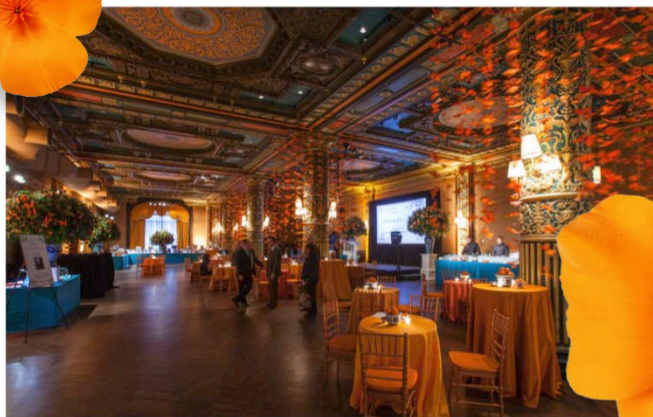


INCARNATION CHILDREN'S CENTER

New York City's only skilled nursing facility exclusively serving HIV positive youth



Thank You!

We at ICC are constantly amazed at the generosity of our donors and supporters. Without you, we couldn't do this important work. We would especially like to thank some of the sponsors of our recent fundraiser who helped to make it a success!

6th Annual Hearts for Hope Benefit

March 27th marked another fabulous year at the Annual Hearts for Hope Benefit. The creative team at David Monn, LLC stunned party-goers with hundreds of floating butterflies, spectacular floral arrangements and colors that brightened everyone's post-winter blues. The silent auction and raffle had more items than ever and it seemed as though nearly everyone won something by the end of the night! Greg Kelly of Good Day NY, Fox 5 News, entertained the crowd during his commentary as Master of Ceremonies and was gracious enough to take pictures with many guests throughout the night. He even spoke about ICC during his show the following morning! Attendees raved about the food by Thomas Preti, with the mac and cheese bar being a crowd favorite. All of the work and preparation for this event is well worth it knowing that our guests are happy and that we are able to raise money for this worthy cause. Hope to see you next year!

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Thanks to generous donors, we had an amazing selection of raffle and silent auction items at this year's benefit!

Life Skills Program

ICC's new life skills program with designated staff is one of the latest efforts to keep up with the changing needs of the children and teens we serve.

"Building a foundation for success"

The new Life Skills Program at ICC is helping to prepare our older residents for the day they are discharged into the world on their own. Headed by Marilyn Cabrera, who comes to ICC with experience in adolescent case management and social services, the program addresses a variety of life tasks through a series of three week modules. Small groups of 2-4 residents will address a needed skill, such as budgeting, hygiene or travel training, by progressing from lecture to an informational review (test) and field trip to exercise the newly learned skill. For instance, in the budgeting module, lessons in simple math may be followed by a test in how to make change, and then a trip to the grocery store where they must purchase a grocery list within an assigned budget. Modules are geared toward older residents preparing for discharge to live on their own, but younger residents can learn from this program as well. Small groups allow staff to tailor to specific goals. The intent is to work with close to 100% of residents within their stay at ICC. We are thrilled to have a program specific to life skills training as it is the most urgent current need of our population. Many thanks to the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation for their support of this program.

Did you know?

Yet again this year, ICC was surveyed by the New York State Department of Health and was not only found deficiency free for clinical issues, but was given a 5 star rating, the highest rating available from Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services! Way to go ICC staff!



Resident Highlight: Update

"E" is one of our latest "success stories". She was an ICC resident as a young child and was adopted from the Center.

She returned recently as a young adult to working on independent living skills such as self administration of medication, budgeting and completing her high school education. ICC staff has been working with her on these areas throughout her admission and we are so proud of her progress. She is close to receiving her high school diploma and has applied to the Access-VR program for vocational rehabilitation. She will be moving to supportive housing in the next few months and we are confident that she will do well on her own. Although she will be missed by staff and the other residents who saw her a role model and mentor, we know she has a bright future ahead.



Trip to the New York Auto Show

Thanks to donor support, we were able to bring a group of 14 residents to the New York Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Center. Not only were the children amazed by the amount of cars (and how they got in there!) but at the size of the Javits Center as well. For most, this trip was a series of firsts: first time to the Javits Center, first time to the Auto Show, first time seeing and being able to sit in some of the fanciest cars in production. Besides daydreaming about owning their very own sports car while posing for pictures in the driver's seat, the favorite activity of the day was the distracted driver simulator. The children and teens sat in a real car with a simulated experience of driving and having to pretend they were texting or talking on the phone. It was an eye opening experience for all.

We would like to thank each and every ICC donor for our ability to take the children on this special trip. Your support enables us to do many everyday things for the children, as well as bring them to unique experiences like this.

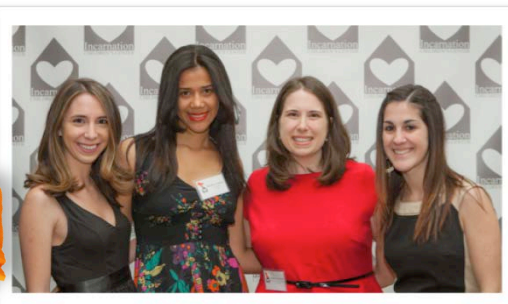


Photo from left to right: Social work intern: Laura Paloubis, Life Skills Specialist: Marilyn Cabrera, Director of Social Work: Stephanie Ramales, Social Work intern: Samantha Gershon

Highlight: Social Work Interns



Laura Paloubis is a first year Master's level social work intern from the Columbia University School of Social Work pursuing a dual degree in Public Health. Her placement was three days a week from September to May, during which time she held one to one sessions, ran groups and took residents into the community. Laura's plan after her internship at ICC is to study abroad in London for 2 months with Fordham University and to resume her pursuit of a public health degree at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia. We are grateful for her service and wish her the best of luck!

Samantha Gershon is a Bachelors' level intern through the NYU School of Social Work, pursuing an advanced standing degree in Social Work. Her internship was one day a week from January to May and she will be searching for her next Fall internship during the summer hiatus. Good luck Samantha!

Farewell to Our SW Director

Stephanie Ramales, our Director of Social Work and Admissions, is leaving! Stephanie has been with ICC since 2003. She has been the backbone of the Social Work department and has spent countless hours advocating for, supporting and caring for each and every resident who has come through ICC's doors in the last 11 years. She is a wonderful person, an exceptional social worker and will be missed terribly by residents and staff alike. We wish her the best of luck in her new home in Boston!

Want to do some Spring Shopping?

Help us get the ICC children ready for camp!

Many of them attend camps such as Camp Amerikids and Double H Ranch.

You can help gear them up!

Rain ponchos
Rolling duffle bags
Disposable cameras
Sunglasses
Old Navy gift cards for:
Bathing suits
Shorts and T-shirts
Flip flops

Sunscreen
Travel size:
Lotions
Body wash
Shampoo
Soap
Toothpaste
Deodorant



Hearts for Hope



The May and Samuel Rudin Foundation and the Rudin Family Foundation

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the Foundations for their generous and continued support of Incarnation Children's Center and the Hearts for Hope Benefit. Without the Rudin family, ICC would not be able to continue this important work with HIV positive youth. They are truly the angels of ICC.

Photo right (from left to right): William C. Rudin, Samantha Rudin Earls (ICC Board Member and Hearts for Hope Event Co-Chair), Carolyn Castro (ICC Executive Director), Former New York City Police Commissioner Raymond C. Kelly, David Earls



Honorees Dina and Anthony Diodato

Greg Kelly poses for a photo with 2014 Heart of Incarnation Award Recipients Anthony and Dina Diodato and their children, Alexandra, Anthony and Nicholas (*photo left*). The Diodato family has spearheaded a holiday gift drive for ICC within their community for the last 16 years and counting. ICC is thrilled to have been able to honor them this year as they truly exemplify the "heart" of Incarnation Children's Center.



Honoree Patricia Zachman

Patricia Zachman is surrounded by friends and family (*photo right*) who came to the Hearts for Hope Benefit to see her receive the 2014 Heart of Incarnation Award. Each holiday season since 2001, she rallies friends, family and co-workers to fulfill the wishes of each ICC child. She arrives with arms full of bags of gifts, each one personally selected with love and specific to each child's wishes. Patricia made everyone laugh as she humbly accepted her award, "All I do is shake people down for money", she joked. Incarnation Children's Center is so grateful for Patricia's dedication to the children for the last 13 years and are happy to have been able to honor her with the Heart of Incarnation Award.



Msgr. Thomas Leonard and the Holy Trinity Parish

Reverend Monsignor Thomas P. Leonard was one of the co-founders of Incarnation Children's Center and was instrumental in helping the Center open its doors to the HIV positive infants it served in the late 1980's. Msgr. Leonard was the pastor at Incarnation Church from 1977 to 1989 before becoming pastor at Holy Trinity Church on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, from which he is retiring this year. Not only has Msgr. Leonard been influential in Incarnation Children's Center's success, but he has been ICC's #1 advocate and supporter, bringing his parishioners to the annual Benefit each year and spreading the word about the work that ICC does. We congratulate Msgr. Leonard on a lifetime of accomplishments in service of both Holy Trinity Church and Incarnation Children's Center.