



Parent – Child Center

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**The Bailey Institute's 36th Tree Trimming Party Benefits
Hagerstown's Parent - Child Center (PCC)**

November 2008, Hagerstown, MD -- The Bailey Institute's 36th Tree Trimming Party will be held at **17568 Shale Drive, Hagerstown**, on Saturday, December 6, to benefit the **Parent – Child Center**, Hagerstown. The Tree Trimming tradition began in Columbus Ohio in 1973 and by 1993 was transformed into a benefit for US and global charities. Hagerstown is the 7th U.S. city to host this event created by Dr. Jennifer Bailey, Founder and President of The Bailey Institute, which is headquartered in Hagerstown since 2006.

Mr. Vincent Dellaposta, former Chairman of the Board, a Trustee of the **Parent – Child Center**, and event chairperson for the 36th Tree Trimming said, *"You won't want to miss this chance to support PCC's efforts to keep families together and provide educational assistance to adult clients. What's more, the Tree Trimming Party expresses the generous spirit of Christmas and is one of the **most enjoyable events of the holiday season.**"*

The Parent - Child Center provides a preventative approach to "at risk" families by investing effort upfront to support those families. PCC's prevention-based services are the most compassionate and cost effective methods to ensure that children and parents will not suffer as families face crises. The Bailey Institute will donate proceeds of the 36th Tree Trimming to mentor and educate adult PCC clients so they can attain self-sufficiency and improve their lives.

The 36th Tree Trimming Party includes numerous traditions: Upon arrival guests are greeted with a violin concert, wassailed with warm cider, and receive a generous New Year blessing. Amidst carol singing, appetizers and wine tasting the tree is trimmed with ornaments dating over 36 years, culminating with the lighting of wax candles, a champagne toast and the singing of **O Tannenbaum**. Next, the party dines on a sampling of gourmet dishes prepared by Dr. Bailey, followed by dinner, desserts and dancing. Throughout the evening, the **"Christmas Shoppes"** allow guests to make holiday purchases. An elegant jewelry set of turquoise in sterling silver will be raffled off during the evening. Tickets at \$75.00 per person are available through the Bailey Institute at (301) 733-9003 or the **Parent – Child Center**, 998 Potomac Avenue, Hagerstown, (301) 791-2224.

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Background

- **The Bailey Institute:** Founded in Cincinnati, Ohio in 2000, by Dr. Jennifer Bailey, with a mission to "**Improve Lives through Education, Leadership, Technology and Health,**" the Institute was re-constituted as a global NGO in October 2006 and registered in Maryland with headquarters in Hagerstown.

Board members are: Mr. Morris Koffa, Vice President, Mr. Corland Forrester, Treasurer; Dr. Solanges Vivens; Dr. Lameck Odhiambo; Dr. Charles Supernavage; and Dr. Jennifer Bailey, Founder and President.

The Tree Trimming Party is The Bailey Institute's annual fundraising event and is open to the public. Funds raised support The Bailey Institute and organizations world-wide that are working to improve the lives of others.

- **Mr. Vincent Dellaposta, Event Chairperson:** Mr. Dellaposta has served as Chairman of the Board of the **Parent – Child Center**, and is currently a PCC trustee. He is the founder of Word Processing Solutions (WPS). Mr. Dellaposta and his wife Anne have attended the Tree Trimming party since 2005.

- **List of Past Beneficiaries**

Past Beneficiaries: John R. Marsh Cancer Center, Hagerstown (2007); Gbogbeh Village, Liberia (2006); St. Clair School, Dessalines, Haiti (2005); Cultural Academy for Excellence, CAFÉ (2004); Coterie of Social Workers, San Fernando Branch, Trinidad (2003); The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio (2002); St. David's Elementary School, Tobago (2001); St. Joseph's High School (St. Joseph & San Fernando), Trinidad (2000); National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio (1999); Mayville State University, Mayville, North Dakota, (1994), Cincinnati Opera Company (1993).

- **Communities where the Tree Trimming Party has been held:** Columbus, Ohio; Chicago, Illinois; Silver Spring, Maryland; Columbia, Maryland; Cincinnati, Ohio; Mayville, North Dakota, Hagerstown, Maryland;

The 36th Tree Trimming Party

Scripted Events... Please Arrive at 6:00PM

- 5:45 to 6:30 PM **Guests arrive at Hager's Crossing Clubhouse***
and park their vehicles. A limousine escorts guests
to the Bailey residence for the event.**
- 6:00 to 8:30 PM **Welcome, Wassailing, Appetizers***
Violin Concert – Cheryl Scrivener
Wine Tasting – South African & Argentinean Wines
Tree Trimming
Carol Singing (Pianist, Andy Hamilton)
Champagne Toast
- 6:00 to 12:00 PM **Christmas Shoppes & Raffle**
B'Sassy Handbags
The Alpaca Shop
BB's Bagels and Breads
Cookie Lee's Jewelry
(Percentage of sales donated to beneficiary)
- 8:30 PM to Midnight **Dinner**
Gourmet Cuisine
- Check Presentation**
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Acknowledgements
- Desserts, Coffee, Tea**
Chocolate-Raspberry Cake & Hibiscus Tea
Glazed Pineapple Cake
Tropical Rum Trifle
Chocolate Cherry Torte
- Dancing – DJ, Vittorio Lara**
Big Band sounds
Contemporary Music
Global Music

RSVP: November 20th 2008 or call to purchase tickets

\$75.00 per person...Payable to *The Bailey Institute*®.

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****Club House Address: 12608 Sedgwick Way, Hagerstown, MD 21740***

*****Residence Address: 17568 Shale Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740***