

(Washington, DC) - U.S. Representative Jason Altmire (PA-4) announced today that he has secured \$150,000 for the Holy Family Institute, located in Emsworth, to support its at-risk youth services. The funding was included in the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill for FY 2008 (H.R.3093) recently passed in the U.S. House of Representatives. H.R. 3093 must be approved by the U.S. Senate and the President of the United States before it becomes final and the funding is made available to the recipient, the Holy Family Institute.

**"The staff and volunteers at Holy Family Institute dedicate every day to helping abused or neglected children to succeed in life," said Congressman Altmire. "This funding will go a long way in helping Holy Family Institute continue their important work in our community and to help change young lives for the better."**

Sister Linda Yankoski, President of Holy Family Institute, stated, **"Holy Family's mission has always been to heal the damage of abuse and address the spiritual needs of neglected children. The new model of care that the appropriation allows us to implement enhances our ability to teach our kids to function in the community. As a result, I think you will see young people coming out of care who will be less angry and violent and more responsible and constructive. In that sense, the new model will benefit the whole community. Holy family is very grateful to Congressman Altmire and his staff for helping us improve our ministry to the young people that Holy Family serves."**

The \$150,000 grant will be used to support at-risk youth services provided by Holy Family Institute through system-wide implementation of the Girls and Boys Town Model (GBTM). Holy Family's adoption of GBTM will improve its ability to treat youth in its care, better tailoring each child's treatment plan to his or her specific needs.