

The Harlem Family Institute

~ 2019 Annual Report ~

Building on significant fundraising success in 2018, we turned our attention in 2019 toward expanding and strengthening our internal operations and consolidating our presence in Harlem. Our new Candidates Society offers our students representation in organizational leadership and a more active role in their educational experience, and our successful reaccreditation ensures our ability to keep our culturally sensitive training moving forward. Our top priority is finding our own independent location in Harlem, while maintaining our active involvement with local schools, community organizations and houses of worship and further expanding our outreach efforts in the community. We are also beginning the process of modernizing our electronic record-keeping systems for both the clinical and academic sides of our operation.

Financial Growth

Our **fundraising efforts** have continued, after a successful outreach campaign to churches and foundations that, thanks to the cumulative efforts of Fundraising Consultant Toni Levi and Program Administrator Sandra Fell over the past four years, earned us a respectable \$13,000 from foundations and \$7,000 from religious institutions in 2018. Our **new Treasurer, Michael Salhani**, will be an essential part of our financial focus: he brings 50 years of experience as a board member, executive and consultant with companies involved in a wide range of activities, including Internet strategies, community and commercial broadband, and online education for health-care professionals. He holds a Master's degree in political and economic philosophy.

Reaccreditation Allows Expansion of Goals & Vision

HFI was reaccredited in May after site visits in December 2018 by evaluators from the American Board for Accreditation in Psychoanalysis, including to our newly developing site at a Harlem community church. They also met with our administrators, trustees, faculty, clinical supervisors and candidates, leading to ABAP's approval of our application for reaccreditation.

With that milestone achieved, we are able to turn our attention to the major goal of finding our own independent space in Harlem outside the schools, to give candidates greater autonomy to see patients on their own schedules. We are also seeking to strengthen our existing relationships with the **Community Coalition on Mental Health, First Corinthians Baptist Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, the Interfaith Center of New York and other local organizations.**

The New York State Education Department is still discussing the Institute's requests to amend our charter to allow us to accept students studying for their master's in other mental-health fields and to allow us to resume using our original name, the Harlem Psychoanalytic Institute. As a

result, the charter due for renewal in September 2017, remains to be renewed, but the NYSED assures us that our existing charter remains in force.

Growth in Candidate Numbers

We began the year with 17 candidates actively studying at the Harlem Family Institute. Seven of those candidates joined in September 2018 — a huge success, possibly due to the two Open Houses we've held at Langston Hughes House in Harlem, the great African American poet and writer's former home, over the past two years, which have focused on psychoanalysis in the context of African American culture and historical experience. Two of the new candidates are clergy, which has resulted in a third clergy candidate returning to the Institute to resume his training. Three members of that 2018 class, however, paused their studies for various reasons during 2019, while four new candidates joined during 2019.

We also were pleased with the formation of our Candidates Society, which offers our candidates organized representation with the Institute's leadership and gives them an opportunity to be actively involved in the building of their educational experience.

Board & Leadership

Our newly organized Executive Committee began meeting in April 2019. Early meetings were much needed, offering space for discussions within the committee about the mission of the institute and its current ability to live up to its founding principles. Alas, during 2019, we lost some valuable Board members. But we gained psychologist-psychoanalyst David Abrams to the Board.

At the same time, two significant mental-health professionals were nominated for the Institute's Advisory Council: eminent child psychiatrist **Gilbert Kliman**, MD, founder and medical director of the Children's Psychological Health Center in San Francisco, and **Emory Brooks**, LCSW, founder and CEO of the large Community Counseling & Mediation operation in Brooklyn.

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