

# The Way Home

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## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Transformations



Dan and Cathleen Murphy  
Transformations Chairs

Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Transformations event had record attendance with over 650 people joining us at the Hyatt Regency Riverfront for a beautiful reception and heartwarming tribute show. WJCT's Melissa Ross served as the evening's emcee and helped tell the stories of how the Sulzbacher Center helps men, women and children find the way home.



Emcee Melissa Ross with the Holloway family

All photos by Amy McCall

One of the stars of this year's show was mother of two, Keely Holloway. Keely and her children lived at the Sulzbacher Center this summer and took advantage of budgeting classes and our wonderful children's programs.

When they were ready to leave the center, members of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church collected furniture and helped the family move into a place of their own. Through a grant from the Women's Giving Alliance, the Holloways also received a kit filled with supplies for their kitchen.

Keely is truly grateful for the help she received, saying: *"Sulzbacher allows you to maintain your dignity although you may be homeless. I am just so pleased and excited about this new beginning for me and my kids."* New beginnings – that is what Transformations and the Sulzbacher Center is really all about.



John and Julia Taylor,  
John Arrowsmith, Board Chair, and wife Margie

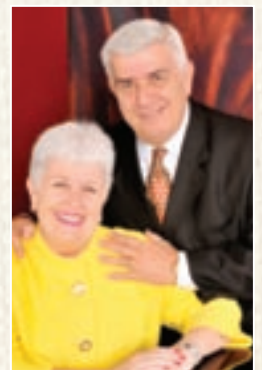
## A Love Story

Vince and Linda Ferrigno are an important part of the Sulzbacher Center's success. Whenever they see a need they do their best to fill it. Whether it's providing a semi-trailer to store furniture for families or being the presenting sponsors of Transformations two years in a row – the Ferrignos make it happen. Their genuine love and concern for the people that we serve is inspiring.

Vince is a familiar face in our kitchen, volunteering his time on a regular basis preparing and serving meals. He makes sure that our pantry is full and that on holidays such as Father's Day the residents have an extra special meal.

Concerned about the enormous need for dental care in our community, Vince and Linda have sponsored an evening dental clinic at Sulzbacher that opened in partnership with Volunteers in Medicine.

Linda says it best: *"We have learned that homelessness can happen to any of us and that love isn't love till you give it away."*



Linda and Vince Ferrigno

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# Letter from the President and CEO



Dear Friends,

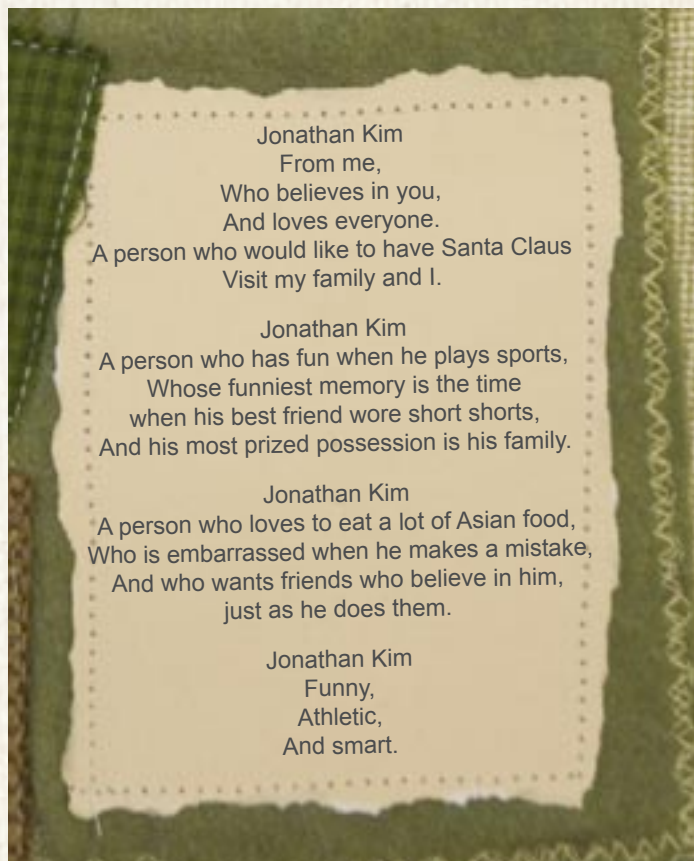
Each and every day, over sixty children call the Sulzbacher Center home. They range in age from newborn babies who come “home” to Sulzbacher from the hospital to teenagers who are struggling with the challenges of high school. When they arrive at Sulzbacher many have been living in a car with their family

after losing their home. These children are exhausted – physically, mentally and emotionally.

I sometimes describe the Sulzbacher Center as a place that allows people to take a deep breath. This is especially true for the children. They can stop worrying about where they are going to sleep or if they are going to eat. Worries that are tough enough for adults, but are especially troubling for children. At Sulzbacher they have a safe, warm bed and three hot nutritious meals every day. Children are immediately enrolled in school and supported with tutoring and after school programs.

Our children’s program staff also know the importance of fun and they organize field trips, arts and crafts and age appropriate activities for our youngest residents. But our small staff simply could not do the work they do without an amazing array of community partners and volunteers; organizations and individuals who believe that every child deserves a chance to be happy.

Through the *Hope at Hand* program, our children learn to use poetry as a creative and therapeutic outlet. Jonathan Kim, a 13 year old who lives at Sulzbacher with his mother and younger brother recently wrote the following poem describing who he is:



Jonathan Kim

From me,  
Who believes in you,  
And loves everyone.

A person who would like to have Santa Claus  
Visit my family and I.

Jonathan Kim

A person who has fun when he plays sports,  
Whose funniest memory is the time  
when his best friend wore short shorts,  
And his most prized possession is his family.

Jonathan Kim

A person who loves to eat a lot of Asian food,  
Who is embarrassed when he makes a mistake,  
And who wants friends who believe in him,  
just as he does them.

Jonathan Kim

Funny,  
Athletic,  
And smart.

As we move into the holiday season, our team is working hard to ensure that Jonathan and his most prized possession, his family, will soon have a home of their own. We are grateful for your support.

Warm regards,

Audrey Moran

***“People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed and redeemed:  
never throw out anyone...”***

**Audrey Hepburn**

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## "I Look Great,"



Daniel James Salon staff

... and our residents feel great when stylists from Daniel James Salon come to the Sulzbacher Center. The salon's hair stylists come once a month to provide free haircuts to the men, women and children living at Sulzbacher. They offer our residents everything from a short haircut for a man going on a job interview, a totally new hair style for a young mom, or a cool mohawk for a boy's fourth birthday. A new haircut that provides a much needed boost of self esteem is just part of the comprehensive services we provide with the help of our community partners.



*"We enjoy downtown as a community and we look for ways to be involved. The Sulzbacher Center makes it easy, because they really appreciate us."*

- Daniel Gamsky, owner, Daniel James Salon

## Giving Back to the Community



*A little different. A Lot Better.*

For the third year in a row Native Sun has chosen the Sulzbacher Center as its GreenApples Charity for the month of December. Native Sun helps raise awareness about the Sulzbacher Center by collecting toiletries and cash donations at their two locations in Mandarin and Baymeadows. The cash that is collected is used to sponsor meals at the center that Native Sun employees volunteer to cook and serve.



Native Sun employees at work in the Sulzbacher Center kitchen

*"Our staff looks forward to volunteering at the center every year. It reminds us how important and impactful the work of the Sulzbacher Center is to our community,"* said Sarah Butsch, GreenApples Charity Coordinator. Our heartfelt thanks go out to this wonderful local business.

## Have Dinner...



...at your participating neighborhood Chili's on November 16th and **10%** of your guest check will be donated back to the Sulzbacher Center. Just mention to your server that you are dining out for Sulzbacher and enjoy a delicious meal that benefits homeless men, women and children.

Participating Chili's restaurants locations are: Bartram Crossing, Baymeadows, Orange Park, and Queen's Harbor.



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## Save the Date

**Sulzbacher Center 8K Run**  
Saturday, March 26, 2011

# Holiday Cards are on sale NOW!

## Give A Good Night

This holiday season give a gift to the person who has **everything** by giving a gift to someone who has **nothing**. You can give the gift of a warm bed and hot meal to a homeless man, woman or child by sponsoring a Good Night in honor of someone special.

*The artwork featured on our Holiday cards was created by children living at the Sulzbacher Center*



Thanksgiving



Hanukkah



Christmas

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