



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.

A note from our Executive Director

Dear Providence Center Friends,

I am so grateful for each and every one of you. The support, understanding, and grace you have given Providence Center in the midst of such challenging times is invaluable and a true testament of your love for our community. We are still witnessing many implications from this global pandemic upon our neighborhood. It is disheartening to see that our young students have fallen so far behind academically due to extended time with little to no classroom instruction. However, we are thrilled to have them back on site, where we can better support and guide them. With your continued support, we can help get them back on track for success. We are not yet out of this crisis. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I know that with your generosity, we will continue to push through for the families of Fairhill. I hope you enjoy the following program highlights.

With gratitude,
Siria Rivera, M.Ed.

Teens return for Summer Leadership Academy

This past summer, we held our Summer Leadership Academy – our first time having students on site in over a year! Our teens worked in our community garden removing trash, pulling weeds, and planting fruits, vegetables, and herbs for the community. They also became certified Mental Health First Aiders and learned to cook their own healthy lunches. Our Academy received overwhelmingly positive feedback this year and was even recognized in a segment on ABC news!



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Power students are back on site!

Our Power afterschool program is in session! Throughout the last few weeks, our students have kicked off our first ever Scrabble club in collaboration with the After School Activities Partnership (ASAP) and professional Scrabble player, Johnny Scrabble. They've also had discussions about Hispanic Heritage Month and participated in Día de los Muertos/Halloween-themed art projects. We're so excited for our community center to be filled with the laughter and smiles of our students again!



Rosemont Walk for Service



Providence Center staff and students spent a day at Rosemont College participating in the Rosemont Walk for Service. We thank the Rosemont community for the warm welcome and generous donations for our families.

Adult Education and more!

Our adult English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program is as busy as ever! We recently hosted a hybrid ESOL teacher training, featuring our very own Sister Peggy Doherty. Our virtual classes have been so well received, many of our adult students prefer them as opposed to taking classes on site. Virtual ESOL classes have allowed us to work with adults all over the city, helping them build community and work toward accomplishing their goals.



We are so grateful to the Archbishop Nelson Perez for visiting our community center and spending time speaking with our Executive Director, staff, board members, and students.

There are so many ways you can help!

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 - Contact us regarding legacy giving
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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!

The littlest member of the team

The Providence Center family has grown by one more! Our Youth Program Coordinator, Shaakinaa Drakeford-Cheatham gave birth to a baby boy, Kairo, on October 12th, 2021. Shaakinaa started at Providence Center as a teacher in our Power afterschool program 4 years ago and has been an invaluable part of the team ever since. She even had her wedding ceremony and baby shower in our community room! Please join us in congratulating Shaakinaa on her beautiful baby boy.



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