FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

After a six-month search, the Fred Rogers Center is happy to announce the newest addition to our organization, Jeremy Boyle, M.F.A. In his new position, as Assistant Professor of Learning, Media and Design, Jeremy will lead the Center in creating new initiatives on technology use in early childhood settings. Jeremy recently was resident artist at Carnegie Mellon University’s Community Robotics, Education and Technology Empowerment (CREATE) Lab. Jeremy, along with Melissa Butler, created the Children’s Innovation Project, which works to set young children on the pathway toward technological fluency. Jeremy, whose artwork incorporates technology, believes “creative inquiry is the pathway to the development of critical inquiry.” We look forward to Jeremy’s insights to help us and our partners better serve our communities.

I am also very happy to announce that Joanne Rogers recently received the Great Friend of Children Award from the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh. Joanne is
more than the Honorary Chair of our Advisory Council—she is the heart of our Center. All of us turn to her for guidance and wisdom. We also seek her out when we need to laugh. Joanne is one of the humblest people I have ever met, and she never looks for any recognition for her contributions. I look to her as a role model and a shining example of what our work is all about, doing what is best for children. Congratulations, Joanne!

Sincerely,

Rick Fernandes

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**IN THE ARCHIVE**

Did you know that puppet Queen Sara Saturday was inspired by Joanne Rogers? Fred’s feelings about his wife are evident in Queen Sara’s personality.
traits. She is generous, gentle, kind, and the voice of reason when King Friday XIII becomes too demanding. She is respected and loved by everyone in the Neighborhood of Make-Believe.

It is easy for us at the Fred Rogers Center to see how Queen Sara is like Joanne. Joanne is a great friend to us. We enjoy hearing her stories and memories of Fred that enhance what we have learned from studying the archival materials.

An important piece in the Fred Rogers Archive is a CD of Joanne talking about her life with Fred. The Presbyterian Media Mission sat down with Joanne in 2005 and recorded some of her favorite stories for the radio program “Passages.” This CD is valuable because Joanne spoke about herself as a professional pianist, not just life as Fred Rogers’ wife. She said that she and Fred led two different lives that joined together in wonderful ways. It is valuable to hear about her accomplishments as a pianist and how she inspired Fred in his work. Other documents in the Archive that feature Joanne include newspaper and magazine articles, correspondence, and photographs.

ANNIVERSARY IN QINGDAO
Saint Vincent College President Br. Norman Hipps, O.S.B., and Fred Rogers Center Co-Director and Professor Junlei Li, Ph.D., unveiled a plaque in Qingdao, China, titled “Saint Vincent College Fred Rogers Center Children’s Workshop” at the Village Rehabilitation School for orphans with disabilities. This is the village where the Center’s Simple Interactions initiative was first developed and piloted. To commemorate a five-year partnership that has supported staff and foster parents in this village, Chinese officials invited the College to be part of the unveiling ceremony with families and children served by the school.

CARRYING THE LEGACY FORWARD
In My Own Words

Just as Fred Rogers understood the importance of community, we know that it takes advocates, collaborators, donors, and so many other friends, to help achieve our mission.

I loved the show as I was growing up. My favorite part was the song "It's a Beautiful
Day in This Neighborhood." The show taught me that every person is equal to the next. It inspired me to take on the challenges life holds for me. I am forever grateful for these lessons.

—Lizzy

WORDS OF WISDOM

"Who you are inside is what helps you make and do everything in life."

There’s no "should" or "should not" when it comes to having feelings. They’re part of who we are and their origins are beyond our control. When we can believe that, we may find it easier to make constructive choices about what to do with those feelings.
— Fred Rogers