



A Ministry of the Society of the Holy Child Jesus

Our Mission Committed to North Philadelphia's Fairhill community since 1993, Providence Center offers education programming for children, youth, and adults. Our mission is to educate people to have the power and spirit to transform their lives and community.

Welcoming our New Executive Director!



Providence Center welcomes Siria Rivera as our new Executive Director! Siria is a strong leader who is committed to educational equity and opportunity. As someone who was born in North Philadelphia, dropped out of high school at the age of 16 and now has a Master's in Education, she is very familiar with the obstacles that prevent people from realizing their full potential, and she is an example of the good that can come when people gain access to the opportunities and resources they need to thrive. Siria is excited to return to her birthplace and to use her personal and professional experience to help empower community members to grow beyond their circumstances and change their lives. Together, we will be a love full of action!

Fall 2019

Our Programs

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Power Program
- Teen Leaders
- ¡YÁ!
- Summer Leadership Academy

ADULT EDUCATION

- English Language Classes
- Conversation Groups

FAITH AND FAMILY

- Prayer Group
- Women's Retreats

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Beautifying Fairhill

Have you seen
our new mural?



"Sanctuary City, Sanctuary Neighborhood" covers the entire back and side walls of our community center. The mural depicts the journey migrants go through as they cross the Southern border and includes cultural symbols of hope and freedom. Mural Arts, along with artists Ian "Ekeko" Pierce and Betsy Casañas, and our YA! teens and Teen Leaders worked together to create this beautiful symbol of hope and community. Stop by and take a look if you haven't already!

2019 Summer Academy



Learning tips for job interviews



Learning exercise and self-care practices

Every summer we host our Summer Leadership Academy for Teen Leaders and YA! teens. For 6 weeks, we provide them with fun and engaging experiences to prepare them for the start of the school year and help them grow as students and leaders. This past summer we organized workshops related to resume-building, self care, goal-setting, and working with kids who have experienced trauma. We also partnered with local organizations, including PAFA (Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts), PHMC (Public Health Management Corporation), and CareerLink to provide our teens with docent training, cooking classes, and workshops on successful interviewing. At the end of the Academy, we invited community members, families, and friends to our Showcase event, where our teens got to share the skills they learned and the experiences they had. Thank you to our community partners for helping to create positive experiences for our future leaders!

Showcase event in our Community Room



Helping to paint our new mural



Volunteer with Us!



*Volunteer on your own or bring your family, co-workers, parish, or civic group.
There are many ways you can make a difference!*

- * Read or tutor with our inspiring Power Program after school.
- * Help with local park clean-ups and other special events.
- * Contribute a trade or skill, such as computer maintenance or carpentry.
- * Join us to collect school supplies or raise funds for our programs.

To volunteer, contact: info@providencephilly.org

Fall at Providence Center

We've been having so much fun celebrating the Fall season! 2nd and 3rd graders in our Yellow Room decorated the walls with beautifully painted trees and all Power students have been on trips to PAFA and Rosemont College. At PAFA, they took some time to appreciate the artwork and had fun decorating Halloween face masks. At Rosemont

College, they enjoyed some Halloween candy and decorated pumpkins. We are so thankful for our friends at PAFA and Rosemont College! On Friday November 1st, we invited community members to

join our Power students, teens, staff, and community partners in Fairhill Square Park for our annual Fall Fair. We had fun face-painting, playing games, and jumping in the bounce house. Our friends at the Philly Goat Project even brought some goats to play with our students!



You Can Make a Difference!

There are so many ways that you can get involved with Providence Center and provide hope and opportunities for Fairhill's children and families.

- Sign up online to become a monthly donor.
- Consider a bequest to Providence Center.
- Invite us to come and speak to your church or civic group
- Bring a friend and visit us in our new building.

Donate online: ProvidencePhilly.org/donate



Did you know?

You can support Providence Center through your employer's annual United Way campaign.

Just direct your gift to Providence Center by using
our United Way number: **12030**

It's easy, it's quick, and it will make a tremendous positive impact in the lives of our students. **Thank you for your support!**



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