



What's Happening at Abbott House

News Bites About Staff and Friends Who Help Us Meet Our Mission



Springhurst Elementary Shines with "SocksGiving" Drive

When the weather gets chilly, a warm pair of socks can really make the difference! Staff, students and families at Springhurst Elementary School in Dobbs Ferry collected 764 pairs of socks leading up to their Thanksgiving break and donated them to Abbott House.

Socks are an essential item constantly in need, not only in winter months but all throughout the year. We are thrilled that Springhurst chose us as the recipient of this generous donation, and have been distributing them to families in need.

Abbott House's own Filomena LoRusso, LMSW, Director of Lower Hudson Valley Health Homes and Community Home Based Services was recently invited to speak on a panel for the NYS Care Management Coalition.

The session was a discussion with two other children's care management agencies and moderated by CHHUNY (Children's Health Homes of Upstate New York). The panelists answered questions regarding successes, barriers and best practices of virtual care management.

Congratulations Filomena on being invited to share your expertise and for representing Abbott House on this important topic!



Young philanthropists! These talented residents of the Richmond Hill townhouse complex in Irvington have been raising money through organized events (without adult assistance!) for a variety of charitable causes since August.

\$172 was raised for Abbott House in October when the youngsters performed, casted, choreographed, produced and designed costumes for their own rendition of "The Wizard of Oz."

Other causes the kids raised money for included Feeding Westchester, Save The Polar Bears, and Save The Panda Bears.

Their passion and commitment remind us it's never too soon to make a difference in our communities. Thank you!

PRIDE Model of Practice Launches Today

[Abbott House is proud to launch the New Generation PRIDE Model of Practice \(Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education\) today.](#) The pilot program will support foster and adoptive families as team members in child protection and use a trauma-informed training approach. It will focus less on in-person meetings and more on self-paced training options.

Antoinette Grant, Vice-President of Foster Care, explained, *"Our goal is to improve our onboarding/training process, so it is more flexible and useful for parents who are juggling hectic schedules."*

With the high number of children entering foster care, we are committed to recruiting foster parents, reducing foster-parent turnover, and connecting children to long-lasting, positive foster parent relationships.



**We hope you are remaining safe and healthy, and as always,
thank you for continuing to support Abbott House.**



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