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Dear Friends:

Courage. It is a simple word. Maybe a bit oversimplified. But it is at the core of our mission at ChildPromise, Inc. We hope that you will have the courage to join us in support of our mission, our approach to service and the community, and our commitment to foster children. We possess the courage to make every effort to enhance and improve the lives of young people. We hope that you will be courageous with us.

As we greet you in this letter, we have entered into 2018, a remarkable year of achievement for ChildPromise, Inc. This year, we solidified a partnership with Kutztown University in which we are sponsoring numerous college students who have aged out of the foster care system. In November, we hosted our first annual ChildPromise Gala, in which 200 attendees celebrated former foster children and benefactors who have personally and financially supported former foster children. We are collaborating with several colleges and universities to provide former foster students, enrolled in higher education, with care packages, filled with many items so needed and desired by young people.

We challenge you to join us in this journey to increase the number of foster children attaining higher education and credentialing opportunities.

Our second annual ChildPromise Gala will take place at the Green Valley Country Club on November 15, 2018. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Nathaniel J. Williams, Ed.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
ChildPromise, Inc.



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2018 ChildPromise Strategic Initiatives

- Angel Fund
- Young Adult Leadership Development
- Speaker's Bureau
- Alumni Outreach
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2017 ChildPromise Gala Celebrates Commitment to Foster Children/Students

On November 9, 2017, two hundred (200) friends and supporters attended the 2017 ChildPromise Gala in support of current and former foster children. Jennaphr Frederick, Fox29's Good Day Philadelphia personality, served at the Gala Emcee. Two long-time advocates for foster children - Kenneth and Irene Campbell - were honored. Ken and Irene have enormously contributed both financial and personal support to ChildPromise and its mission. During the Gala, the Campbell's role in the Angel Scholarship Fund, recently created to send deserving foster children to college, was acknowledged.

At the Gala, Governor Tom Wolf was presented with the ChildPromise Humanitarian Award - accepted in his absence by Cathy Utz, Deputy Secretary for children, youth and families. Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, formerly of the New York Knicks, NBA All-Star and Philadelphia native, served as the keynote speaker. Campbell Walker Fields, a former contestant on America's Got Talent who is an adopted young man with enormous musical talent, provided the musical entertainment.

"It was wonderful to meet so many people committed to young people and higher education. With our efforts, more and more foster children will realize that many people want to see them become successful and happy adults." shared Cheri Christakis, Secretary at ChildPromise.

ChildPromise looks forward to next year's Gala, taking place on November 15, 2018 at the Green Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania.

The video of the 2017 ChildPromise Gala can be found at: <http://www.childpromise.org/2017gala/>.



2018 ChildPromise Gala Honorees

A dinner honoring Senior Pastor Charles Quann and First Lady Tanya Quann, Attorney General of Pennsylvania Josh Shapiro, and Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare Estelle Richman
Special keynote address by Tommy Davidson and musical entertainment by Campbell Walker Fields



EMCEE
Jennaphr Frederick
General Assignment
Reporter for 'Good Day
Philadelphia'
on Fox29



KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tommy Davidson,
actor, comedian,
and former
adoptive child



2018 IRENE AND KENNETH CAMPBELL
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
**Senior Pastor
Charles Quann and First
Lady Tanya Quann** from
Bethlehem Baptist Church



2018 CHILD PROMISE
HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Josh Shapiro, current
Attorney General of
Pennsylvania



2018 CHILD PROMISE
LEADERSHIP AWARD
Estelle Richman, former
Secretary of the
Pennsylvania Department
of Public Welfare



MUSICAL
ENTERTAINMENT
Campbell Walker Fields,
2016 "America's Got
Talent" performer and
adoptive child

SAVE THE DATE! 2018 ChildPromise Gala

Thursday, November 15, 2018 | 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Green Valley Country Club | 201 West Ridge Pike | Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania
Join us for an evening of celebration, music and fellowship!

Kutztown University and ChildPromise Collaborate for the PROFS Program



This year, ChildPromise and Kutztown University of Pennsylvania formed a four-year partnership for the benefit of former foster children/students. ChildPromise is currently sponsoring nine (9) former foster children/students. The Kutztown students are: Sydney Alfiero, Emani Brown, Adam Buonasera, Lillian Crossley, Chase Kriebel-Lopez, Jamari Hernandez-Sodano, Keyon McCloud-Holman, Keichalies Ciuro Sanchez, and Lydia Dorrin Yates. Joshua Lomas, a Kutztown University graduate student provides daily support to the PROFS students. ChildPromise and Kutztown University - with the support of Dr. Warren Hilton, vice president of enrollment management and student affairs - are bringing dreams of the PROFS students to come to fruition.

The Providing Resources and Opportunities for Future Stand Outs (PROFS) Program provides college access programs, such as college preparation and financial literacy workshops, to Kutztown students who are aged out of the foster care system. Retention of these students on college campuses are the priority as students are provided with academic and personal coaching and peer mentoring opportunities. PROFS students are exposed to on-campus jobs - accessible during semester breaks - and year-round housing. PROFS students also learn about student abroad and experiential learning trips in Washington, DC, New York City and Philadelphia. The PROFS students are mentored by Kutztown University graduate student, Joshua Lomas, who

meets with the group on a weekly basis in support of the students' comfort and success.

The mission of ChildPromise, Inc. is to change the current statistic that only 1% of the children in the foster care system will move onto higher education/credentialization to match the overall 30% of higher education achievement for all Americans. ChildPromise has committed to providing more than \$59,000 in funding for the first year of the program and nearly a half million dollars by the end of the agreement in August 2021. Kutztown University hopes to have more than fifty (50) students enrolled in the program over the next four years. ChildPromise, Inc., has been providing care for orphans, children and youth since 1879 when it was founded as the Baptist Orphanage of Philadelphia.

"We are honored to partner with Kutztown University to develop the PROFS program," said Dr. Nathaniel Williams, president and CEO of ChildPromise. "Enabling current and former foster children to attain higher education is vitally important to aid them in reaching their fullest potential and overcoming perceived barriers. We look forward to a long-term relationship with Kutztown University."

Information regarding the PROFS Program can be found at: <http://www.childpromise.org/profs-scholarship-fund-providing-resources-and-opportunities-for-future-stand-outs-profs/>.

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UNIVERSITY

ChildPromise Shares the Care

Former foster children/students at Kutztown University, Community College of Philadelphia, West Chester University, Lafayette College, and Chestnut Hill College are accepting care packages via Share the Care Initiative.

Care package contents may vary, but can include non-perishable foods, gift cards, movie admission tickets, toiletries, motivational notes, and many more items.

Please consider contributing for a care package to be sent to these students.

To support the initiative, purchase packages at:
www.childpromise.org/share-the-care

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Foster Children Walk in the Shoes at Kutztown

On December 4, 2017, over thirty (30) current foster children from ChildFirst Services, Inc. visited Kutztown University and spent a day - as college students - in the 'Walking in the Shoes of' (WITSO) Program.

ChildFirst Services children explored campus while interacting with faculty, staff and students. Kutztown faculty members met with each student to discuss future plans and how higher education fits within the student's aspirations. The children toured the campus and visited the radio station, residence halls, and multicultural center. While the

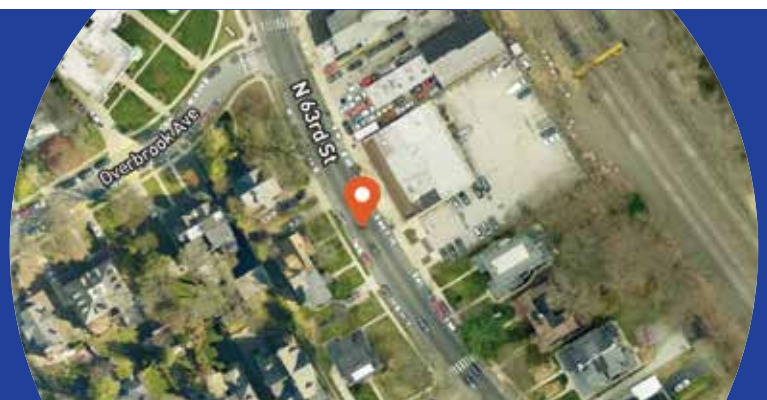
children enjoying a delicious lunch, Mr. Bart Bailey, M.B.A., shared remarks about community, diversity and inclusion. Mr. Bailey is serving as the 2017 Frederick Douglass Institute Scholar-in-Residence. Dr. Maria Sanelli, professor of history and director of the Frederick Douglass Institute at Kutztown, conducted a 'Civil Rights in America' class session. The children were encouraged to ask any questions of both faculty and students.

In January 2018, ChildFirst Services children will be visiting the campus of Chestnut Hill College for a 'Walking in the Shoes of' Program.

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