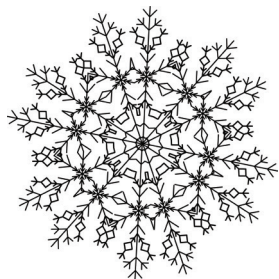




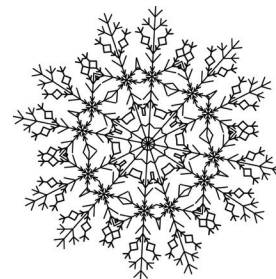
# CARILLON

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## 2015 CARITAS BENEFIT ICE CASTLES November 14, 2015



The 2015 Caritas Benefit was a spectacular success on Saturday, November 14th at the United Club at Soldier Field with this year's winter theme of "Ice Castles" sparkling throughout the room. Our guests enjoyed a radiant evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing to The Al Solfia Band, live and silent auctions, and a raffle drawing.



We want to thank the Caritas Society, the Foundation and all of the benefit's supporters for making this year's event so special.

Thank you to Andy Avalos, NBC 5's Meteorologist who emceed the event and to Rob Johnson from CBS 2 for presenting the evening's awards. Congratulations and thank you to our two award recipients who were honored that Saturday evening. The first was the Humanitas Award received by Thomas F. Shirey, chairman and CEO of Shirey Cadillac in Oak Lawn, for his longtime support and advocacy for St. Coletta's of Illinois.



The second award, the Crystallus Award recipient was Dr. Brian Chicoine, the cofounder of the Adult Down Syndrome Center at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital.

Funds raised by this event will help individuals with special needs sparkle at St. Coletta's as they learn new skills, build friendships, and live and work in the community. St. Coletta's of Illinois gives people with intellectual and developmental disabilities an opportunity to lead spectacular lives. The participation of our guests has made a positive contribution in elevating the lives of our people with special needs as their futures glisten as bright as ice castles.



## Mission Statement

St. Coletta's of Illinois was created by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi for the specific purpose of providing services in a Christian environment for all children and adults with developmental disabilities, and other persons with short-term needs. This care is provided regardless of race, creed, or economic background.

Our training, residential, and educational programs are designed to enhance physical, mental, social and spiritual well being. St. Coletta's encourages each individual to achieve his or her greatest potential within society. Each individual is given the opportunity to grow in the least restrictive setting, which meets his or her needs and abilities.

The Corporate Ministries sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi are committed to the mission of promoting Franciscan values in all their programs and services. Each corporation demonstrates a caring community, which supports and respects the spiritual, academic, vocational and social potential of each person. These Corporate Ministries include:

Canticle Court	St. Coletta's of Wisconsin
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# Thank You Tom's Tap!



In mid October we had a very special guest stop by St. Coletta's! Tom's Tap of the Garfield Ridge neighborhood in Chicago dropped off a donation on behalf of St. Coletta's. Their contribution will go towards both St. Coletta's and the Smith Road CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) where a family friend of Tom's Tap, Rich Lundvick resides. We would like to thank Tom's Tap for their continued dedication and commitment. We appreciate your generosity tremendously and your visit made ours and Rich's day!



# Christmas at St. Coletta's



To celebrate the holiday season on December 11th we held our annual Christmas parties.

One of our parties was held here at St. Coletta's where our consumers listened to the beautiful voices of the St. Richard School Children's Choir. The children of the choir led a sing-a-long of our consumer's favorite Christmas songs. We look forward to the children's choir visit every Christmas season and appreciate them spending the day with us!

A second party was held at Georgio's Banquets of Orland Park. The consumers enjoyed delicious food, a talent show, and socializing with one another before opening their gifts. Gifts were donated by Invesco, we are grateful for their generosity- our consumers loved everything!

*(Pictured above: Donald Payne, a consumer of St. Coletta's wearing his new jacket from Invesco)*

## The Kennedy School Needs Your Help Collecting Box Tops for Education & Labels for Education



Please help our students, by cutting out the labels from cereal & snack boxes, office supplies, baking goods, paper & plastic products & more. You can drop them off or mail them to:



The Kennedy School  
c/o Kelly Moore  
18350 Crossing Drive  
Tinley Park, IL 60487

# Join Team Coletta in 2016!

Love to run? Ever think of doing a marathon? Want to give back? Team Coletta is made up of all types of individuals who share the thirst for competition, and common vision of St. Coletta's of Illinois. Being a part of Team Coletta, you not only run for yourself but on behalf of children and adults with special needs. Team Coletta participates in two races annually, Southwest Half Marathon & 10K held May 1, 2016 and The Chicago Marathon, Oct. 9, 2016. If you are thinking about running in either of these two races and want to run on behalf of St. Coletta's or would like more information please contact Barb Siwinski at [Bsiwinski@stcolettail.org](mailto:Bsiwinski@stcolettail.org).

## St. Coletta's Bridge

Honor someone special, a special occasion, or the memory of a loved one by making a donation to St. Coletta's in their name. The Bridge To Eternal Life Packet includes cards, with envelopes and donation envelopes that can be used "In Memory of" or "In Honor of" a loved one. St. Coletta's memorial donation offers a way to honor a loved one, while contributing to making life better for individuals with special needs.

There are three ways to learn more:

Visit our web site, [www.stcolettail.org](http://www.stcolettail.org) or call Barb Siwinski at 708.342.5246 or by e-mail [bsiwinski@stcolettail.org](mailto:bsiwinski@stcolettail.org).

### In Honor Of :

John Cosich

Helen Wolniak

## Memorials

The families and friends of the following individuals respectfully ask that you remember them in your thoughts and prayers:

Diane Brennan

Julia Cairns

Joan Cosgrove

Albert Croarkin

James Donovan

Thomas Fitzpatrick

Karen K. Gorman

Joseph Hartnett

Timothy J. Hughes

Lynn Janusz

Cliff F. Johl

Dora Luchesi

William Manning

Katherine Matteo

Maura McCann

Steven V. Michner

Ted Perkowski

Anthony Plonis

Phyllis Rovella

Robert Schaeffer

Pamela Schultz

Valerie Sindeworld

Mary Vagos

# Flag Raising!



On October 23rd we hosted our Inaugural Flag Raising Ceremony at our Tinley Park Complex. It was a beautiful ceremony where the gentlemen from the VFW performed the honors of raising the flag. Guests said the Pledge of Allegiance, and our choir performed God Bless America. We want to thank everyone who came out to join us especially, Post Commander Fred Cagle and his representatives from VFW Post



2791, Illinois State Representative Margo McDermid, and Illinois State Senator Michael Hastings for attending our event.

Thank you to everyone who has helped St. Coletta's of Illinois raise funds necessary for us to raise our new flag, as well as to allow us to continue to help people with developmental and intellectual disabilities live more dynamic, fulfilling lives.



## HELP PAVE THE FUTURE FOR ST. COLETTA'S

October, 2015 was the inaugural raising of the flag in the center of St. Coletta's parkway. Daily the students and workers say the Pledge of Allegiance, and we are encouraging them to respect the Flag and patriotism. Now, we are taking the next step: We are going to surround the flag with three sizes of interlocking bricks as shown above. These bricks can be used as recognition for a memorial, anniversary, birthday or special occasion. All of the proceeds from the bricks will ensure the future for St. Coletta's.



**For more information, please contact Barb Siwinski at  
[bsiwinski@stcolettail.org](mailto:bsiwinski@stcolettail.org) or call 708-342-5246.**



# Kennedy School Corner

The place to find what is new in the  
LT. Joseph P. Kennedy School

The Kennedy School has been very busy this fall and winter. With a mix of academics, vocational jobs and social skills training, we have been learning and growing together!



Our elementary class visited a petting zoo and the pumpkin patch to learn all about animals. They take many trips into the community including shopping for their favorite snacks and classroom materials.



Our senior high classes have been busy learning about government, science and geography through our Unique Learning System curriculum, interactive tools specifically designed for students with special needs. Aligned with transition plans, the students have been completing jobs for outside agencies and getting paid in Kennedy School currency, “bulldog



bucks”, to shop in our school store! Not only do the jobs teach our students about work and responsibility, they also learn about bank accounts and budgeting.



For our Christmas celebration, we had a staff and student pizza party. Afterwards the students and their families traveled the ‘Polar Express’ to the ‘North Pole’ where they listened to a story, made bracelets and ornaments and of course enjoyed hot chocolate. The day ended with a visit from Santa and our favorite therapy dog, Bear.

Of course, we do try to have some fun while learning. Chicago Bear’s mascot, Staley the Bear came to visit and taught us all about “Bearing Down on Bullies”.



The Kennedy School will be busy the upcoming months with a science fair, National School Choice Week, prom and graduation. We are excited to build our transition program for students ages 14-21, as well as open a new early childhood classroom within the next couple of months.

# Monthly Liturgy

Each month St. Coletta's of Illinois has hosted a liturgy at the Tinley Park facility . The services are for any of the consumers and staff who wish to participate. We are so grateful to the churches located in the suburbs that the CILA's are located in, for volunteering their time to lead services and prayers. The liturgies are a great opportunity for St. Coletta's choir to perform, as well as for the churches that our consumers attend to get to know our people. Thank you to those who have already participated:

Monsignor Patrick Pollard - Notre Dame de Chicago

Rev. Don Borling - All Saints Lutheran

Fr. Mike Foley - Our Lady of the Woods

Rev. Mike Lindsey - Bel-Aire Baptist Church

Fr. Edward Upton- St. Francis of Assisi

Rev. Christine Hopkins- Wayside Chapel

Fr. Kenneth Fleck- St. George

Fr. Dindo Billotti- St. Mary's

*(Upper right picture of Fr. Mike Foley at our May Crowning Mass,*

*Lower picture of Rev. Mike Lindsey from Bel-Aire Baptist and the*

*Spirit dancers who accompanied him for the service.)*



## A Special THANK YOU to:

St. George Church, Tinley Park

St. Bernadette Catholic Church, Evergreen

St. Julie Billiart Church, Tinley Park

St. Richards Parish, Chicago

St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mokena

Kim Osowiec, Chicago

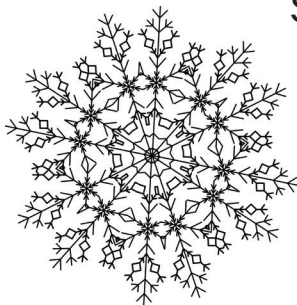
St. Michael's Church, Orland Park

Earl Anderson, Lemont

Elizabeth Seaton, Orland Hills

St. Josephs Church, Summit

And to everyone who made  
Christmas so special for  
St. Coletta's of Illinois!



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## Foundation Upcoming Events

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First Midwest Bank Half Marathon- May 1st

Chicago Marathon - October 9th

Kennedy Golf Invitational- August (Date TBA)

Benefit 2016 - TBA

To find out more, please visit our web site: [www.stcolettail.org](http://www.stcolettail.org)

