



- St. Anthony School Programs celebrates 60 years!
- Annual Golf Outing, Oakmont Country Club, April 22, 2013.
- Annual Opportunity Award Dinner, Fall 2013 (Details coming soon)



Spirit Newsletter



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Welcome to the St. Anthony Spirit Newsletter

Early in his religious life, St. Anthony was invited to a Dominican Ordination by his Provincial. When the time for ordination arrived, it was found that no one had been appointed to preach. The superior turned first to the Dominicans, and asked that one of their brothers should address a few words to the assembled brethren; but everyone declined, saying they were not prepared.

In their emergency, they chose Anthony, whom they thought was only capable of reading from the Missal and Breviary, and commanded him to speak whatever the Spirit of God might put into his mouth. Anthony, compelled by obedience, spoke at first slowly and timidly, but soon enkindled with fervor, he began to explain the most hidden sense of Holy Scripture with such profound sophistication all were struck with astonishment. With that moment began Anthony's public career.

That Spirit is what St. Anthony School Programs is all about. We give our students the opportunity to transform their lives and become active members of our community. That Spirit is what assists you in contributing to our mission with your prayers and gifts. That Spirit enables the faculty and staff of St. Anthony's to teach and manage with love and compassion.

With this newsletter, we hope to document for you our good stewardship of your benevolence. Thank you for your generosity! Please continue to support us and perhaps even tell a friend or two about the Spirit that is St. Anthony School Programs.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and board of St. Anthony School Programs, I am Gratefully yours,



Jerry Gaughan, Executive Director
St. Anthony Charitable Foundation



Our Mission

Saint Anthony School Programs forms an integral part of the educational ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. Rooted in the Gospel, Saint Anthony School Programs provides moral and spiritual formation, an academic course of studies and vocational training for students aged 5 to 21 with intellectual disabilities regardless of race or creed.

The program seeks to maximize the individual student's potential for academic learning, to foster self-respect and confidence and to develop competence in employment and living skills.

In pursuit of this mission, Saint Anthony School Programs promotes the concept of inclusive education within the Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.



Celebrating our 60th Anniversary in 2013

In 2013 St. Anthony School Programs celebrates 60 years of providing educational opportunities, but did you know St. Anthony's has been serving Western Pennsylvania for 93 years?

St. Anthony's started out as an orphanage in Oakmont, Pennsylvania in 1920 and operated as such until 1953 when needs changed and the Diocese of Pittsburgh determined a school to help children with intellectual disabilities become active members of our community was needed.



Calling All Alumni and Families



One of our goals for 2013 and future years is to connect or re-connect with families and alumni of both St. Anthony Programs and St. Anthony Orphanage. So if you, a family member or someone you know has been part of our history, please have them contact us to join our alumni association. You may contact us at 724.940.9020 x103 or by visiting us on Facebook or online at stanthonyschoolprograms.com.

We look forward to hearing from you!

St. Anthony Student Artwork in Smithsonian Exhibition

For 20 year old Jacob Brown of Mars, the creative act gives purpose to his life. Even though his spastic cerebral palsy put many limitations on his mobility and fine motor skills, it also forms his visual language and his artistic process.

"I sustain myself through the creation of art," said Jacob, a student at the St. Anthony School Programs Post-Secondary Education Program at Duquesne University. "Growing up as the youngest in a creative family, I was surrounded by family members who created art. To create my own art, I use found materials from my father's garage and my brother's art studio."

For years Jacob's artwork has been featured in local exhibitions, and in the fall of 2012 his painting Copper 2 was selected by the Department of VSA and Accessibility at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts for display at the Smithsonian Institution's S. Dillon Ripley Center. Jacob's work was displayed at the Smithsonian from September 2012 through mid January of this year.



About The Post Secondary Program

The Post Secondary Program of Saint Anthony School Programs has just started its 18th year at Duquesne University. This year we are currently educating 24 students from the Pittsburgh Diocese from four different counties – Allegheny, Butler, Washington, and Westmoreland. Our main goal will always continue to be to prepare each student to become as independent as possible so they can become contributing members of society. Each student is trained vocationally 100% of the day and has a chance to learn a variety of job skills including office work, mailrooms, maintenance positions, childcare and food service. Students are trained to use public transportation and learn life skills such as grocery shopping, cleaning and laundry to help increase their independence.



OPPORTUNITY AWARD DINNER

On Friday, October 19, 2012, St. Anthony School Programs celebrated its 15th Annual Opportunity Award Dinner at Heinz Field.

We were blessed with two couples that chaired the dinner, Dana and Duffy Hanna and Shannon and Brian Vukmir. With their



help and the dedication of sixty volunteers, over 478 guests joined together for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Following dinner, keynote speaker Bishop David Zubik, received the 2012 Opportunity Award and dedicated it to the people of the region who share in providing for the needs of the students of St. Anthony School Programs.

Proceeds from this year's event support St. Anthony's mission to provide moral and spiritual formation, an academic course of studies and vocational training for students aged 5 to 21 with intellectual disabilities.

