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***Picnic for Our Heroes** - Firefighters, Police Officers, Paramedics  
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**The Community at Holy Family Manor (CHFM)** will hold its first Picnic for Our Heroes on its Ross Township Campus on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm, celebrating our local community Firefighters, Police Officers and Paramedics. Participants, ages 1 year to 101 years old, include residents, students, staff, and volunteers from CHFM’s three core services – Holy Family Manor Personal Care and Memory Care Unit, Nazareth Housing Services, and the state-accredited Mt. Nazareth Learning Center.

Activities include a blessing of the Heroes, gift presentation, and a chance for children to interact with police cars, fire trucks and k-9 dogs.

**9:50- arrivals (Police, EMS, Firemen)**

**10:00- A Special Blessing by Fr. David Moczulski** (Manor main entrance)

- Song, God Bless America.
- Gifts presentation (Kids and Commons Residents)
- Song Macarena / Chicken dance

**10:15 – Meet our Heroes** in their stations- three different areas...

**10:30- K-9** (Outside of the Manor Chapel)

**10:45- Games and conversations with our Heroes**

1. Commons- Police (Small Beach Balls, Bubbles)
2. Manor Corner- EMS (Jumping ropes, Face Painting)
3. Holy Family/ Steps- Firemen (Sidewalk Chalk, Buildings in Fire, Boxes and Bottles)

**11:15 Lunch**

- HFM residents – cafeteria
- Heroes – outside HFM cafeteria
- Kids/ Commons residents- outside the chapel (hot dogs, chips, water, popcorn)

**Music- DJ-Dan Davis**

**11:30 -Announcing the Winners of Art Show**

In the continuum of life, love and learning occur at all ages. CHFM has been joining generations together through the **Intergenerational Program** for the past eight years bringing together the children from the Mt. Nazareth Learning Center and Holy Family Manor Personal Care Home on a weekly basis. The program is unique to western Pennsylvania and has received funding from local foundations documenting positive outcomes from the program.

“This will be a celebration for all ages” says Sister Antonina Gadacz, CSFN Coordinator for the Intergenerational Program. “A certain magic happens when these generations interact.” Sister Antonina teaches programs to the CHFM children and seniors weekly. She says many have become special friends. For more information, visit the CHFM Website at [www.chfmanor.org](http://www.chfmanor.org).