WE ARE ANDRUS

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Fall Festival a major success!

On September 16 ANDRUS celebrated our Annual Fall Festival! Thank you to all the volunteers, staff, and members of the ANDRUS community who came to campus to participate in activities such as pumpkin decorating, sand art, horse and carriage rides, ropes course, carnival games, and more. Managed by a fantastic team of more than 20 volunteers, and entertained by an Afro-Latino band, 'Artesanos de la Plena', the ANDRUS Fall Festival welcomed more than 200 people on campus to enjoy a beautiful day.

We also kicked off our Hurricane Relief efforts with a bake sale to benefit Texas, Florida, and Caribbean recovery. Special thanks to our Fall Festival Planning Committee and our Hurricane Relief Working Group for their dedication to children and families at ANDRUS and beyond. **We are proud to announce that since Fall Festival we have come together to raise over $4,000 which will go directly to disaster relief efforts.**

Dear Friends of ANDRUS,

We have had another busy and exciting season here at ANDRUS. The end of summer brought us some exciting events that furthered our mission to serve children and families.
Our corporate volunteering has taken off, with Dannon, Mercer, Eastchester Rotary Club, Levitt-Fuirst, and Children's Hope Chest partnering with us on a variety of projects. With their help we not only have a revitalized community garden, we also ensured that every single child at ANDRUS had a fully stocked backpack to start the school year. We also began a vital classroom expansion project that will see our youngest residents learning in classrooms closer to the Orchard School. With this expansion we are poised to serve more children and families than ever before.

Our annual gala is also fast approaching! We hope you are able to join us on Friday, November 3rd, at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains for an evening of celebration to support the transformative work we do here. At the end of this newsletter please find more information on the evening and how to register.

On a more somber note, I am sad to write of the passing of one of our longest serving supporters and friends, Andy Malcolm. Please read the tribute to Santa Andy in this newsletter as we remember an amazingly caring and dedicated person.

We all know the work that we do at ANDRUS is challenging while also being transformative. To each and every member of the ANDRUS team from employees to supporters: thank you for choosing to devote yourself to this important mission.

Gratefully,

Bryan

VISION & MISSION

ANDRUS nurtures hope in children by providing care that empowers them to succeed and by promoting innovation and standards of excellence in the care of children in our community and beyond.

ANDRUS nurtures social and emotional well-being in children, families, and communities by delivering a broad range of vital services and by providing research, training, and innovative program models that promote the standard of excellence for professional performance in and beyond our service community.

We Are Volunteers

Levitt-Fuirst came to ANDRUS and completely revitalized our community garden.

ANDRUS' corporate volunteers have been imperative to our mission. Volunteers from different organizations around Westchester, New York City, and Connecticut donated their time and resources to beautify our campus and prepare the children that we serve for the school year. We thank all of our amazing corporate and civic partners for their efforts in assisting ANDRUS to ensure every child receives a fully stocked backpack and has a safe place to go to when they may be having a bad day.

We especially thank:

·Levitt Fuirst for helping us create an active community garden

·Dannon for putting together over 200 backpacks for our different divisions

·Mercer for putting together over 100 backpacks of supplies

·The Eastchester Rotary Club Foundation for putting together over 100 backpacks

·Children's Hope Chest for putting together over 300 backpacks and supplies

·Morgan Stanley for creating over 100 weighted animals for our mental health division

With winter and the holidays around the corner, we are working hard to ensure every ANDRUS child receives a coat and toy this season. If you or your team would like to assist with these drives, please contact Rodolfo Moran at 914-965-3700 ext. 1317 or rmoran@jdam.org.

Federico Muyshondt, Kristin Sandarciero, Rodolfo Moran, and Teddy-Romer during the Dannon backpack event.

We Are Growth & Change

The project begins! A few ANDRUS Board Members and executive leadership pave the way forward for our classroom expansion.

ANDRUS is on the verge of classroom expansion!

This summer we broke ground on our brand new expansion to the Orchard School. Four new modular classroom buildings are going in just behind the Orchard School, and are set to be completed on November 1. The initial goal of the expansion is to bring ANDRUS' youngest residents from Griffith Hall, who currently have learning space within their cottage, closer to the Orchard School for their classes.

As ANDRUS looks to expand even more in the near future, this extra classroom space will be vital in serving as many children and families as we possibly can.

A TRIBUTE TO ANDY MALCOLM

On September 4, 2017, at the age of 88, we lost one of ANDRUS' most beloved alumni, supporters, and friends in Andrew Malcolm. For the last sixteen years, Andrew was best known to us as Santa Andy, returning each year to give back to our children during the holidays. He put big smiles on the kids faces with his authentic and heartfelt display as Santa. When Santa Andy was coming to ANDRUS, everyone got excited and wanted to say hello and thank you to our dear friend. Andy taught English for 29 years at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT. He also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Henrietta and IRT Theater Board in New York City, and was active in the IEEE and STC. In addition to ANDRUS, he also volunteered his time around the holidays to Hansen Nature Center and the Hochstein School of Music. The world has lost a truly great man with the biggest heart. Thank you to Andy for creating beautiful and lasting memories for our children. Our thoughts are with Andy's spouse Kathleen and their family at this time.

We Are Family

Please join us for a celebration of family to benefit ANDRUS on Friday, November 3rd.

For more information and to register, please visit:

www.andrus1928.org/event/andrus-gala-2017

GALA DINNER COMMITTEE

(in formation)
Barbara & Brad Baran, BDO, Dr. Gary O. Carman, ChemRX, Deborah & Bruce Clark, Buddy Cooper, Patricia & Terrence Daye, Jenny & David Dobell, Angela & David Earley, Barbara & Steven Friedman, Paula & Christopher Gilbert, Mary & Jack Graf, Susan & Alan Guma, Elin & Lyon Howe, Katie Kurz, Lisa Linsky, McDermott Will & Emery, Fran & Jack McLaughlin, Nancy & David Ment, Mary Liz & Bill Mulligan, Brooke & Bryan Murphy, Jennifer Pakradooni, Jody & Mark Rollins, Susan & Paul Scharf, Barbara & Edward Smith, Lynn & Eric Sobel, Nancy & Michael Spensley, Sterling National Bank, Marty & Iris Walshin Foundation

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THE SURDNA FOUNDATION seeks to foster sustainable communities in the United States – communities guided by principles of social justice and distinguished by healthy environments, strong local economies, and thriving cultures. The Foundation was founded in 1917 by John Emory Andrus to pursue a range of philanthropic purposes. For over five generations, the Foundation has been governed largely by descendants of John Andrus and has developed a tradition of innovative service for those in need of help or opportunity. The Surdna Foundation and ANDRUS are linked through this unique history and the ongoing support and generosity that the Foundation demonstrates to ANDRUS' work is transformative.

SPIRIT OF FAMILY AWARD

CHILDREN'S HOPE CHEST is a non-profit organization founded in 2005. What began as a holiday gift-giving program organically grew into a family-based volunteer group seeking local agencies whose own missions align with CHC. The organization relies upon a grass roots approach to reach new donors and develop volunteerism. For each person that steps up to help CHC, another child is helped. The essence of the organization is summed up in a few simple sentences. Each donor is always asked to help a child in need by "Holding out your hand, opening your heart and offering hope." The Children's Hope Chest parents and children have regularly volunteered at ANDRUS over the years, fostering a spirit of family giving and generosity, and we could not think of a better recipient for this year's *Spirit of Family Award*.