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Stacey Vaccaro
President & CEO

Dear Friends,

This season, I am reminded once again of the many ways people come together to strengthen Familylinks' mission. From volunteers who built garden boxes, planted vegetables, and restored outdoor spaces for youth at our Adolescent Semi-Independent Living program, to the golfers and sponsors who helped raise \$88,000 at the Lanny Frattare Golf Classic, your generosity and commitment create a lasting impact.

I am also proud to celebrate the people who make Familylinks strong every day. You'll read about new and advancing leaders on our team, and about this year's Albert J. Frattare Award winner, Andre Hunter, whose dedication and compassion embody the heart of our work.

Together, we are creating pathways to hope for thousands of children, families, and older adults across our region. Thank you for being part of this important journey! If you want to become more involved with our mission, please contact Lauren Galletta, Senior Director of Development and Outreach at lgalletta@familylinks.org to volunteer or make a legacy gift.

Volunteers Make a Lasting Impact at ASIL

Familylinks recently welcomed two incredible groups of volunteers who rolled up their sleeves to make a difference for the youth in our Adolescent Semi-Independent Living (ASIL) program. Volunteers from **TELUS Health** built garden boxes and planted vegetables, herbs, flowers, and trees, creating a welcoming and sustainable outdoor space. Meanwhile, students from **Carlow University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program** stained the fence surrounding the yard, helping to enhance and protect the environment for years to come.

For more than four decades, Familylinks' ASIL program has served as a vital bridge to adulthood for youth ages 16–21 who are transitioning out of foster care. Through supervised apartment living and 24/7 support, ASIL helps residents gain the educational, vocational, and life skills they need to move toward independence with confidence.

These projects not only beautify the ASIL site but also create a nurturing space where residents can relax, connect, and grow. We are deeply grateful to TELUS Health and Carlow University for their commitment to supporting the young people we serve.



TELUS Health



Carlow University's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program

Golfing FORE Familylinks

On September 8, 104 golfers gathered at Chartiers Country Club for the 39th Annual Lanny Frattare Golf Classic. This long-standing event is a vital fundraising source for Familylinks. With Lanny Frattare serving as the Honorary Chair, the Golf Classic raised \$88,000 this year! A special thank you to the 2025 lead sponsors: KeyBank, PNC, and UPMC. Familylinks would also like to thank all the sponsors, golfers, donors, and volunteers who made the outing a success.



Save the date for next year's outing: August 31, 2026!

Client Corner

One of our Supports Coordination clients, Janice, has been proudly employed at her neighborhood Giant Eagle for more than 10 years. She first started out stocking baked goods, but her dream was to become a cake decorator. Recently, when her Support Coordinator, Jeannette, called to order a birthday cake for her daughter's birthday, she was thrilled to hear Janice's voice on the other end of the line. The cake was beautiful, delicious, and a huge hit with party guests! Today, Janice is thriving in her cake decorating role and loving every moment of it. Check out her creation!



Leadership Team Updates

Familylinks is proud to share that our President & CEO, **Stacey Vaccaro**, has been named a 2025 C-Suite Award recipient by the Pittsburgh Business Times. This recognition celebrates Stacey's outstanding leadership, vision, and commitment to strengthening our community. Her dedication to advancing Familylinks' mission continues to inspire our staff, partners, and the communities we serve.

Lauren Galletta has been promoted to Senior Director of Development & Outreach at Familylinks. In this role, Lauren will lead the organization's fund development, outreach, and communication strategies to support both immediate and long-term goals. Lauren brings more than 15 years of experience in the nonprofit sector and has been with Familylinks for six years, where she has developed a deep understanding of the agency's programs and impact.



Lauren Galletta

Familylinks welcomes **Angie Kiger** as the new Director of Human Resources. Angie brings over 15 years of experience in talent management and engagement to Familylinks' leadership team. In this role, she will provide strategic direction, development, and oversight to employee-facing programs aligned with Familylinks' strategic plan. Formerly, Angie was Executive Vice President at the Autism Employment Network, where she championed inclusive hiring practices and workforce development initiatives.



Angie Kiger

Albert J. Frattare Award

Familylinks is proud to announce that **Andre Hunter**, Direct Service Professional III in the RESPOND program, has been named the 2025 recipient of the Albert J. Frattare Award. This annual honor is given to a staff member who exemplifies the values of dedication, compassion, and excellence in service.

Andre has consistently demonstrated his ability to build positive, supportive relationships with clients, while also showing deep respect for the environment in which he works and the quality of care he provides. His professionalism and commitment reflect exactly what Familylinks seeks in its employees.

Andre has played a vital leadership role within the RESPOND program, guiding what became known as the "skeleton crew" after significant staff changes. Andre stepped forward with reliability, consistency, and strong leadership. His steady hand helped guide the program through client transitions, high-pressure emergency admissions, and the everyday challenges of intensive care work. Thanks to Andre's dedication and leadership, the RESPOND team has remained effective and efficient in meeting client's needs.

Please join us in congratulating Andre on this well-deserved honor!



Andre is pictured with Lanny Frattare and his wife, Kisha

Together, We Create Pathways to Hope

Every day at Familylinks, lives are changed because people like you choose to care. A young person finds safety in our emergency shelter. A family struggling with addiction receives the support they need to heal. An older adult can remain independent with compassionate in-home care.

For more than 65 years, Familylinks has been here for Pennsylvania residents providing mental health services, substance use treatment, service coordination, supportive housing, senior care, and more. Each year, more than 11,000 individuals in 29 counties count on us for help when they need it most.

But we can't do it alone. Your generosity makes these moments of hope possible.

Please consider making a gift to support Familylinks' essential mission. Your contribution will make a real difference in the lives of those we serve. The enclosed envelope is a convenient opportunity to support a specific program or contribute to our most urgent need. You may also make a donation by visiting our website at www.familylinks.org/donate, or simply scan the QR code below to be directed straight there.

With your support, we can continue building a healthier, stronger community for life.



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Our Vision – Thriving communities of healthy and strong people.

Our Impact – Familylinks serves more than 11,000 individuals annually through programs and services that assist the most vulnerable members of our community.

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We Are Hiring

Join our growing team! Just as our employees are committed to helping our clients, Familylinks is committed to its employees. We offer competitive salaries and benefits for full-time and part-time employees and their dependents.

To see a full list of open positions, visit <https://familylinks.org/careers> or scan this QR code.



Pittsburgh Magazine's Give Big Pittsburgh is a 24-hour online fundraising event on Giving Tuesday that brings our community together to support local nonprofits. Be a part of the movement on December 2, 2025 by donating to Familylinks at www.familylinks.org/donate.

Familylinks & United Way

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We are grateful for your support!