children's Trust Fund Grant for Parents as Teachers is also up and running in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties. Parents as Teachers is a program that stresses the importance of the parent as the child's first and most important teacher and gives the parent the support they need to be confident in this role.

If you would like more information on either of these programs, please call Christina at 765-2686 x 206.

DONATIONS RECEIVED

MAY - OCTOBER 2019

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT DONATED

Glenn & Ruth Mengle Foundation
Walmart Clearfield #2129
Walmart Distribution Center #6027
CBT Bank
John Lightner Trust Fund
Ursula Pinto
Mosquito Creek Sportsman's Club
RJ Corman Railroad Group
By the Numbers
DuBois Rotary Club
Clearfield Area HS Class of 2019
Stan and Julie LaFuria
Grassflatt Moose #941
Clearfield Moose #97
Women of the Moose #2259
VFW Post #5020 Osceola Mills
VFW Post #6321 Smithmill
Novartis Corp. - Dana Beauseigneur

LIST DOES NOT INCLUDE ANNUAL GIFTS
OR FUNDRAISING SPONSORSHIPS
AND DONATIONS

Birthday Bags

Krista Elensky: Foster Care Program Manager



Through our agency's foster care program, we work to ensure that each child in the foster care system is able to celebrate his or her birthday. For each child residing in our foster homes, we ask them for their preferences in cake flavor, icing, their favorite color, interests, etc.. We then ask a member of our board or anyone who is interested, to sponsor the child by getting them a bag filled with their favorite items. With this practice, we try to take the stress of planning an entire party off the foster parents' shoulders. Each bag typically has a box of the child's favorite cake flavor with icing to go with it, a box of birthday candles, plates and napkins in the child's favorite color, small decorations, and an age-appropriate toy(s) or gift card based off the child's interests. We contact volunteers about a month in advance to the child's birthday and read over the list of items to see if the volunteer is interested in building the bag. The bags are then taken to the foster home right before the child's birthday and given to the foster parents to hold until their birthday arrives. We have had great success in this process and the children continue to love and appreciate the bags.

If you are interested in learning more or signing up to sponsor a child, please give Krista a call at (814) 765-2686 ext. 249 or email fostercare@childaid.org.

There are several ways to help Children's Aid Society serve children and families

- You may donate to a specific program, remember us in your will, or decide to offer an annual gift.
- Consider making a donation through the Clearfield County Charitable Foundation.
Call (814) 765 - 7682 for more information.
- Businesses can donate through the EITC tax credit program by calling 1 - 866 - 466 - 3972.

- I have enclosed \$1,000 as a one-time Youth Mentoring match sponsor
- I would like to sponsor a Youth Mentoring match annually
- I have enclosed _____ as a one-time gift
- Please contact me about naming Children's Aid Society in my will
- I would like the funds to specifically benefit the _____ program
- I would like more information on volunteering

Name: _____

Address: _____

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The official registration and financial information of Children's Aid Society in Clearfield County may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999.

Children's Aid Society Supports Families

Teresa Guaglianone: Assistant Director



Family is the single most important influence in a child's life. From their first moments of life, children depend on parents and family to protect them and provide for their needs. Parents and family form a child's first relationships. They are a child's first teachers and act as role models in how to act and how to experience the world around them. By nurturing and teaching children during their early years, families play an important role in making sure children are ready to learn when they enter school. Children thrive when parents are able to actively promote their positive growth and development. Every parent knows that it's sometimes difficult to do this important work without help, support, and additional resources. CAS offers programs that help and support families as well as provide them with additional resources.

Adoption services include birth parent counseling, SWAN (Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network) orientation, adoption classes, home study preparation, networking with placement agencies, post-placement supervision, international placement help, child preparation, child specific recruitment, voluntary post-adoption contact agreements, birth family searches and post-permanency services. **Foster Care** services include identify and recruit prospective resource families, complete home study and placement services, provide ongoing training to resource families, counseling and other services as needed, offer support group services and help to minimize the number of moves a child has to make within the system. **Triple P** aims to promote children's development and manage behaviors and

emotions in a constructive and non-hurtful way. **Youth Mentoring** matches mentors with children who need a caring, responsible adult in their lives. The supportive, healthy relationships formed between mentors and mentees are both immediate and long-lasting and contribute a host of benefits for each. **Real Relationships** offers free classes and workshops that teach the tools needed to establish, build and maintain successful relationships. **Relatives as Parents Program** offers support for grandparents raising grandchildren and other relative caregivers. This provides caregivers the opportunity to meet others with similar life situations and includes education, free child care and dinner. The **Nurturing Program** strengthens families by giving parents and children tools needed to make a happy home life. Being a good parent becomes easier using skills learned in the program. **Parents as Teachers** supports children by supporting their parents. It values the fact that parents are their children's first most influential teacher and that all young children and their families deserve the opportunity to succeed. **Child Care** provides child care from ages six weeks to sixth grade. **Pre-K Counts** provides children ages three and four with skills necessary to successfully transition into kindergarten and succeed in school.

The mission of CAS is to provide services to improve the quality of life for children and families. Through this mission, we change the lives of children and families for the better, forever. For more information about any of the programs we offer, please call (814) 765-2686.

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