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In September, 1987, the physical plant known as Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center opened its doors to area residents and their children. It began with three children and two staff members in October 1987. Days of operation followed the City School District's calendar year. Childcare was unavailable for those who worked throughout the summer. Services were offered to only three to five year olds, with no Department of Social Service Contracts or United Way funding.

Many things have changed since our first days. The physical plant essentially remains the same, assuming the unmistakable character of a place much used - and loved by its children. We have filled both classrooms to capacity and utilize the Conference Room for special projects and naps. Speech Therapy is provided by the City School District, on site, in a second floor office. Thirty (30) children are currently enrolled in year round programming, with 25 fulltime children, 2 part time equivalents and 3 School Age (Latchkey) children. Our License has been amended to include children from ages three to eight years of age, although before and after to school care is only offered to those siblings of children enrolled in Day Care. Child care is offered daily from 7:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M., with lunch and two snacks being served (with a special thanks to St. Peter's Kitchen). Remedial services and testing (including Lead Testing) are offered on site with advocacy provided by this Center. A Parent Group is in the process of being organized, with plans to place a parent on the Day Care Advisory Board. Parent participation averages 90-100% per event. EPIC provides child care, parenting, life skills, and teacher training to parents, friends, and staff of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center.

Many organizations are affiliated with the Day Care Center. Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center is a designated work site for GROW and Urban League. Training is provided to disadvantaged youths and older populations in exchange for job experience. A representative from ESCOR maintains our financial records as well as providing (ESCOR) advisors to our Board. The City School District as well as Parochial Schools and Suburban schools place students at this Center as Student Teachers, interns, and / or to fulfill service project requirements. The Rochester A. M. Rotary Club has sponsored Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center as their project for the past two years, donating time, money, and equipment (IBM computer). This Center has collaborated with Children of the King Center and Community Child Care in developing a "sub" list. The Director of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care has been appointed as consultant by the Wilmot Foundation to the Volunteers of America Children's Center, as well as serving on the Day Care Training Advisory Board for EPIC and the City Center Board for Accreditation (WNYCCC). This Director has also been named as an Honorary Rotarian. The Rochester Area Foundation awarded this Center its Early Childhood Initiative Grant which allowed the Center to offer summer programming since 1989. WNYCCC, in conjunction with NAEYC have awarded Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center a grant for National Accreditation, a process insuring quality of program based on National guidelines. This Day Care Center has been designated as a United Way Donor Option Agency. It receives tithes, ranging from \$100 - \$30000 per year from 3 local parishes. Contracts have been secured with the Monroe County Department of Social Services, enabling us to better serve the residents of this area, i.e. the Southwest sector of Rochester. Staff includes 4 fulltime members with 2 GROW workers serving in the Kitchen and Maintenance.

Where do we go from here ....the possibilities are exciting - endless. Grant proposals have been submitted to New York State for expansion funds to be used to establish School Age Programming (Latchkey). This Center and the Monroe YMCA are collaborating in a proposal to the Legislature (Monroe County) for a Gym & Swim program for Day Care children. Working alliances have been established with the City School District. Accreditation will be awarded within one year, hopefully. We are touching lives! And that is our purpose in our daily lives and our work. Thank you, people of Ss. Peter & Paul Parish for making this possible!

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1991-92      Annual Report to Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Council  
Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center

Attached, please find a copy of "Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center Annual Report, 1991". This Report, 1992, is an Addendum to this, reflecting a pattern of continued, progressive growth of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center, an outreach ministry of Ss. Peter & Paul Church.

This Center continues to operate at capacity, with 24 fulltime and 9 partime children, ages 3-6 years of age. 31 of these 33 children come to us from families living at (at least) 200% poverty level. Only 1 child lives in a "traditional" family setting. The remaining 32 children come from single parent homes (single mothers), 4 of whom are Child Protective/Preventive Placements. 6 families are "private paying" with 4 families receiving subsidy from unrestricted funds donated to this Center, in lieu of United Way funding, which has not enrolled additional Centers for "slots" since 1986. Sliding fees are based on United Way sliding fee scales and verification of income. The children are racially mixed, reflecting a blend of neighborhood children and children of those who work in the area.

Our License allows us to continue to serve children, ages 3 - 7/8 years of age, to be renewed every 2 years. We offer quality, affordable, accessible year round child care with pre-school, pre-K, and registered School Age programs incorporated within the day care day. 2 snacks and lunch are served daily. Networking and remedial, on site support services continue to expand according to need, in conjunction with our policy of holistic family care. These include, but are not restricted to participation in the City School District's TWIXT program, on site Speech and Language Therapy provided by the City School District, on site evaluation and counseling (including home visits) through the Mobile Crisis Intervention Unit of Crestwood Children's Center. and Health Screening (blood pressure checks, diabetes testing, and lead screening) provided by St. Mary's Hospital and the Monroe County Department of Health. These services are provided free of charge to parents and Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care through grants. The Director of Placemnet for the City School District, Morley Schloss and the Director of Parent Involvement, Ron Wade, hold special on site in services for our families, facilitating the registration of our children in Kindergarten. EPIC has placed an on site advisor, Bessie Wilson, at Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center. She will serve as a resource for parents, offering workshop on various family issues in addition to training staff in such areas as Behavior Management, Discipline, Self-Esteem, etc. Babysitting and classes are free of charge to parents and families of our children. Attendance averages between 80-90%. Staff participate in at least 20 hours of training per year, utilizing the services of Crestwood Children's Center, EPIC, WNYCCC, NAEYC Accreditation trainers, Adam Walsh Foundation, St. Mary's Hospital, in collaboration with staff from Children of the King Center, Community Child Care, and Jefferson Avenue Child Care Center (all area Centers). The entire staff and parents are involved in the Accreditation process, one in which quality of program will be guaranteed through adherence to rigid guidelines established by NAEYC. Monies for a playground, required not only for Accreditation, but Licensing, have been awarded to this Center through this process by the Rochester Area Foundation. This Center has won 2 out of 3 Early Childhood Initiative Grants during the past 5 years, from the Rochester Area Foundation. New York State has awarded an "Expansion Grant" to Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center, allowing us to purchase equipment and



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and services necessary to maintain Licensing Regulatory Standards for 30 children. (The title of this Grant is deceiving, i.e. "Expansion Grant". N.B. This grant was filed approximately three years ago, when we had 10 children enrolled. This Grant allowed us to realize capacity, 30 fulltime equivalent children. )

Many organizations continue to network with this Center. Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center is a designated worksite for GROW (federally funded), JTPA (City funded), and Urban League. We currently utilize the services of 3 GROW workers (2 cooks and 1 janitor), affecting a savings of at least \$15,000 per annum. Urban League and JTPA place at least 2 youths a year at this Center representing payroll savings of at least \$5000 per annum. Representatives from ESCOR continue to provide support services to this Center as Bookkeepers and Advisory Board Members (i.e. Legal Consultant), with at least \$5000 in donated service per annum. The Rochester A.M. Rotary Club continues to sponsor this Day Care with donation of supplies, new clothing for the children monies, service (members painted the entire Center this year), equipment (donation of an IBM computer with programs used not only by Day Care but Parish Staff). The Monroe Y has collaborated with this Center in proposing a "G.M. & Swim" program for Day Care Children. No decision has been made to date. The City School District, Diocesan Schools, as well as Suburban District interact with this Center in educational as well as service projects. Our Day Care Advisory Board has also expanded with representatives from Parish, Staff, Parents, and Community (including neighborhood). The Director of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center has been appointed &/or reappointed to the EPIC Day Care Training Board, the City Center Board, and the Children of the King Community Assessment Panel. At least 6 area churches donate to our Day Care with gifts ranging from \$50 - 2500 per annum, i.e. monies and supplies. Contracts continue to be maintained with Monroe County Department of Social Services, insuring maximum Market Rates. Children served by these contracts include but are not restricted to Protective/Preventive Placements, Title XX, Transitional Funding, CAP, and CEOS. Immediate staff includes 5 fulltime employees (2 Exempt & 3 non-Exempt), with an auxiliary staff of 7 representing various area agencies. On site continuing education programs, i.e. the award of CDA credentials through a STARR grant is in process (restricted to staff only).

The foundation of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center is solid, with tremendous potential for expanded service to Community, Parish, and neighborhood. We, of this Center, have an opportunity to affect the future through the loving nurture of those children placed in our care. The responsibility for life is overwhelming, but exciting. We of Ss. Peter & Paul Day Care Center welcome this challenge and thank the Parish for their continued support, without which we would be unable to survive.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Virginia Rizzo, Director

*Salary ~~Advisory~~ Enhancement Grant*  
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