With a new look and renewed energy, Partners with Industry is working to help businesses and organizations find practical and cost-effective solutions to their manufacturing needs. When state regulators mandated restructuring of what have long been known as “sheltered workshops” in New York State, Holy Childhood took some innovative steps to ensure people have continued competitive work and training experiences in integrated settings. As of October 1, 2019, Partners with Industry is a community-based contract fulfillment enterprise, where people with and without disabilities work side-by-side sharing their work experiences every day, as they perform contract and fulfillment work for our community’s business partners.

This is a business model that works.
MESSAGE FROM

PRESIDENT AND CEO

Hello friends!

When you open your Inspire Newsletter today, you’ll get the distinct feeling that Holy Childhood is one busy place!

Over the past few months, we’ve experienced some major renovation projects—to include new school windows and an expanded parking lot to meet our growing needs, and we’ve also taken a major step by evolving our long-standing Partners with Industry into a community-based business setting—complete with its own designated new entrance, a new brand identity with a new logo, and a dynamic new web site which helps PWI customers visualize the incredible stories of success for the people the enterprise is putting to work (www.partnerswithindustry.com).

In each of these instances change represents evolution and forward movement, all to benefit the people we serve. By creating a continuum of services — from age five right through retirement — in the most community-based and person-centered ways possible, Holy Childhood is committed to giving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities maximum opportunity to celebrate their ABILITIES.

These opportunities are different and, in many cases, even more robust than tradition and history would have dictated. Isn’t that what our work is all about? Thanks for your continued support and dedication to the mission of Holy Childhood. That mission will always be our focus!

Cordially,

Donna M. Dedee
President & CEO
Partners with Industry provides high-quality, competitively priced contract manufacturing services. The conscientious workforce is solutions-focused, and the entire Partners with Industry team is driven to solve manufacturing problems large and small.

The skilled and diversified workforce is comprised of people of all abilities, and takes great pride in the quality of its work and its ability to solve real-world problems by delivering valuable manufacturing support services to businesses and organizations throughout the region.

With a wide and growing range of capabilities, Partners with Industry continues to meet the changing needs of the enterprise’s business partners.

Some of the services offered by Partners with Industry include:
- Primary and Secondary Packaging
- Shrink Wrapping
- Shrink Banding
- Custom Kit Assembly
- POP Display and Assembly
- Sorting
- Folding
- Inserting
- Labeling

Partners with Industry provides training and employment opportunities for people of all abilities. You will find solutions to the unique challenges your business or organization faces by contacting:

Dan Tortora at 585-334-7570 or dtortora@partnerswithindustry.com.

If you haven’t been to Holy Childhood lately, you should come for a visit! While here, you may notice some wonderful changes to our parking lot. Over the summer, 100 new additional parking spaces were constructed on the south side of the agency and new security lights were installed. Thank you to Holy Childhood Director of Facilities, Doug Tower, for a remarkable job well done during an extremely busy summer juggling multiple construction projects.

A reminder that Holy Childhood Respite Camp is available for students, from any school district, ages 5-21. Each camp has a specific theme and corresponding activities, including: science experiments, craft projects, motor activities and much more. The next available camp will be during the February 2020 recess. Respite Camp runs 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each day that it is in session.

After School Respite is available after school, on weekdays, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The schedule includes: game time, motor activities, group games, free choice and more. NEW! STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Respite Program, for students who have a high level of independence and like to work within a group. Holy Childhood is hoping to form its first-ever competitive robotics team. The next STEM Respite Program takes place in the spring. Visit our website for eligibility and referral information. Please note: Holy Childhood does not provide transportation for Respite Camp or After School Respite.

For more information about Respite Camp and After School Respite, please email Holy Childhood’s Respite Manager, Megan Mihevc at mmihevc@holychildhood.org. For more details about all of our respite programs, please visit our website at holychildhood.org/respite.
The Rochester Automobile Dealers Association 7th Annual Wine at Center Ice to benefit Holy Childhood presented by Armbruster Capital Management, Elmer W. Davis, Five Star Bank and Image360 Rochester is set for Friday, March 6, 2020. VIP Hour is 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Gen. Admission 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Support Holy Childhood while attending one of Rochester’s most unique tasting events at Bill Gray’s Regional Iceplex, 2700 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road in Henrietta. No skates needed at this party – there’s a floor on top of the ice to keep your feet warm and steady! Wear your favorite comfy sweater and jeans to enjoy tastings from more than 40 food and drink vendors, games on the ice, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, a raffle to win a ride on the Zamboni and more!

VIP HOUR is the hottest ticket in town, and takes place from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. All 100 tickets sold out in a hurry last year! VIP Hour attendees enjoy early access to the event, a VIP lanyard, exclusive appetizers and specialty drink tastings from select vendors, live music and early access to our fantastic silent auction.

Tickets are on sale now and early bird pricing is in effect. Get your tickets online at wineatcenterice.com.

Designated Driver Ticket: $25 ea.
Early Bird Individual Ticket:
General Admission:
7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. $45 ea.
Early Bird Couples Ticket (2 included) $80 ea.
VIP Access (only 100 are available!)
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. $75 ea.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and can be customized to suit your unique business needs.

Contact: Brittany Neumann, Coordinator of Special Events and Fundraising, at 585-359-3710, ext. 169 or email bneumann@holychildhood.org.

Save This Important Date!
(Friday, March 6, 2020)
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2020
Holy Childhood’s famous Candy Bar Fundraiser Sale begins! Delicious Gertrude Hawk candy bars sell for $1 each, with all proceeds benefiting Holy Childhood. Bars are available in a convenient carry box of 48 bars or can be purchased by the case (4 carry boxes per case). Look for new flavors this year, including Pretzel, Sea Salt Caramel and Dark Chocolate Lava Cake which are sold separately, in boxes of 48 bars.

February 1, 2020
The Annual Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast event takes place at Moonlight Creamery in Fairport on Saturday, February 1. This is a not-to-be-missed event for all breakfast AND ice cream lovers! Phenomenal ice cream donut sandwiches, ice cream and waffles, bagel egg sandwiches, and Special Touch Bakery pie ala mode. Breakfast has never tasted so delicious! Proceeds benefit Holy Childhood.

June 22, 2020
The ever-popular 29th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Holy Childhood takes place on June 22 at Midvale Country Club in Penfield. Your great day of golf includes your choice of an early morning or afternoon flight, golfer gift, lunch, cart and dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

March 6, 2020
The fabulous Rochester Automobile Dealers Association 7th Annual Wine at Center Ice to benefit Holy Childhood presented by Elmer W. Davis, Five Star Bank and Image360 Rochester is scheduled for March 6 at Bill Gray’s Regional Iceplex. It’s a culinary adventure for your senses featuring food, wine, beer, spirits, and cider tastings from more than 40 vendors. Sponsorship opportunities are available. More details are in this newsletter.

July 27, 2020
Holy Childhood’s longest-running golf tournament fundraiser, the Annual Ladies Golf Tournament is a long-standing Holy Childhood tradition. New in 2020! Two format options for you to choose from: Competitive Two Girl Best Ball format or Scramble format, it’s your choice! The 35th Annual Holy Childhood Ladies Golf Tournament takes place at Penfield Country Club and includes breakfast, greens fee, cart, lunch, favors and prizes.

For more information, contact Brittany Neumann, Coordinator of Special Events and Fundraising at bneumann@holychildhood.org or you can reach her by calling 585-359-3710, ext. 169.
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Thank you!

We are so thankful for our friends at Harris Corporation! This year, they purchased and assembled new picnic tables for use at Special Touch Bakery. This has been an annual project of Harris Corporation volunteers for the past three years—we are extremely grateful for their friendship and support!

Our sincere thanks to New York State Senator Joe Robach, who helped to secure a $250,000 grant for new classroom windows for our School Program. Additional thanks to a generous Holy Childhood donor who also helped with extra funding. These beautiful new windows improve the security and safety of all our students.

Thank you to our friends at Bank of America, whose generous, continuing support of Holy Childhood has benefited so many of our programs. This $14,000 gift will support Holy Childhood’s Work-Based Learning program, where School Program students receive in-school instruction in addition to off-site work experiences throughout the Rochester community.

A slice of scrumptious Special Touch Bakery pie and a cup of coffee is a perfect pairing! Available now – for a limited time only – delicious Special Touch Bakery Blend Coffee, proudly roasted right here in Rochester by Joe Bean Coffee Roasters. It’s ready for you to pick up now at the bakery located at 1999 Mt. Read Blvd. Special Touch Bakery Blend Coffee is available in 12 oz. bags for only $10, proceeds benefit Special Touch Bakery. Call the bakery at 585-359-BAKE (2253) to order your favorite variety of Special Touch Bakery pie, and don’t forget the coffee!

Christmas Eve Mass
AT holy childhood

Join us on Tuesday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. for Christmas Eve Mass, celebrated by Father Bob Kennedy, here at Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 585-359-3710.
It’s the Season of Giving

PLEASE CONSIDER A GIFT TO
HOLY CHILDHOOD’S FRIENDSHIP CAMPAIGN

We appreciate your past support of our Friendship Campaign — it really made a difference! By being a friend of Holy Childhood, your support is not only instrumental—but vital—to the success of this agency. Your support helps 120 students and more than 100 adults in reaching their goals toward fulfilling their dreams of lifelong success.

Through our job training programs, you helped place 75 adults in community-based competitive employment and prevocational training. During the past year, our Work-Based Learning program provided more than 3,000 community-based job opportunities for nearly 50 participating students, preparing them for employment and other meaningful activities in the real world after graduation.

Your gift guarantees that students have the resources they need to be successful, and the adults we serve receive the training they need to be productive members in their community.

Your gift helps to provide transportation to and from community-based work sites. It will provide essential tools for the classrooms—like iPads, Smartboards and more. And, equipment for programs that help adults learn, improve and maintain the skills necessary for daily living. Your contributions enrich our ability to serve every person at Holy Childhood.

Please detach this form and return to:
Brian Wirth at Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Parkway, Rochester, NY 14623

YES, I want to continue to support Holy Childhood’s many programs, and help prepare people with disabilities to work independently in the community.

Enclosed is my gift in the following amount: $_____________

☐ My check is enclosed
☐ I want my gift to remain anonymous
Holiday Closing

During this Giving Season, and always, we sincerely thank all of you who have supported Holy Childhood with your time, talent and financial gifts and we look forward to our continued friendship in the coming year. Please be aware that Holy Childhood will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 23 to Monday, January 6. If you are planning to make an additional gift to Holy Childhood before the end of 2019, we encourage you to consider the electronic giving options on our website at holychildhood.org. If you would like to mail us a check, please be sure your contribution is postmarked before midnight on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. We appreciate your ongoing support of Holy Childhood and Special Touch Bakery.