



Ringing out the good news of St. Coletta's of Illinois

Spring Fling 2015 "Night at the Oscars"



On Saturday June 13th, the Caritas Society sponsored the 2015 Spring Fling "Night at the Oscars." It was held at Georgio's Banquet in Orland Park, Illinois. The theme was put into action by the volunteers from Andrew High School who decorated the room. Over 100 residents and community participants were dressed in their best to partake in a wonderful evening filled with good food and dancing all night long.

As our guests walked into the hall they followed the red carpet to the media area where the paparazzi snapped their pictures between the Oscars. After arrival, the guests enjoyed a social hour before they were seated for dinner. As dessert made it's way to the tables the music brought the room to life as people filled the dance floor. Everyone was showing off their best moves as their favorite songs played throughout the night.

Spring Fling is a night our people look forward to, and this year was certainly one they will not forget. Thank you Caritas Society for sponsoring the event and Thank you to the members of Andrew High School for everything you did to making the evening so special.



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:

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www.STCIL.org

Dear Friends,

A lot has been happening during our spring and summer.

We are about to open a new group home in Orland Park following the successful placement of a CILA in Oak Forest during the spring.

The school continues to gain students and our outreach efforts have brought new referrals and sources of referrals to us.

We have been keeping close watch on the disappointing legislative impasse in Springfield. At this writing, it appears we will be getting paid for our services, albeit slowly, and only because of Federal court orders. My recent visit to Springfield included a number of meetings with party leadership; it is very apparent that both Houses cannot find a path to compromise on a '16 budget any time soon.

For that reason, we find that we have to place a new priority on fundraising and aggressively pursuing grants. An experienced grant writer has been hired and will seek institutional, State and Federal support. We will encourage our Board to join in this intensified effort.

Finally, our mission is to concentrate St. Coletta's outreach on finding new residents for our CILA program and students for our excellent school. Management is focused on this task and we will report our progress periodically.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support.

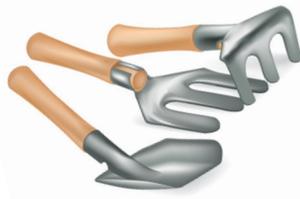
Sincerely,



Andrew M. Collins, Jr.

Executive Director

Growing



With A Green Thumb



Matt and Dennis planting in the flower boxes.

Last year's harvest was plentiful with a lot of produce and herbs grown in our raised planter beds donated by UPS. With last year's success St. Coletta's has decided to start a Gardening Club with some of the clients. With five people in the Gardening Club as of right now, they set off to their first task. The Garden Club assistant our non-ambulatory individuals plant their raised planter beds. Soon after, the club went to the Oak Forest Park District where they reserved two assigned plots.

space to grow. Some of the plants they are growing are eggplant, butternut squash, tomatoes, swiss chard,

Each plot is about 10' x 20', giving their produce plenty of space to grow. The club goes twice a week to pull weeds, water and tend to the garden. In the most recent visit, they noticed that the



Jeff, Dennis and Matt enjoying the sunshine at the Oak Forest Park District



The Garden Club consists of five members. Jeff, Patrice, Dennis, Matt, and Anna

deer have been snacking on their Swiss chard and beets! When we asked the club supervisor, Suzanne Noonan, about their plans for the produce she said " If the crops do well we will try and do a small farm stand at St. Coletta's, and if we only get a few crops then we will just have to make a big salad and eat it all together." This club has been a great way to relieve stress and educate the members on the importance of fruits and vegetables and the nutrients that they give our bodies.

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

Congratulations to our Runners



We wanted to recognize and congratulate our finishers at the First Midwest Bank Half Marathon and our special needs athletes who participated in the Run, Walk, Roll! Thank you for your participation on Team Coletta and representing all of us at St. Coletta's of Illinois.

If you would like to join Team Coletta and run on behalf of St. Coletta's please contact us at: Events@stcolettail.org. For more information about Team Coletta please visit www.stcolettail.org.

St. Coletta's Bridge to Eternal Life

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 or call Barb Siwinski at 708.342.5246 or by e-mail bsiwinski@stcolettail.org.

In Honor Of :

Donald Payne

Brendan O'Connor

Memorials

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

Geraldine Bakwell

Terrence Bopp, Jr.

Elmer Bucek

Delores Champ

Marion E. Conerty

Joan Cosgrove

Rose Crane

Albert Croarkin

Tom Croarkin

John (Jack) Daley

Trevor Dorgan

Pegi Enright

Edward Ford

Margaret Franzman

Giuseppe Greco

Charles Hamel

Patrick and Cathy Hennessy

Lois Herbeck

Consula Huerta

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Patricia and Sean O'Connor

Ted Perkowski

Sharon Rosicky

Jean Schabut

Robert Schaeffer

Pamela Ann Schultz

Laura Spengler

Alice Ward

Linda Weston

Jon Yankus

UPS White Sox Game

For the past 24 years United Postal Service (UPS) has sponsored a day at the ball game for many of our residents. The morning of the game the workshop floor was buzzing with excitement! Everyone was already wearing their t-shirts with pride as they lined up to greet our visitors. Some of our friends from UPS have been attending this event year after year, and because of that have created a friendship with our clients.

The buses were rattling with excitement as fans made their way to US Cellular Field to watch the White Sox play. This is an event that our people look forward to every year. We are so blessed to have this support from UPS. Thank you for another great day at the ball park and we look forward to keeping the tradition alive.



2015 Kennedy Invitational Golf Event



Monday, August 24, 2015
Crystal Tree Golf & Country Club

The 26th Anniversary golf outing is for both men and women and is a one-day event for four person best ball teams. The field will be divided into "CDGA Member" teams comprised of any four players with CDGA handicaps, and "Peoria Players" team made up of non-CDGA handicapped players.

Entry Fee: \$500 per golfer
Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Clinic, Lunch, Cocktails, and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres.

Sponsorship and
Ad Book opportunities available.
For more information visit:

www.stcolettail.org

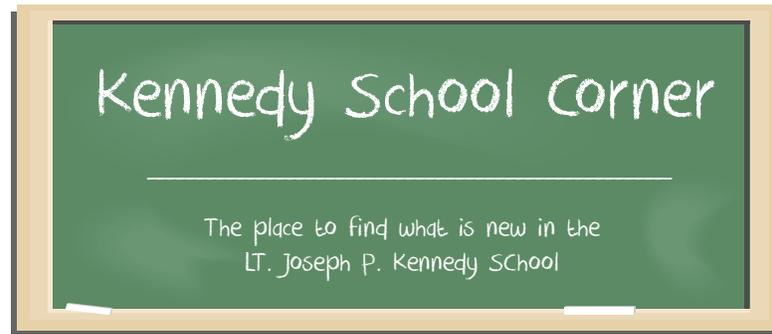
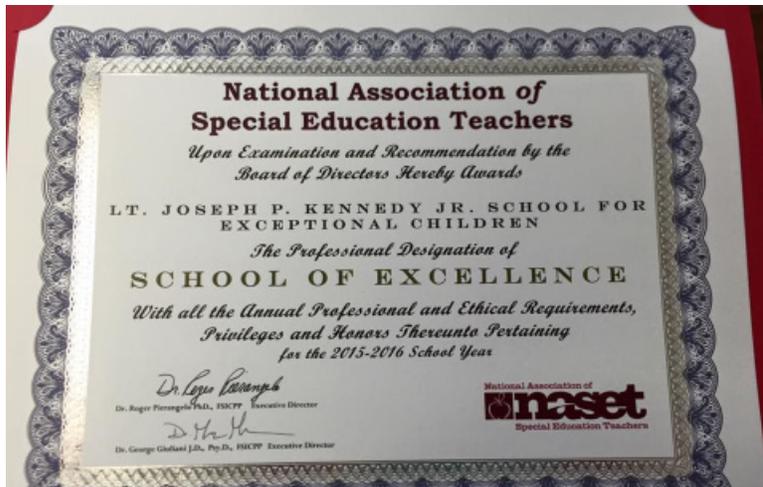


2015-2016 School of Excellence Award

The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET) has named the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. School for Exceptional Children as one of the 2015 School of Excellence award. This Award honors only a few select qualified licensed private special education schools in the State of Illinois. The NASET School of Excellence award is the highest level of recognition a private special education school can achieve through their association.

Award recipients must meet the rigorous professional criteria as well as demonstrate exceptional dedication, commitment and achievement in the field of special education. The Kennedy School received this honor for their certified and licensed professionals, services, curriculum and staff to student ratio have ensured the Kennedy School title for NASET School of Excellence. The Kennedy School students benefit from their small student to staff ratio.

The National Association of Special Education Teachers (NASET) is a national membership organization dedicated to rendering all possible support and assistance to those professionals who teach children with special needs. NASET seeks to promote standards of excellence and innovation in special education research, practice, and policy in order to foster exceptional teaching for exceptional children. They were founded to promote the profession of special education teachers and to provide a national forum for their ideas.



2015 Graduation

On Tuesday, June 2nd students from the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy School for Exceptional Children proudly had their graduation ceremony where they received their diploma. The seats were filled with proud parents, family members, teachers, district representatives, faculty and staff were gathered to watch the graduation take place. The ceremony was a beautiful testament of what they have learned during their time at the Kennedy School. Each student had an opportunity to say a few words and was featured in the touching slide show highlighting each of the graduates growth throughout their time at the Kennedy School. A

celebratory reception was held after the ceremony where cake, juice, and a lot of photographs were taken! It was a beautiful ceremony that marks a big chapter in each individual's life symbolizing growth and accomplishment.



Monthly Liturgy

Each month, since March, 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 CILAs 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:

March - Monsignor Patrick Pollard - Notre Dam de Chicago

April - Rev. Don Borling - All Saints Lutheran,

May - Fr. Mike Foley - Our Lady of the Woods

June - Rev. Mike Lindsey - Bel-Aire Baptist Church.

July - Fr. Edward Upton- St. Francis of Assisi

And we look forward to the upcoming months with new parishes for us to get to know.

(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.)



St. Coletta's Choir

Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.

- Plato

The St. Coletta's Choir started performing at the May Crowning Mass in 2013. Since then the clients involved in choir have fully experienced the benefits of music. The choir, directed by Suzanne Noonan, is made up of individuals with all different types of abilities. When the choir room door closes, the love for music opens. One can see the confidence of the choir members as they step out of their weekly rehearsal. They perform monthly at our liturgies, and they have also made appearances at other events within the past year. The choir's next performance will be at the August Liturgy and then again at the Kennedy Invitational Golf Event on August 24th.

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Kennedy Invitational Golf Event - August 24th

Chicago Marathon - October 11th

Caritas Benefit- November 14th

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