



# The Children's Aid Society Foundation

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## *A Message from the President:*

### *"A Regular Gift for the Children"*

I was recently talking with a "friend of the children" who has been a faithful supporter of our care and services. She asked if she could send a contribution regularly – once per month as she was able. Showing her generosity this way allowed for her to budget her giving and not worry about coming up with a larger gift during a special appeal or when a need arises.

My answer was absolutely and thank you. We discussed that her gift could be used for any number of needs of the children as well as put away for a "rainy day". Our plan is to talk periodically and I will let her know of any special needs, projects, or activities. She can then choose to help meet an immediate need or help us sustain our care for the future.

If you might be interested in making a regular contribution, please call me. We can visit and discuss how to go about establishing regular gifts for the care of children.

Many thanks to all our supporters – you are truly helping make a difference.

Robert C. Miller, Jr.  
President



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## *"Our Children – Their Future"*

### **A NOTE OF APPRECIATION:**

Thanks to all who attended the Estate Planning and Charitable Giving Seminar held at the Somerset Country Club and sponsored by Somerset Trust. Presenter R. Douglas DeNardo, Esq., of the Rothman Gordon Law Firm in Pittsburgh offered insight and answered questions regarding charitable gifts in conjunction with estate planning.

If you haven't completed your estate planning or are thinking about your future, please call our office or visit our website at:

**[www.casocietyfoundation.org](http://www.casocietyfoundation.org)**

## Planned Giving:

<i>Gifts from a Will or Trust</i>	<i>Designating us as a beneficiary in your will or trust is a simple way to commit to our cause, and it will not affect your cash flow during your lifetime</i>
<i>Beneficiary Designations</i>	<i>Naming us as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, financial account, or annuity is another easy way to help further our mission. You can continue to benefit from these assets during your lifetime.</i>
<i>Life Insurance</i>	<i>If you have an old, unneeded life insurance policy, you can donate it to us and take an immediate tax deduction. You can also name us as a beneficiary of your policy.</i>
<i>Appreciated Securities, Real Property</i>	<i>If you own securities or real estate that you no longer need or wish to sell, a gift of these assets is another way that you can benefit us without impacting your cash flow. You may also benefit from capital gains tax avoidance by giving rather than selling these assets.</i>
<i>Life Estate</i>	<i>If you own your home and wish to remain living there, you can transfer your home (farm or vacation home) to us while retaining the right to use the home during your lifetime. Enjoy the added benefit of an income tax deduction!</i>

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## End of School Outcomes:

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### Reading Outcomes – Reading Enhancement Program

- All youth made progress in at least one area tested (vocabulary, comprehension, overall.)
- Average Grade Level Gains
  - Vocabulary – 1.97 Grade Levels
  - Comprehension – 2.39 Grade Levels
  - Overall – 1.9 Grade Levels
- Largest Individual Grade Level Gains
  - Vocabulary – 6.6 Grade Levels
  - Comprehension – 5.0 Grade Levels
  - Overall – 4.1 Grade Levels

### Education Outcomes

- ✓ A student participated in cheerleading and track
- ✓ A student won a poetry contest
- ✓ A student attended 4-H camp
- ✓ Six (6) students made the Honor Roll – One for all four quarters
- ✓ Two (2) students attended summer camp
- ✓ A student participated on the swim team
- ✓ Three (3) students worked part-time
- ✓ Nine (9) of twelve (12) Options Students successfully returned to public school

### Elementary Day Treatment Outcomes

*The following rewards were given out to students:*

- ✓ Best Athlete
- ✓ Highest grade in Math, Reading, and Language Arts
- ✓ Best Handwriting
- ✓ Most Caring
- ✓ Respect Award
- ✓ Fairness Award
- ✓ Responsibility Award
- ✓ Trust Award

Our kindergarten student graduated, all students promoted to the next grade, two students will return back to public school for the 2017-2018 school year!

*\* The Elementary Day Treatment Program with an education component started in September 2016. As you see from the highlights above, our first year was a success.*

## EVENTS THAT HELP OUR CHILDREN:

### The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dona Schenck Memorial Golf Tournament

Held on Saturday, May 13, 2017 at the Somerset Country Club, the proceeds from this event will be used to assist the new Day Treatment Program for elementary children. Thanks to all those that braved the chilly and rainy weather! Men's A Flight winners were: Steve Yarosv, Dave Thomas, Nick Sanner & Ed Kozuch. Men's B Flight winners: Craig Schenck, Scott Zerfoss, & Jon Schenck. Winners of the Ladies Division: Anne Ziegler, Alana Hiner, Terryl Gribble & Gretchen Platt.

*Men's A Flight Winners*



*Men's B Flight Winners*



*Ladies Winners*



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### *Open House at the Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset County*

An Open House was held Sunday, June 4, 2017 at the Children's Aid Home in Somerset where those who stopped by to tour the Home learned about the programs and services that are provided to our children in need. In addition to touring the home, visitors were able to learn about the value of the Children's Aid Society Foundation and the security it offers to the long term success of the programs and care for children.

### *Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community*



The 2017 Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community Johnstown was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Central Park in downtown Johnstown. The walk benefitted 19 health and human service organizations with the Children's Aid Home Programs of Somerset being one of those organizations.

### *Summer Book Drive*

Two very generous members of our community conducted a book drive for our children to sustain a summer reading program. The Children's Aid Home is going to serve approximately 50 children this summer, and the book drive will provide these children with the books and supplemental materials to avoid the summer academic slow down. A huge thank you goes out to all of these caring individuals who show their compassion to help kids in need and provide yet another way to enrich their lives.

***Research shows that children who read build skills that support their academic and personal success!***



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## NOTEWORTHY NEWS

### *"A Successful First School Year" –*

In our last newsletter, we shared that the Children's Aid Home Programs was starting a new program – the Elementary Day Treatment Program. This program served children in grades K-5 who were having difficulties in the public school setting. The first school year just finished during which six children were served in the education and counseling components. The start-up year was a success with very positive comments coming from school district personnel, parents, and the children. We had one student attend several additional days, at his request, until the other school district's year ended.

### *"The House of Representatives Citation"*

The Children's Aid Society Foundation and the Children's Aid Home Programs were honored with a *Pennsylvania House of Representatives Citation* for our care and services provided to children. The Citation was presented by Representative Carl Metzgar at our June 4, 2017 Open House. Thank you to all who support our missions and made this honor possible.

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