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Glade Run Earns Sanctuary Certification

Three Year Implementation Results in Certification for Glade Run in March 2011



Three years ago, Glade Run Lutheran Services was chosen by the State of Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare to implement the Sanctuary Model, a trauma informed model of care developed by Dr. Sandra Bloom. The Sanctuary certification process is designed to promote, sustain and strengthen each organization's commitment to maintain a trauma informed culture for those we serve and each and every staff member of Glade Run. Certification signifies that Glade Run provides a higher level of care, a trauma-sensitive environment for our children, and a safe work environment for our staff.

Implementing Sanctuary has meant a culture change for Glade Run as an organization. A Core Team, made up of representatives from all programs and levels, accepted the challenge of steering the implementation process across the agency.

The implementation and certification process affirms Glade Run's dedication to the Seven Commitments of Sanctuary Model that you find above in the heading of The Bridge newsletter. Using these commitments as a guide we are able to provide a safe, secure and developmentally appropriate environment where both those we serve as well as our valued staff can recover

from trauma and together build a bridge to a brighter future.

Agencies like Glade Run that meet the standards of the Sanctuary Model's certification process can expect to experience improved treatment outcomes, enhanced staff communication, reductions in violence, increased job satisfaction and retention in staff. As Glade Run becomes a Certified Sanctuary Organization in all of our campus programs- including the residential treatment facility, St. Stephens Lutheran Academy, our residential group homes, and Glade Run Adventures, our therapeutic animal and horticulture program- we agree that we will remain a trauma informed environment. In accordance with the Seven Commitments of Sanctuary, we will continue to utilize the SELF (*Safety, Emotional Intelligence, Loss, and Future*) framework for Sanctuary practice,

maintain Sanctuary training for all our staff, and continue to provide trauma-informed treatment.

Sanctuary language has been incorporated into Glade Run's values, policies, and even job descriptions and it has had a tremendous impact on our environment. Look for more good things to come from Sanctuary's newly certified agency, and this spring we invite you to visit our new Glade Run labyrinth- a symbol of our commitment to the program- on our campus grounds.

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A Message From the Executive Director

Dear friends:

As Easter approaches I revisit the New Testament's account of the first Easter Sunday:

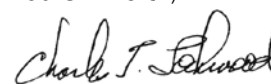
"Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb, carrying the spices that they had prepared. When they found the stone rolled away from the entrance, they went in. But they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus, and they did not know what to think. Suddenly two men in shining white clothes stood beside them. The women were afraid and bowed to the ground. But the men said, "Why are you looking in the place of the dead for someone who is alive? Jesus isn't here! He has been raised from death."

The message of Easter is a message of faith. Lives are continually being changed and empowered through the retelling of the Gospel story- a story that didn't end with a closed tomb, but instead with a tomb whose stone had been rolled away; with a resurrection. As Christians we take encouragement from this story, realizing that any struggles we might have are no different than those experienced by Jesus' first followers those many years ago.

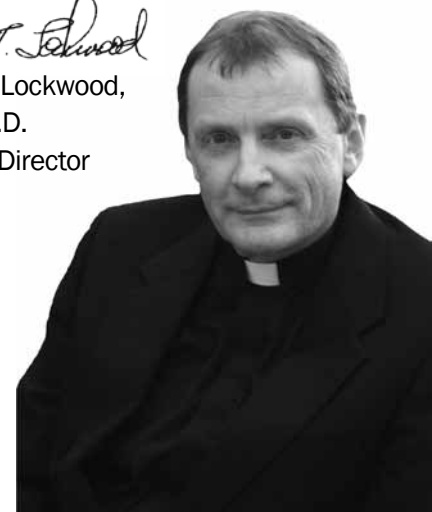
The Lord graciously guides the work of our hands, and presents us with the opportunity and the tools to serve children and families in need.

This Easter season, we are grateful for the gift of *your* faith. May the promise of Easter fill you and those you love with peace and joy.

Yours in Faith,



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Glade Run Counts Our Christmas Blessings

A Heartfelt Thank You to Everyone Who Participated in Glade Run's Holiday Gift Drive

"Christmas is the time to say 'I love you'. Share the joys of laughter and good cheer. Christmas is the time to say 'I love you' and a feeling that will last all through the year."

This song comes to mind as we remember and recognize of all of the individuals, businesses, churches and schools who joined together to ensure that the children in our care had gifts under the tree and joy in their hearts on Christmas morning. Truly, our devoted elves shared their cheer and good feelings with Glade Run this holiday season, and we could not be more grateful. A record amount of toys, games, clothing, crafts, sports equipment and gift cards were donated to Glade Run in December. For many in

our care, their gifts meant more than a brightly wrapped box. The real present was the knowledge that they were in someone's thoughts during the holiday season. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this year's gift drive. Your generosity added smiles to many faces- children and staff alike.



THE CHAMBER of Commerce, Inc. was one of many groups providing holiday joy.



Summer Day Camps Offered

Glade Run Adventures Hosts Unique Summer Programs for Youth Ages 8-18

Now that the weather is beginning to break you may find yourself asking the age-old question: *How are we going to keep the kids occupied this summer?* This year, consider enrolling your child in one of Glade Run Adventures' exciting and unique hands-on summer day camp programs. Boots & Roots camp is designed for youth ages 8-18 who love all things outdoors- horses, animals, gardening and more. A second camp called Specialized Adventures is a day camp experience for youth ages 8-18 with mild to moderate mental health challenges including Autism and Asperger's Syndrome. This camp, in addition to providing hands-on interaction with the horses, small animals, gardens and greenhouse, focuses on social skills development and more. For information, or to register, please call Julie Walhenmayer at 724-452-4453, ext. 1236 or visit www.gladerun.org/adventures for a printable brochure. This summer, give your child the gift that will last a lifetime- new friends and new skills.

St. Stephen's Hosts District Appreciation Breakfast

Shaler School District is Honored for Their Innovation

St. Stephen's Lutheran Academy takes pride in its excellent relationship with over 50 local school districts. On March 8th, St. Stephen's hosted many of those districts for an appreciation breakfast at Glade Run. Among those present

included Shaler School District, who was honored for their innovation and confidence in St. Stephen's school-based behavioral health program. Panel presenters at this year's appreciation breakfast included Wendy McSparren, who provided an overview of the Sanctuary Model which both Glade Run and fellow panelist Highlands School District have been implementing; IU-4's Sue Black and representatives from the Laurel

School District who have successfully implemented the Positive Behavior Support (PBS) model in their schools, and Glade Run's transition coordinator, Kelly Wheeler, who explained how Sanctuary and PBS work hand in hand in the school environment. For more information about school based behavioral support in your school, please contact Ted Orłowski at 724-452-4453, ext. 2203 or visit our website at www.gladerun.org.



Shaler School District is honored at the School District Appreciation Breakfast



Signature
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Cherish the Children

DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, April 9, 2011

LeMont Restaurant, Mt. Washington

6:30 - 9:30 pm

Join us for a wonderful evening of elegant dining, an amazing view of the city, enjoyable entertainment and silent auction all while supporting local families and youth who rely on the services Glade Run provides.

YOUR INVITATION TO ATTEND IS ENCLOSED!

Upcoming Events

We invite you to join us at these events. For more information, please contact Glade Run Foundation at 724-452-4453.

Saturday, March 26

Spring Symposium

Saturday, May 21

Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community
Visit www.gladerun.dojiggy.com today and sign up to walk or make a donation.

Underwritten by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, Glade Run receives 100 percent of the dollars raised by our walkers!

Kudos!

Congratulations to two of Glade Run's staff: Tara Finau - winner of the Champions Award, and Terri Graham - runner up for the Manchester Award- at the annual Pittsburgh Local Staff Force on the Right to Education event. The event recognizes and thanks everyone associated with Pittsburgh Public Schools. Tara and Terri are shining examples of our committed Community Services employees!

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