

Summer 2007

GETTING OLDER & BETTER!

Believe it or not, The Brashear Association turns ninety this year! For nine decades, we have provided programs and services to South Pittsburgh families. As we get closer to the date of our annual luncheon, we'll keep you posted about any special events.

We are getting older. All of our friends, neighbors, and supporters are helping us get better!

A CREATIVE CELEBRATION

Throughout the school year, we work with kids in three exciting art education programs that allow them to expand their talents and their worlds. *New Artists* and *Allentown Arts* involve children, grades 2 through 5, in an exploration of art forms that simultaneously reinforces math and language skills. The *New Artists* program meets at Phillips Elementary School; *Allentown Arts* is housed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

The *Arts Apprenticeship Program* has reached out to middle school students from throughout South Pittsburgh for nearly ten years. With guidance from our Artist-In-Residence Donna Hetrick, professional artists offer training in three art forms each year. Classes are held at Brashear Center and Fireborn Studios.

Each year, the students from these programs exhibit their work at an art show. This year, the exhibit will be held on **Tuesday, May 22nd**. Courtesy of The

Soffer Organization, the event will be held at a South Side Works storefront in the 2600 block of East Carson Street—just look for the balloons to find us! The exhibit starts at 6:00 p.m. and all are welcome. If you can join us, call education coordinator Lisa Donofrio at 412-431-2236.

GET INTO THE SWING

On June 18th, we'll celebrate the 20th Annual *South Side Scramble*, our golf outing at South Hills Country Club. This very special event raises badly needed funds to underwrite our program and services.

For golfers and non-golfers alike, the event is great fun. The setting is lovely and the benefits are many. Golfers get a delicious lunch, refreshments on the course, souvenirs, and a fabulous dinner.

For those who don't know a putter from pottery, the dinner is a delightful gathering with prizes, raffles, contests, and convivial companionship!

Think about joining us. You'll have a great time for a great cause! As always, the number for more information is 412-431-2236.

PROGRAM UPDATES

As you read this newsletter, we are busy planning our summer programs. Because of changes in the school system and its summer school programs, we'll be doing something different this year.

Certain elements of our summer programming will remain intact. We will offer at least one session of our popular day camp, *Discover South Side*, and we'll be

working in partnership with Mercy Medical Center outreach at their program at Warrington Recreation Center.

We will also have our summer day camp program in St. Clair Village. We'll be working for several weeks, in cooperation with the St. Clair Village Tenant Council and other providers, to offer some fun activities to children, grades 2 through 8.

We are working to plan joint activities with both Grandview and Phillips Elementary Schools to complement their summer school programs. In Allentown, we'll provide an additional component of care with an extended day program for summer school students.

It will be a busy, busy summer. If you would like more information about our programs or if you are interested in volunteering, call Lisa Donofrio at 412-431-2236.

Many of our programs run throughout the year. Our Food Assistance Program is one of them. Brashear operates two food pantries at Brashear and Kaufmann Centers. These pantries provide food items to low income families from South Pittsburgh communities once a month.

The Brashear Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. The Kaufmann Pantry is open on the same days but from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Both pantries serve residents of the following neighborhoods: Arlington, Arlington Heights, Bon Air, Carrick, Knoxville, Mt. Oliver, St. Clair Village, and South Side. Residents should choose the pantry closest to them and cannot use both.

If you need more information, please call Tara Madoni at Brashear Center at 412-431-2236 or Alicia Haley at Kaufmann Center at 412-431-0557.

NEWS AND NOTES

There's a relatively new face at Kaufmann Center. Alicia Haley joined our staff in September, wearing a couple of hats. She is a case manager with our Self-Sufficiency Program. She is also the agency presence at Kaufmann Center and keeps all in order at that site. Alicia also splits her time with the Neighborhood Employment Center.

A Pittsburgh native with family roots in South Pittsburgh, Alicia is a graduate of Allegheny College.

For the past several months, we've had the pleasure of working with two AmeriCorps placements. Laura Erion is our placement from the AmeriCorps KEYS program and works with Lisa Donofrio to provide children's education programs. She is a native of Oil City and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. In September, she will attend graduate school at CMU's Heinz School.

Dale Maxfield, a Duquesne University graduate, has been working with us in our partnership with Duquesne University. As an AmeriCorps/VISTA placement, Dale has been responsible for matching student volunteers to community needs. At the conclusion of his placement, Dale plans to relocate to the Midwest.

For several years, Brashear has housed UPMC's Living At Home Program at the Brashear Center. This program provides support services to seniors to enable them to live independently. Because of the need to expand child care services through The Learning Tree, we have relocated Living At Home to the Kaufmann Center. Their phone number, 412-381-6575, remains the same.