

## Update for Friends of CFC

July 15, 2011

As a friend of CFC, we want to stay in touch with you about this important project for our community. The CFC will house five long-standing agencies: **Family Network; Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling; Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care; Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association; and Tri Con Child Care Center.** For more information about partner agencies click [HERE](#).

### CFC Participates in July 4th Parade

CFC board members Bill Kaufman and Jane Shapira rode in Bill's convertible in the Fourth of July parade in downtown Highland Park. Jane's granddaughters also marched on behalf of the CFC. Board member Susan Ruder and her husband, David, both members of the CFC campaign steering committee distributed CFC bookmarks and talked to the crowd about the importance of the CFC project.



### Friends and Family of Marisa L. Ness Kick Off CFC Fundraising Efforts to Name the Family Network Parent Lounge in her Memory

Saturday, June 25, 2011, family and friends of the late Marisa L. Ness (1967-2006), gathered to honor her memory and begin work on a lasting memorial in her honor. During the event, plans were announced to name the Parent Lounge at the developing CFC in her honor. The gathering, hosted by Marisa's longtime friends, Diane and Glenn DeBell of Highland Park, IL, brought together nearly 50 members of Marisa's family and friends from across the country. "It's impossible to believe that five years have passed since we lost Marisa," explained Diane DeBell, the event organizer. "She was an amazing woman who welcomed, encouraged, and supported countless families. We want to find a way to make sure that the memory of her extraordinary life continues to impact our community." During the event, a \$20,000 matching gift was announced and additional gifts ranging from \$100 to 10,000 were pledged. Marisa's friends and family plan to raise \$100,000 to secure naming rights for the Parent Lounge at the CFC. During her lifetime, Marisa Ness actively attended and supported Family Network, and her children attended the Highland Park Community Preschool, two agencies that will be housed in the Community Family Center.



*Glenn and Diane DeBell*

### Support Children and Families

With your help, we will transform the Karger Center and create a model facility that will serve families - many in need of assistance - by providing early childhood education, after school programs, parent education, counseling for all ages, and community education. The new and expanded facility will be environmentally friendly, provide an opportunity to integrate services under one roof, and create synergies in service delivery and cost savings. Click [HERE](#) to donate now.

### Enjoy the Show!

Tune in to Channel 19 or 10 on Tuesdays, July 19th and 26th at 7:00 -7:30 p.m. for the Cable TV show ***Building Today For a Strong Tomorrow***, an interview by Greta Debowsky from the Senior Producers of Highland Park with Herb Wander, CFC Board President and Victoria Ratnaswamy, CFC Board Member.

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