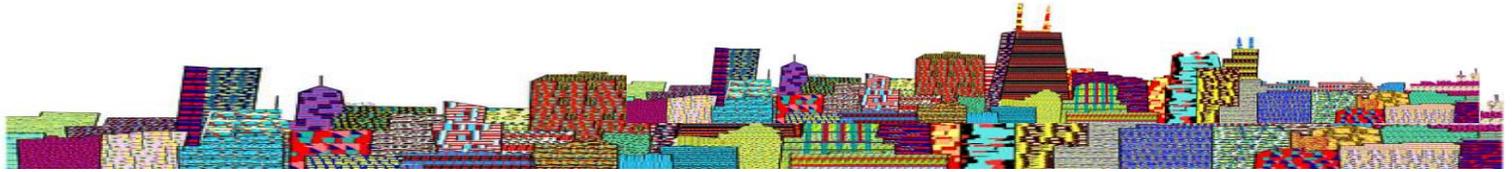


Parenting 4 Non-Violence



Fall Newsletter 2017

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

5 Years



Helping parents protect & prepare their children and teens to survive and thrive in the society in which we live.

Parenting for Non-Violence has now been providing parent education to families for five years with the first workshop having been hosted by St. Agatha Catholic Church and Fr. Larry Dowling in 2012. Under the leadership of Teresa Pennix Gill, Fr. Chuck Dahm, and Rosemary White, a small Board had been formed, programs researched, facilitators recruited and trained with St. Pius V agreeing to act as our fiscal agent. As of November 15, 2017 more than 870 families have now participated in our classes. A few dedicated persons do make a difference, but Parenting for Non-Violence is so very grateful to our partner sites for providing the space and the parents, to the book keepers at St. Pius V for 4 years of support, and for our donors – all of whom helped make this possible.

Special recognition to the Archdiocese of Chicago, whose initial funding launched us, supported us with grants from Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and to the foundations who have consistently donated: W.P. and H.B. White Foundation, John C. and Carolyn Noonan Parmer Foundation, Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl, Haugh Family Foundation and the Lila and Violet Zaranti Foundation.

Coincidentally, the Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, on November 7, 2017 held their Annual Interreligious Leadership Award ceremony at the Law Offices of Jenner & Block LLP. This annual award is given to

individuals, programs, or organizations that embody the Council's goal of promoting religious harmony in our community in service of the common good. In informing of us of this award, the Council President stated that they were proud to recognize our efforts to empower parents across Chicago by providing them with proven skills and techniques necessary for raising their children in emotionally healthy ways so that the children can survive and thrive in today's world.

Parent Programs and Family Support

Sites: Since our May newsletter, we have continued to expand our reach to more parents by continuing programs at past sites and establishing new sites – the latter often at request of the site. New sites include the Safer Foundation, New Life Community Church, and Youth Outreach Services (YOS). This calendar year our completed workshops will number thirty three compared to the 2016 total of twenty two.

Juvenile Justice Center is new site that deserves its own paragraph. Attorney Diane Walsh and Presiding Judge Michael Toomin, invited us to propose a pilot program for parents of probationers at the monthly meeting of the judges of this court. With leadership of director Avik Das and the organizational skills of Melissa Spooner and her Positive Youth Development team at the Circuit Court of Cook County Juvenile Justice Division, the initial workshop began on October 28. P4NV has committed to providing 7 workshops – including one in Spanish – this fiscal year and we anticipate reaching up to one hundred twenty six parents from this site alone.

Programs: Active Parenting Publishers continues to provide our core programs but we continue to add to our menu of topics. The spring pilot of Families in Action, which concurrently presents sessions to parents and teens followed by mutual discussion, has resulted in two sites requesting that we provide selected sections of the teen component, Teens in Action, to the schools' teens. Topics are woven into the school day or the curriculum.

The spring pilot of Fatherhood, developed by the National Fatherhood Initiative, "24/7 Dad", is now a standard offering on our program menu and has been ongoing at several sites.

A new offering is Helping Your Child Succeed in School which addresses conflict over homework, provides recommended solutions, and leads into other components of the parenting programs – such as encouraging versus discouraging parent-child interactions.



Family Support: One of the goals of the Board and the Program Committee of the Advisory Council has been to provide a list of local resources for the parents in each of the communities we serve. Shirley Peoples, who volunteered after attending the Call to Action gathering assembled by the Black Catholic Deacons, and new Board member Mary Lou Wilhelm, using the structure created by Mary Lou and the Committee, have now a list of many resources – city-wide and local. Examples of these resources include sources of scholarships, legal aid, etc.

Board and Council News

The Advisory Council, initially convened in January of this year, has met two additional times. Committees were formed: Business and Finance, Program, Publicity, and Fund Raising. Recruited to supply P4NV with advice based on their various expertise, many members are going the extra mile (which many do just getting to the meetings). The Board is very grateful for their input and their enthusiasm and thank Catholic Theological Union for providing us with meeting space.

The accounting firm of Hansen and Cochrane has supplied us with a financial review – appropriate for a non-profit of our size rather than an audit. Our thanks to Lou Glunz and Sheila Mickus for underwriting this report.

The law firm of Michael, Best and Friedrich agreed to act as legal consultant and has already served us by providing advice.

Outreach into the community to create awareness of the value of parenting education and of the existence of P4NV's efforts to provide it are ongoing. Under the energetic leadership of Board member Evilin McHugh and her team, eighty-five people gathered at the elegant new meeting space at Faith, Hope and Charity Parish in Winnetka on Sept. 15 to hear President Teresa Pennix Gill's presentation which informed of the need, for the value of this education, and our successes. A big thank you to Fr. Marty O'Donovan for providing the space and for believing in our mission and with gratitude to Evilin, her advisors, and volunteers: Carolyn Parmer, Judy Janowiak, Marjorie Stephan, Dorothy Andries, Jennifer Bobay, Rita Kattner and Mary Lou Wilhelm.



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Giving Tuesday (Tuesday after Thanksgiving) Parenting for Non-Violence has registered on the ILGive site. The website is very user friendly and secure which makes it easy to donate.

Check to see if your donation is matched by your employer

Become or Recommend a Board member. P4NV continues to provide our services with a working Board and without the assistance of an employee. Many positions are open among which are site coordinator, recording secretary, social media coordinator etc. Committees are also in need of volunteers – grant writers and researchers. We welcome conversations with persons who have skills they wish to contribute and are looking for an opportunity to make a difference.

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Thank you one and all for the donations of time and talent. Workshops are possible only with the generosity of our donors and the support of personnel at the sites who provide the space, the parents and other amenities. To members of the Advisory Council, we owe you so much for pitching in and sharing your expertise in ensuring the organization is strong, growing and sustainable.

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