



Little Flower's *95th Anniversary Gala*

**“Grounded in the Past,
Growing Into the Future”**

Six-thirty to nine-thirty
in the evening
Thursday, the ninth of May, 2024
at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's
Palm House

**Honoring our Humanitarian Award Recipient
Karen Persichilli Keogh, Secretary to the Governor**



ORDER OF *events*

6:30 pm



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SILENT
AUCTION

8:00 pm

DINNER &
LIVE JAZZ



8:30 pm



DESSERT &
EVENING PROGRAM

A Message from Our President and CEO



Good evening and welcome! Last year, I shared Little Flower's launch of the Innovation Fund, our commitment to innovative programming that is responsive to community needs. You, our Little Flower family of supporters, responded—we raised funds to support a range of new programming, including Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, a peer-to-peer foster parent support group and a new music program for our residential treatment center.

For our 95th anniversary, we are building on the success of our Innovation Fund and taking even bolder steps into the future. I am thrilled to share our innovative vision with you tonight for the first time. Your generosity enables us to adapt to our changing environment and offer new and exciting programs and services to connect with community members and meet their needs while staying true to our mission of transforming caring into action.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,

Corinne Hammons

How to Donate

We hope you had fun with our silent auction, and that you were able to bring something home to enjoy. You can also participate in our live giving opportunity by raising your bidder card.

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children, families, and individuals
with developmental disabilities
in our community.**



About Our Honoree

Karen Persichilli Keogh, Secretary to the Governor



Karen Persichilli Keogh serves in the administration of Governor Kathy Hochul as Secretary to the Governor, the highest-ranking appointed position in State government. Before joining the Hochul Administration, Karen served as the Head of Global Philanthropy at JPMorgan Chase & Co., where she managed \$2 billion in global philanthropic investments. She joined JPMorgan Chase in 2010 as Managing Director and Head of State and Local Government Relations.

Prior to her time in the private sector, Karen served on then-Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's senior staff as New York State Director and campaign manager for her successful 2006 Senate re-election. She also managed U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's transition from the House of Representatives to the U.S. Senate and served as a senior political advisor to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's 2009 campaign.

She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has served on a number of non-profit boards including the Stony Brook Foundation, iFoster, the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society, Invisible Hands, the Diamonstein-Spielvogel foundation and served as an ex-officio trustee of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

Ms. Keogh, affectionately nicknamed KPK, was born and raised on Long Island. She received a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from Stony Brook University and a Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University. She and her husband live in Brooklyn and are very proud of their beautiful daughter Jessica.

The image features a light pink background with delicate, out-of-focus pink cherry blossoms scattered across the frame. The blossoms are in various stages of bloom, with some showing vibrant pink petals and yellow centers. The overall aesthetic is soft and celebratory.

Congrats

*We are proud to support Little Flower
and so happy to celebrate
your 95th anniversary!*

- Lynn Macrone and Family

About Little Flower

Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York is a nonprofit organization serving children, youth, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities across New York City and Long Island. Since 1929, Little Flower has been committed to improving the lives and well-being of community members across NYC and Long Island so they can thrive.

Our staff of more than 500 builds well-being by providing prevention services, foster care, residential treatment care, adoption services, medical and mental health services, and programs for people with developmental disabilities.

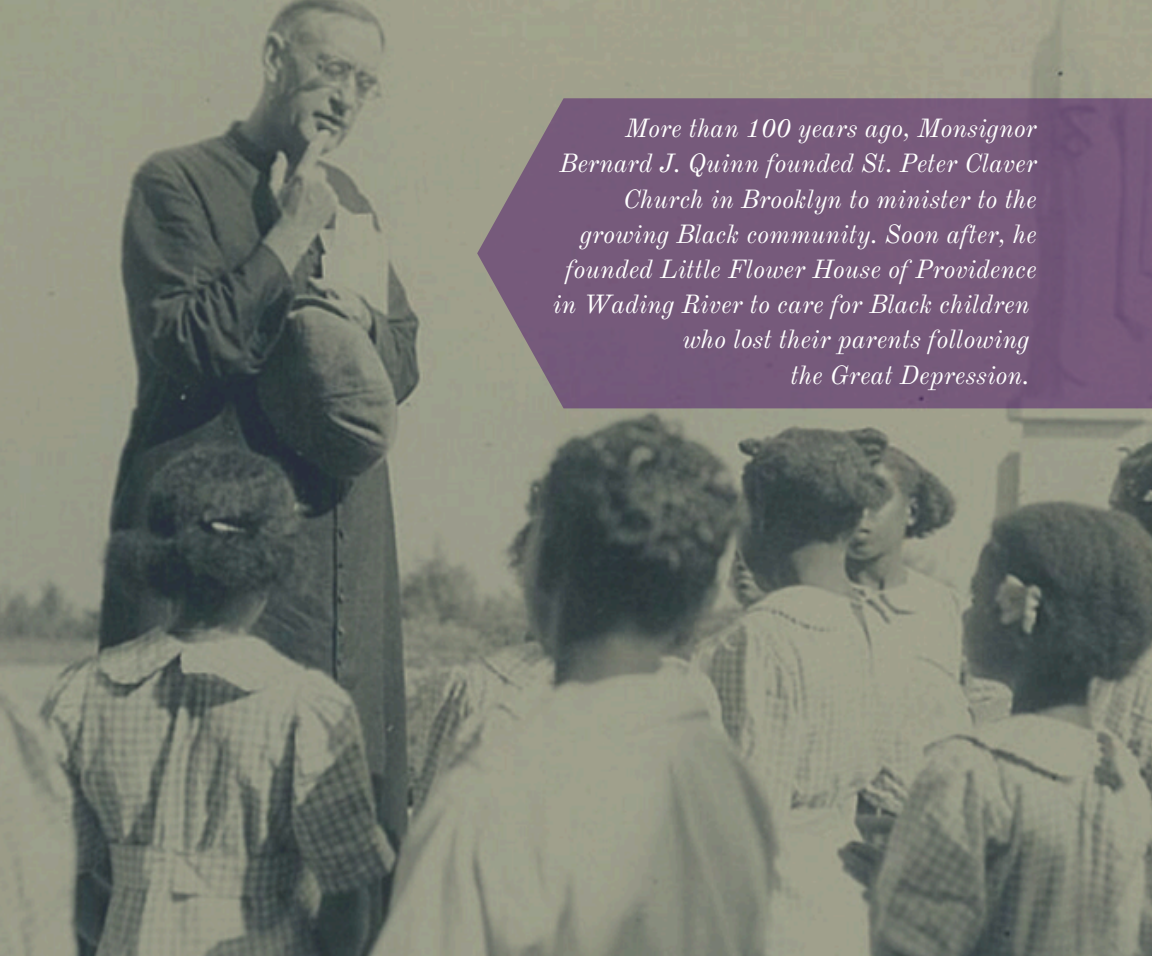
*Here is an overview of the many people
and programs your contributions will help.*

FOSTER CARE



While Little Flower's ultimate goal is family reunification, we strive to meet the immediate needs of the child by recruiting high-quality caregivers as foster parents and appropriately matching them with children according to their experiences, strengths and skills. Support is available through a variety of services to ensure that each foster parent has the necessary resources to create the best home possible for the youth in their care.

As the foster care environment changes, we attempt to meet the needs of the community by offering a variety of specialized programs, such as the Preparing Youth for Adulthood (PYA) program, as well as provide a continuum of After Care services for youth exiting the foster care system.



More than 100 years ago, Monsignor Bernard J. Quinn founded St. Peter Claver Church in Brooklyn to minister to the growing Black community. Soon after, he founded Little Flower House of Providence in Wading River to care for Black children who lost their parents following the Great Depression.

The Family of Monsignor Quinn congratulates Little Flower on their 95th Anniversary.

We are proud to continue to support Little Flower in their mission to transform caring into action to improve the lives of children, youth, families, and adults with developmental disabilities.

To learn more about Msgr. Quinn, go to www.fatherquinn.org

About Little Flower (cont'd)

ADOPTION SERVICES

Little Flower is committed to finding permanent homes for all children and adolescents who are not able to return to their families of origin because every child should have guidance, stability and love. Interested parents undergo a thorough application process, required training, and a full home study before adoption is considered. Little Flower has helped more than 5,100 children find their forever families since 1958.



FAMILY ENRICHMENT CENTER

Little Flower was one of nine service providers chosen to facilitate the opening and maintenance of a Family Enrichment Center (FEC), in partnership with the Administration for Children's Services (ACS). Family Enrichment Centers are family-centered hubs throughout New York City that offer community-based resources and support in a comforting and inviting space. By community vote, our FEC was named The Bed-Stuy NEST,



Little Flower's Edison King and ACS Commissioner Jess Dannhauser at the opening of the Bed-Stuy NEST

which stands for Neighbors Embracing Strengths Together.



*Rafferty Holdings would like to congratulate
Little Flower Children and Family Services
on 95 years of service to our community.*

*-Michael, Kathryn, and the
entire Rafferty Family*

About Little Flower (cont'd)

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES



Little Flower has an unwavering commitment to providing quality services for adults with developmental disabilities. Each person is assisted to maximize their potential for self-care, social, emotional and physical development. The dedicated team of administrators, direct care workers and clinicians work together to provide a complete continuum of care.

We provide services in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island. Little Flower's population of more than 350 individuals with developmental disabilities are offered Medicaid Service Coordination and two types of residential programs:

- Family Care: Most of our supported persons live with families who are certified by New York State and are supervised and monitored by Little Flower staff
- Individual Residential Alternatives (IRAs) are small-group residences that provides residents with opportunities for greater independence



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HEALTH HOME



Health Homes is a care management model designed to help children in foster care gain access to critical health care and services that support their well-being. As part of the Collaborative for Children and Families (CCF), a health home of more than 35 child-serving agencies throughout NYC, Long Island and Westchester, children in our care have access to an extensive network of medical and behavioral health providers.

MEDICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Little Flower's Mental Health and Medical Department utilizes a trauma-informed, multi-systemic approach to provide children and families with quality medical and mental health services to support their physical, emotional, and general well-being.

Aligning with the agency's commitment to the Sanctuary model, we aim to heal the devastating effects on children and families of trauma, poverty, racism, substance abuse, violence, and lack of opportunity. We do this through the use of proven, effective mental health, medical, and support services.

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 The Little Flower youth who made our beautiful centerpieces 
 Cathy Ricci, our dedicated toy room volunteer 
 Jim Shanahan from Gotham Color, who generously donated
the printing for the event invitations 



*Congratulations to Little Flower on
your 95th Anniversary!*

*We are proud to support you and all
that you do for our community.*

- Charlie and Mike Bracklow

About Little Flower (cont'd)

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER



The Residential Treatment Center (RTC) is a therapeutic community based on the belief that a healthy and enriching community helps people heal. It is located on our Wading River campus. The RTC serves children experiencing trauma, socioemotional or behavioral challenges or who are on the autism spectrum. The young people reside in modern, home-like cottages and are offered an array of enriching recreational programming.

The Inner Lights Program is a specialized residential treatment program for children who need specialized medical or behavioral supports or who have a physical disability. It offers a home-like environment that balances the need for privacy with the need for supervision.



The RTC is also fortunate to have The Little Flower Union Free School District (UFSD) on campus. The UFSD, a Special Act Public School, is for students with special educational needs. It provides both Residential and Day placements for children in grades three through twelve. Teachers focus on each child so that their education, in tandem with the therapeutic milieu of the RTC, offers the opportunity to reach their highest potential.

ST JOHN'S RESIDENCE FOR BOYS



In 2019, St. John's Residence for Boys became an affiliated organization of Little Flower. Located in Rockaway Park, Queens, St John's is a nonprofit social services organization that provides residential foster care services to youth up to age 21. The campus provides youth with daily care, education, recreation and therapeutic services in an enriching environment. St. John's is dedicated to helping youth grow socially and emotionally, achieve their goals and return to their communities.

Residential Treatment Center

St. John's Residential Treatment Center provides a structured therapeutic setting for young people in foster care up to age 21. Youth live in family-style apartments and receive counseling, social services, comprehensive medical care, Preparing Youth for Adulthood services, career development, community service, and recreational opportunities.

Non-Secure Placement

St. John's Non-Secure Placement program provides long-term, residential and supportive services for adolescent males placed by Family Court. The program is connected to the city-wide initiative called "Close to Home," which allows young people involved with the court system to be treated and rehabilitated closer to their communities.

**We are proud to support
Little Flower
in their vital work
in our community!**

-Robert and Tara Griffith

The background of this section is a scenic photograph of a park. In the foreground, there's a calm pond reflecting the surrounding trees and a large, multi-story brick building in the distance. Pink cherry blossom trees are in bloom, adding a touch of color to the green landscape. The sky is a clear, deep blue.

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Louis Hansen and Father Quinn: A Little Flower Story

by Veronica Quinn

I was fortunate to hear the story of Louis Hansen from his daughter, Marian Hansen Isaac. Louis' parents emigrated to the United States from St. Thomas. In 1934, when Louis was just eight years old, his father suddenly passed away and his mother was unable to care for him and his siblings. Louis's father had wanted him raised Catholic, so his mom arranged for him to be raised at Little Flower's orphanage in Wading River while his siblings were placed elsewhere.

During his time at Little Flower, Louis was very proud of becoming an altar boy, learning to swim, and being trained in the Merchant Marines (as so many of the boys were). Father Quinn made sure that the youth received training and referrals to many city and state agencies when they aged out of care.

After leaving Little Flower at the age of 15, Louis began his life as a Merchant Marine, traveling to many parts of the world to assist Military efforts. He served proudly as a NYC firefighter and as a marine engineer on the city's fireboats.

Louis married Olga Garay, who had also grown up in an orphanage. Together they raised nine children. Marian describes him as a wonderful father, devoted to his family and providing for them lovingly. He continued to be a devout Catholic and was heavily involved in church activities such as the Knights of Columbus and the maintenance and care of his parish church.

Louis Hansen experienced many hardships in his life. But he often spoke of how grateful he was for everything he learned at Little Flower under the tutelage of Father Quinn. He fulfilled his late father's wishes and grew into a truly successful Catholic man.

Our Board of Directors

We are grateful to the dedicated and caring individuals who volunteer their time and talent in support of Little Flower. The continued operation and growth of our agency depends on the hard work and commitment of our Board of Directors.

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Little Flower's leadership takes on the responsibility and challenges of protecting and caring for those the organization serves every day. Each member of the team puts the needs of the children, families, and individuals with developmental disabilities above all else.

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*Lawrence and Camille Hanson
would like to honor the
dedicated years of service
provided by the nuns
of Little Flower.*

*May their selfless example
continue to inspire all to be of
service to their community.
May God bless them to
continue their work
in His image!*



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Past Little Flower Board Chairs

Tonight we look back with pride as we examine the long history of our organization. We couldn't have had this lasting community impact without the strong and steady leadership we received from our board chairs. Here's a look at the people who have led us through the years.

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