



**Holy Ground  
PBC**

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*Providing a home and hope for homeless, pregnant and parenting young women, and their children, in Palm Beach County who are willing to make positive changes in their lives.*

**QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER - WINTER 2020 ISSUE**

**What a Year of Blessings!**

**Introducing Holy Ground PBC's new little angels!**



Born 1/22/2020



Born 9/30/2019



Born 8/3/2019

**New Life!**

Holy Ground was deeply blessed to have three precious little ones born to mothers in our program this past year. They are all happy and healthy babies and we are committed to helping their moms create a bright and stable future for them!



**College Graduates and Signs of Generational Change!**

Against the odds, all but one of our current clients have completed high school. This client has begun GED testing. One client earned her Associate of Arts Degree last May and is continuing her education in the field of human services. Another client completed her AA degree in December and will be applying to PBSC's dental hygienist program in June. Yet another is very close to completing her degree. Two other clients are currently enrolled at Palm Beach State College working towards their Associate Degrees.

Multiple clients have earned certificates in Security, Phlebotomy, Basic Life Support (BLS), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Child Development Associate (CDA) credentials. Our clients have secured jobs at Palm Beach County School System, childcare facilities, private nursing agencies, and local retailers.

In August, four of our young children went off to elementary school. The two oldest children, one of whom is in 4th grade (pictured on right), and the other, who is in the 3rd grade, are both in their schools' gifted programs. The others entered kindergarten and 1st grade. We are humbled to see the beginnings of generational change in these precious children!



Suzanne Cabrera at FIAPBC Workshop

**A Crucial Holy Ground Partnership: Faith in Action PBC**

This year, Holy Ground PBC was honored to be the catalyst in the formation of Faith in Action Palm Beach County. FIAPBC is a collaboration between the faith-based community and civic leaders that seeks to address the rapidly growing crisis related to safe and affordable housing in Palm Beach County. This lack of affordable housing has had a direct impact on the clients who have completed our program as the cost of rents continues to soar! According to the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report of United Way Florida, 46% of county households are employed but cannot meet their basic needs. Let that sink in for a minute! 46%! In response, FIAPBC hosted two very successful information/advocacy workshops in 2019 in which participants were made aware of the startling statistics related to this issue and ways in which to advocate for change. For more information or to join this effort, contact [faithinactionpbc@gmail.com](mailto:faithinactionpbc@gmail.com).

## Other New and Exciting Holy Ground PBC Partnerships

- ◆ **Keiser University** - In November, we launched a partnership with the Keiser University School of Nursing in which Bachelor of Nursing Students offered two Health Fairs for our young families. There were a variety of educational and interactive stations: healthy lifestyles for adults and children, proper dental care, women's health, illness prevention, etc. This on-going partnership will certainly help to improve the overall health and well-being of our young moms and their children.
- ◆ **City House Delray** - Together, we developed a pilot program focused on addressing the health and social effects of adverse childhood experiences (ACE). With the help of mental health professionals and the Center for Child Counseling, Inc., we will delve deeper into the who, what, and when of our clients' traumatic experiences and how they are still being impacted by negative childhood incidences. By reframing the question from "What is wrong with you?" to "What happened to you?" we will encourage healing of past hurts and prevention of future ones. We are currently waiting for approval of our grant request for this project.
- ◆ **Tracie's Music Together** - Holy Ground PBC moms and their children had a wonderful time at the Jewish Community Center as they sang and danced together. We are grateful to Tracie's Music Together ([traciesmusictogether.com](http://traciesmusictogether.com)) for partnering with us to bring such on-going creativity and joy into the lives of our young families! This is a research-based music program in which the child's natural musicality is nurtured, which helps develop music skills as well as social, emotional, cognitive, language and physical growth.



## A Most Felt Thanks!

Everyone at Holy Ground PBC extends their heartfelt gratitude to all who have supported our young families this past year. Know that because of your generosity, we have been able to improve the capabilities of our young moms and form an environment essential for children's lifelong learning, health and positive behavior, which enables generational change! You also have played a vital role in helping Holy Ground PBC to become recognized as a highly impactful program in Palm Beach County.

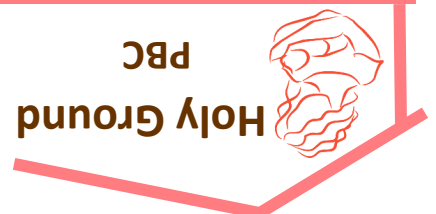
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