

Executive Director's Message

A Very Good Year

Philip Spina

On the following pages you will see some of the ways God has worked through Family Guidance throughout 2017.

We hear the moving story of Reverend Frederick M. Lee as he relays the impact Promise Camp had on his early formation as a young boy. We celebrate the life of a retired colleague and welcome new staff members to our One2One Mentoring team. We give thanks to all who came together to bless the vulnerable youth of Pittsburgh through two amazing events, our annual "Helping Kids Out of the Rough" Golf Classic and Rooftop Harvest young professionals event.

Much has been accomplished in this changing season and there is no doubt that *He* has been guiding us, each step of the way. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." We believe that this is exactly how



Erich Smith, Colin Murray, Philip Spina, and Andy Paterson at this year's Golf Classic

the Lord is using Family Guidance. From bringing in new mentors, to sending children to a life-changing week at Promise Camp and everything in between, we've seen some incredible things and it wouldn't have been possible without your support!

We have set some big goals for 2018 and can't wait to share them with you. Our devoted team shows up and puts in the work each day, but your

generosity is what fuels our growth and success. With your support, we can reach more children through mentoring and Promise Camp, changing lives and bringing hope and a future in Jesus Christ to children throughout the Pittsburgh area.

Blessings to all,

Philip Spina, Executive Director



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One2One Mentoring Director Joanne Galinowski looks back at 2017 and forward to 2018.

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Farewell Tribute

To Retired Colleague Donna Riggs

Donna Riggs retired as Mentoring Assistance and Clearance Coordinator, effective July 2017. Donna shared how it all began, “After coming to Christ in 1993, I was blessed to be led into “jobs” in places where God was working and doing great Kingdom exploits. Surprisingly, I was hired and worked at Youth Guidance from 1994 to 1999. At the time I was the “front desk” person, answering phones and supporting a staff of seven, serving as camp registrar, prayer calendar coordinator and training video project manager.”

Donna worked for a collective 14 years at Family Guidance and was an invaluable and intricate part of the FGI team, wearing many hats over the years. She served on the “R-Team” in the 90’s - a team of staff members, dedicated to dismantling racism in every way possible. Donna also directed and produced training videos and helped to rewrite the training manual with a special focus on the Cultural Proficiency section.

Although small in stature, Donna is filled to the brim with talent, wisdom, and wit, and most of all, a giant portion of God’s tender love. We already miss her and her contributions to our overall mentoring

program and daily operations of the department, but while we are saddened by her absence, we are confident that she will find the same success and happiness in whatever she does and wherever the Lord may lead. We pray that He continues to use her gifts and passion for writing to bless His children.

Thank you, Donna, for your many years of dedicated service to the work of Family Guidance. Thank you for all you have done, for all you have taught us, and most of all for your faithfulness to our Lord.

We send our very best wishes for a happy retirement.



Donna Riggs, Our Retired Friend & Colleague

Colleague Quotes

Donna’s was the first voice you’d hear when you called Family Guidance’s office. She had a heart for Jesus and was a real doer who propelled our ministry forward. She was spunky and always made us laugh. Well done, good and faithful servant.

- **Bob Jamison, President & Founder at Adams Quest (former FGI President)**

I’ve worked with Donna since 2005 at Family Guidance and in different programs where our paths would intersect. I always found her be stable, solid, and extremely professional – no matter what you asked her to do, she would get it done. She has become a true friend, always there for me, always ready with a needed hug or a prayer. The place is not the same without her, but I’m happy that her dream of moving closer to her children has been fulfilled.

- **Joanne Galinowski, Director of Mentoring**

Donna has had a great impact in my life in so many ways. From day one she has warned me that too often people’s passion can turn into their program and then just their paycheck. She has been a constant prayer warrior for all of us keeping our focus on Christ and Christ alone. She has been one of the greatest gifts I have ever received and I am so grateful for her life!

- **Kathleen Grehl, Senior Mentoring Supervisor**





Golf Wrapup

On Monday, September 18, 2017, Family Guidance teed up at St. Clair Country Club for our 20th annual Helping Kids Out of the Rough Golf and Dinner Classic. It was a huge success as our golfers turned out for an afternoon of golf and fun in great weather on a championship golf course.

We are very grateful for our dedicated event committee led by Mr. Mark Hondru. This year's player participation surpassed our expectations with 29 foursomes for a total of 116 golfers! Family Guidance was able to raise \$50,343 for vulnerable children who do not have the financial means to attend Promise Camp. The proceeds from this special event enable us to offer a life-changing week at camp to these children.

We offer our sincere thanks to our sponsors, donors, and golfers. We are also grateful to former Promise Camper Rev. Frederick M. Lee, who spoke inspiration to everyone at dinner that night.

We're already planning next year's tournament. Please plan on joining us in 2018.

See you next year! Fore!



August 3, 1973

Mr. Frederick Lee
1641 Brodhead Street
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206

Dear Mr. Lee:

Your son Fred and five other boys have been selected as counselors of Youth Guidance Camp to stay at Y.G.I. for a two day "Bonus Camp" August 9 - 10, 1973. In the morning of Friday August 10, 1973 by 6 p.m.

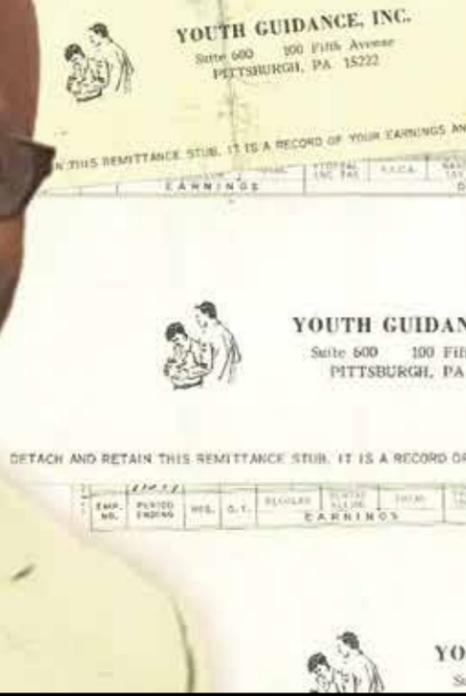
These six boys, along with six boys from an earlier Y.G.I. Boys' Camp, will participate in a tournament at Raccoon Creek State Park (about two miles from Pittsburgh).

The boys have been selected for their outstanding attitude and regular Y.G.I. Camp attendance. The boys will be in the city from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We hope you and your family may permit your son to participate in this program.

Yours truly,

Y.G.I.



Reverend Frederick M. Lee shares cherished mementos of his time as a Promise Camper.

From Promise Camper to Pastor

Kelly Pirl with Rev. Frederick M Lee

Each summer since 1969, Promise Camp has presented the hope of Jesus Christ in a personal and winsome way to thousands of Pittsburgh's most vulnerable children. Every so often we receive a phone call, letter, or email from a former camper testifying to the impact the ministry of Promise Camp has had on their lives. Several months ago, one such phone call came from Reverend Frederick M. Lee. We recently sat down with Rev. Lee to find out more about his journey.

Q: Can you share your background and who you were prior to attending camp?

Rev. Lee: I am a Pittsburgh native. I was an inner-city child from East Liberty. My mom and dad were hard-working and we were not a part of the upper middle class growing up.

Q: How did you hear about Youth Guidance and Promise Camp?

Rev. Lee: I was connected by my friend Doug Holloway who was older and lived on my street. I looked up to Doug and when he

came back from camp one summer talking about how great it was, I begged my Dad to go the following year.

Doug was known as the urban legend or the Robin Hood of the community. He had a heart after God. I was bullied a lot when I was younger and Doug was always there for me. He was my motivation to go to camp.

Doug was not there when I arrived at camp. I didn't know it was a Christian camp and began to feel nervous that everyone was going to be boring. But by the end of the week, I made sure I was such a good camper so I could attend "bonus camp" where I could spend an extra 3 days! I attended camp from age 9-13 and then worked at the camp for an additional two years.

Q: What impact did camp have on you?

Rev. Lee: A major impact. I always loved going to church and Sunday school, but at camp, you could escape and truly be yourself. Camp changed the course I am on now. It is by that experience that I am where I am today. Camp has always stayed with me and helped me become a leader. Learning conflict resolution at camp is currently helping me in my pursuit of writing my Doctorate about police relations and coping skills.

Q: What is the value of attending camp?

Rev. Lee: To experience Christ in His element- in the wilderness where there is a sense of peace, of calmness. Inner-city kids do not have the opportunity to relax where there are no shootings. Camp gives the opportunity to be peaceful and just have a good time.

Q: How important of a role did your counselors play?

Rev. Lee: A major role. I can still remember their names from 30 and 40 years ago; John Bloomer, Carlton Heywood, and Rod King immediately come to my mind. John led me to Christ underneath the stars and Rod had a 5th-degree black belt, I was in complete awe of his strength and understanding.

Q: How did you reconnect with us after all of these years?

Rev. Lee: The Holy Spirit guided me. I wondered if the camp still existed so I did a google search and I e-mailed Philip Spina and I did not expect to ever hear anything. Philip called within a half hour of me sending that email!

Q: What is one thing you'd want others to know about Family Guidance now?

Rev. Lee: Family Guidance is much needed in the world today. Young men and women

need a place like this to instill core values. Going to camp lets these kids know we are all the same under Christ.

Q: Where has God lead you today?

Rev. Lee: I currently reside in Maryland with my beautiful wife, Terese, and we have been married for 25 years. I am a proud father and grandfather of six children and five grandchildren. Recently, I served as Executive Minister for Springfield Baptist Church in Washington D.C. I was blessed to serve as Lead Pastor for WorshipLife Ministries Inc. for four years in Martinsburg, West Virginia. I also have been a police officer for 28 years. I completed my B.S. in Business Management and Public Administration from La Roche College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I completed my Masters degree and I am currently completing my Doctorate at Howard University School of Divinity. God had a purpose for me. Give it to God. I have so much to be blessed and thankful for. As an inner-city kid, you can achieve a lot and a lot of it had to do with the days spent at Family Guidance.

Promise Camp is a place where children find unconditional love and acceptance in a safe and fun environment. To help us share the hope of Jesus Christ and provide a truly life-changing camp experience for a vulnerable child, visit donate.familyguidance.net.



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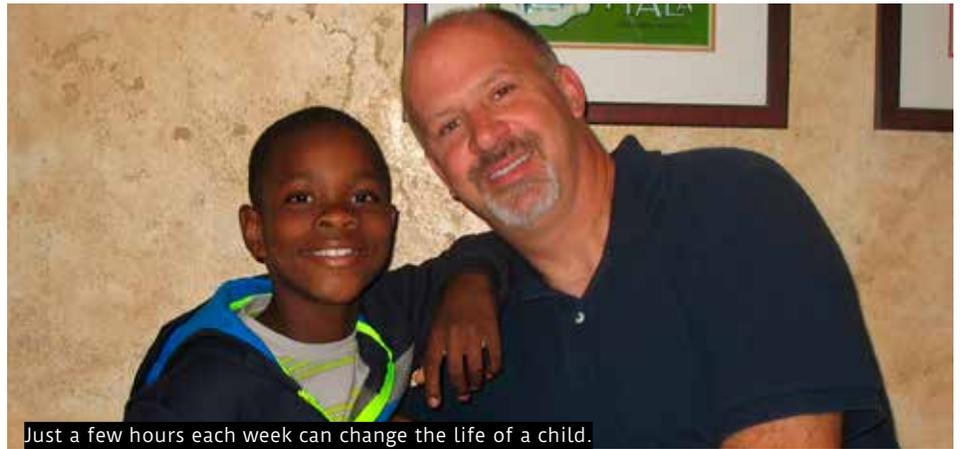
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ROOFTOP WRAP-UP

On the night of November 15th, Light of Life and Family Guidance teamed up for the 2nd annual Rooftop Harvest young professionals social event. It was great to see so many new faces interested in learning more about these two important ministries. The event began with hors d'oeuvres and networking at the Left Field Loft overlooking Pittsburgh. Doug Smith, Manager of Outreach and Major Gifts, welcomed guests to the evening's event. Doug's enthusiasm and passion for Light of Life and Family Guidance was contagious as he encouraged participants to get involved.

The night focused on the documentary "Eye of the Needle," "Who is Family Guidance," and LightLine, a helpline for community members who are struggling either themselves or dealing with the multitude of circumstances of a loved one.

Special thanks to Giant Eagle for the delicious food, Fotorecord for marketing, and Geno Levi for donating products to raffle off.



Just a few hours each week can change the life of a child.

Mentoring Update

Joanne Galinowski

In 2017, One2One mentoring had a successful year, with over 180 matches' year to date with more currently being added.

We are looking forward to 2018 and developing new partnerships.

I'd like to welcome two new Mentoring Supervisors to the One2One Mentoring team – Doug Hughes and Tiffany Grossi. Doug and Tiffany are involved in new partnerships at Cornerstone Christian Preparatory School and Highland Elementary School.

In January 2018, Family Guidance is partnering with Highland Elementary School to launch LAMP Ambridge, a One2One mentoring program in the school and surrounding Ambridge community. Lamp Ambridge has the support of the Principal, Jo Ann Hoover, the Superintendent, Dr. Joe Welter, and

the School Board. Tiffany Grossi, who is the Site Supervisor for Lamp Ambridge said, "I'm really grateful to have the opportunity to work closer to home and to be involved in a program that will make a tremendous impact on the community."

Doug Hughes, Site Supervisor for Cornerstone Christian Prep School in West Mifflin is starting a mentoring program in January, 2018, as well. The Principal, Brandon McCall, is very excited to start this program.

We are actively recruiting mentors to fulfill these new partnerships.

**Interested in becoming a mentor?
Does your child need a mentor?
Want to get involved?**

**Contact us today at
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or 412-741-8550.**

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