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Orchard Place/PACE's Day Program Helps Students Succeed

When students enroll in the Orchard Place/PACE Day Program, one thing is certain: our dedicated and highly skilled staff will do everything possible to see them succeed.

High school students referred to the PACE Day Program by the Des Moines Public Schools usually have a history of poor school attendance, being disruptive in class, multiple suspensions and possible involvement with Juvenile Court. They may have substance abuse and anger control issues or a challenging home environment, and some are close to giving up on earning a high school diploma. Their social, behavioral or emotional problems may also be placing them at risk for out-of-home placement.

Students enrolled in the program must be eligible for Behavioral Health

Intervention Services (BHIS). To qualify, youth must be eligible for Medicaid and have a mental health diagnosis. Often, behavioral issues such as substance abuse or other issues must be addressed before a student can move into this educational program. Youth may choose to work with PACE and Orchard Place BHIS therapists and caseworkers under PACE's 'one-stop shop' or receive those services elsewhere in the community.

At one time, the PACE program included 10 classrooms. Today, there are only two due to external budget cuts for the program. The program is always at its capacity of 20 students: 10 boys and 10 girls. The all-girl and all-boy classes promote learning and self-esteem in an environment that caters to individual learning styles and motivating students to succeed.

The school day is a bit different at PACE with only core classes taught and time allocated for special services customized to each student's needs. This may include therapy, anger management and anger replacement therapy, substance abuse services and vocational, leisure and social skills development. Attention is given to helping students deal with structure and develop the focus necessary to succeed in school.

Students are typically enrolled in the PACE Day Program for a full academic year. The goal is to prepare them to return to their previous schools, but sometimes that is not an option. The staff then places students at Scavo High School or other alternative programs to complete their secondary education and earn their high school diploma.

Message from Our CEO

As we enter our 126th year and look back fondly on the milestone we reached last year, we are invigorated by the outpouring of community support for our mission and the children we serve. While celebrating accomplishments is a fun thing to do, for the people at Orchard Place our 125th anniversary year also reminded us that our community, our state and lowans everywhere support the work we do on behalf of Iowa's children.

At no time in our history has there been such a need for the services offered by Orchard Place. Thousands of children are in the throes of some emotional or behavioral disturbance which has affected their ability to succeed in school, at home and in the community. Because we recognize that the problems, the needs and the solutions differ from child to child, we design a treatment plan for each child on an individual basis. Our philosophy of individual care has allowed us to help children find more satisfying lives.

Thank you for being a partner with us in these efforts. This newsletter highlights the many ways that individuals and groups large and small have reached out to Orchard Place. As we move ahead, we know that our success is greatly enhanced by your support. Thank you for helping us develop strong futures for Iowa's children! We appreciate all that you do.



Brock Wolff

Brock Wolff

A Tribute to Margaret Ann Bannister

A tragic September car accident took the life of Margaret Ann Bannister, a dear friend of Orchard Place. Margaret Ann joined the Orchard Place family as a volunteer and board member of the Des Moines Children's Home, an orphanage that was the precursor to today's Orchard Place. Her mother, Ethel Mulock, encouraged her to get involved just as she had been prompted by her mother, Anna Hewitt, who served on the organization's board in the 1890s. Like her mother and grandmother before her, Margaret devoted a good share of her life to the children of Orchard Place.



**Margaret Ann Bannister
(1916 – 2011)**

Margaret Ann's involvement on the board included overseeing the transformation of the Des Moines Children's Home to Orchard Place and the construction of its first facilities at Orchard Place Campus. She was proud that her sons, Scott and Hobie Bannister, continued the family's legacy of service to Orchard Place. Scott and Hobie have both served as President of the Orchard Place Operating Board, and Hobie continues to serve on the Orchard Place Foundation Board for which he has also served as President.

Margaret Ann was a strong advocate of Orchard Place and shared the Orchard Place story with everyone she knew. As a volunteer, board member, honorary board member and member of the Elizabeth Mann Society, Margaret Ann gave her heart, her talents and her treasure to helping the children of Orchard Place. And, she made certain that her love of Orchard Place would extend beyond her time here on this Earth by making a gift through her will. Her family honored Margaret Ann's lifelong devotion to Orchard Place by designating Orchard Place as the recipient of Margaret Ann's memorial gifts, one of the largest memorials our organization has ever received. We are grateful to Margaret Ann for sharing her life with us.

Have you remembered Orchard Place in your will or other estate plans?
Visit www.orchardplace.org/plannedgiving for helpful estate planning tips.

Orchard Place Thanks the Community

In November each year, Orchard Place holds its annual Thanksgiving Dinner in appreciation for the many ways the community supports our work on behalf of children and youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. This year the program included recognition of Orchard Place's 125th anniversary sponsors and a presentation of several awards. More than 300 guests, including Orchard Place children, staff, volunteers and donors attended the event held November 21 at Orchard Place Campus.



Presenting Sponsors of Orchard Place's 125th anniversary were recognized for providing significant funding for the special events and activities of Orchard Place's milestone year. **Brock Wolff acknowledged the generous support of Bankers Trust, Nationwide, Principal Financial Group and Ruan.** Accepting awards were: Tara Meier, Ruan; John Schmidt and Andrew Allen, Principal Financial Group; Brock Wolff; Kris Schechinger and Katie Albrecht, Nationwide; and Suku Radia and Joe DeJong, Bankers Trust.

Representative Renee Schulte of Cedar Rapids was presented with the **2011 Voice for Children Award** by Brock Wolff. The award is given annually to honor an individual whose public service has best enabled Orchard Place to serve the children who come through its doors for help. **Representative Schulte has played a major role in children's health issues, and is now playing a leadership role in the bipartisan effort to redesign Iowa's adult and children's mental health treatment system.**



Brock Wolff presented Jeffrey Taylor, a manager of information technology at Principal Financial Group, with the **2011 Margaret Swanson Volunteer of the Year Award.** **Jeffrey founded the PACE Tutoring Program several years ago and continues to serve as a tutor in the program which has helped dozens of kids achieve academic success.** The award is named for the late Margaret Swanson, a former Orchard Place board member who played a key role in developing the volunteer program at Orchard Place.



Mat De Groote and Keith Harris with Merchants Bonding were presented an appreciation gift by Orchard Place board member Mic Jurgens. **Merchants Bonding was recognized for being a Bronze Sponsor of Orchard Place's 125th anniversary at the luncheon.**



Several Des Moines companies stepped forward in 2011 to provide major support of Orchard Place's 125th anniversary year and events. **Representatives of several corporate bronze sponsors were in attendance and were recognized for their support.** Pictured left to right: Julie Stewart, Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino; Mic Jurgens, Hy-Vee; Neil Berns, Sammons Financial Group; Brock Wolff; Nick Gerhart and Ron Markway, Sammons Financial Group. Not pictured: American Equity Investment Life Insurance Company, Aviva USA, and Lou and Wendy Waugaman.

Donors: Thank You on Behalf of the Children!

Orchard Place acknowledges and sincerely thanks the many individuals, businesses, foundations and organizations that support our work. The listing below includes gifts made during our 2011 fiscal year, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The generosity and commitment of our donors help us fulfill our mission. All gifts, large and small, are greatly appreciated.

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ANOTHER WAY TO HELP

Organize a drive to help the children of Orchard Place. Below are several helpful items that would help the children we serve.

Band-Aids
Body wash
Brushes
Bus tokens

Chapstick/Carmex
Combs/hair pics
Deodorant
Feminine products

Gas cards
Hand sanitizer
Liquid hand soap
Lotion

Mouthwash - trial size
Nair
Shampoo/conditioner
Sunscreen

Toothbrush
Toothpaste

Thank you! For more information, please contact Michaela Tamisiea at 515-287-9621 or mtamisiea@orchardplace.org.

Meet our New Expert

“I believe in the mission and treatment given at Orchard Place. I’ve always had a place in my heart for the organization, and it’s great to be back helping the kids.”

Dr. Mark Collins, an innovative national leader in developing and implementing best practice mental health treatment strategies for children, joined Orchard Place in August as a child psychiatrist. Dr. Collins comes to Orchard Place Campus with 22 years of experience in the field of psychiatry and an early career history as a consultant to Orchard Place. He is a graduate of Des Moines University.

A Rockwell City native, Dr. Collins moved back to Iowa from Las Vegas where he served as Medical Director at Seven Hills Hospital, a psychiatric, drug and alcohol treatment facility. He noted that his return to Iowa and Orchard Place was sparked by



**Mark Collins, D.O.,
Child Psychiatrist
Orchard Place Campus**

family reasons and because “I believe in the mission and treatment given at Orchard Place. I’ve always had a place in my heart for the organization, and it’s great to be back helping the kids.”

Collins joins Dr. Donner Dewdney in delivering inpatient psychiatric services to 103 children who reside at Orchard Place Campus. Brock Wolff, Orchard Place CEO remarked, “I could not be more excited for Dr. Collins to join the Orchard Place family. He has extensive expertise in treating the population we serve, and in many ways, he is a visionary. We could not have brought on a better person.”

For more information, contact
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or nbobo@orchardplace.org.

You Can Help!
There are many ways to help
the children of Orchard Place.
Your support through gifts of time, cash
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meet the special needs of the children
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