



CARILLON

Winter 2015
Volume 34 No. 1

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

UP, UP, & AWAY!

With the 2014 Caritas Benefit officially completed, we would like to thank the Caritas Society, the Foundation, and all of the supporters for making this event so successful! Over 250 people attended the "Soaring To New Heights" event at the United Club in Soldier Field on Saturday, November 8.

Andy Avalos, NBC 5's Meteorologist, emceed our black tie event where we proudly honored two individuals with awards. The first recipient was Rob Johnson, CBS 2 News Anchor, who was given the Humanitas Award for his advocacy and support of Special Olympics and people with disabilities. The second recipient received the Rose Kennedy Memorial Award which

is presented to a female that best illustrates the extraordinary contributions that Rose Kennedy provided as a role model for the advancement of women and dedication to people with developmental disabilities.

The recipient of the 2014 Rose Kennedy Award was Senator Maggie Crotty.



Honorees and guests enjoyed an evening of cocktails, dinner, dancing to the Al Solfia Orchestra, live and silent auctions, and a raffle drawing. Funds raised by this event help the individuals with special needs at St. Coletta's learn new skills, build friendships, and give our people an opportunity to lead dynamic lives. The generosity of our guests makes a positive contribution to enhancing the lives of our people with special needs as their future's soar to new heights.

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
Juniper Court	Cardinal Stritch University
Marian Center	St. Coletta's of Illinois, Inc.
St. Elizabeth School	Cardinal Cushing Center
Franciscan Center	Franciscan Youth Center
St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care	

St. Coletta's of Illinois - Board of Directors

<i>Steve Bricker - Chairperson</i>	<i>Kathleen Driscoll</i>
<i>William Droel</i>	<i>Mark Hansen</i>
<i>Regina Miller</i>	<i>Sr. MaryAnn Polasek, OSF</i>
<i>Sr. KD Strandell, OSF</i>	<i>Sr. Celia Struck, OSF</i>
<i>Sr. Joanne Schatzlein, OSF, Corporate Ministry</i>	
<i>Andrew M. Collins, Jr. - Executive Director</i>	

The Carillon is published by the St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation for St. Coletta's of Illinois.

St. Coletta's of Illinois Foundation is a non-profit organization providing support and funding for special needs individuals in the areas of: Residential Care, Educational Programs, Medical Care, Religious and Pastoral Care, Vocational Services and Specialized Facilities.

As a stakeholder of the organization, if you become aware of an issue that you believe could be an ethics violation, you must contact 708-342-5200.

Please visit our website to view our Code of Ethics.
www.STCIL.org

Winter 2015

Dear Friends,

As we enter 2015, our agency faces a new year with both exciting opportunities and real financial challenges. The election of Governor Rauner signals a new attitude on what represents adequate fiscal management and overview of vital state programs. The challenge to govern responsibly falls to a legislature with Democratic Majorities and a governor determined to affect change for the better. At this writing, it is difficult to predict the impact on St. Coletta's but we will stay involved in the discussion.

On the home front, we have launched a new program for culinary training, which is discussed further in this issue. The school is making steady progress on increasing enrollment and we welcomed our first Early Childhood student last week. Both of these events should help fuel our strategy to manage client transition from an early age, to vocational training to placement in a community setting.

Our management team has created a project list designed to enhance or improve existing programs. With the aid of Caritas, we have been able to adequately fund these efforts and vastly improve our efficiency. Various restricted grants have allowed us to polish up our website, purchase needed software and provide for improved record keeping.

We can report that morale among our residents and students is high and we recently received excellent grades from our supervisory agencies. We thank our dedicated staff for their diligent care of vulnerable charges. As always, the many loyal friends of St. Coletta's support us in the spirit of St. Francis----for that we are most fortunate. Thank You

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Collins, Jr.

Executive Director



Thank you to the 2014 Team Coletta Runners:

**Kenneth Locascio
Vince Maloney
Keith O'Meara**

We wanted to recognize and thank you for your participation on this years Team Coletta. Being a part of Team Coletta, you not only run for yourself but on behalf of children and adults with special needs at St. Coletta's of Illinois. As you take on the challenge of the competition, you are also helping someone who faces a lifetime of challenges. The members of the 2014 Team Coletta participated in either the Chicago Marathon in October, or the First Midwest Bank Half Marathon in May. If you are thinking about running in the Chicago Marathon, First Midwest Bank Half Marathon, or any other race this year and want to 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.

Culinary/Hospitality Training Program

The Culinary Services Training Program is a new program that has been developed to educate its students in proper methods of handling food and basic preparation techniques. The program is available for students with disabilities from local school districts between ages 18-21, and individuals with disabilities over the age of 21. Both groups will participate in the programs to develop their job skills and employment readiness. Our program is designed to give students knowledge and hands on experiences to qualify them for jobs within the food service industry. Each student will be taught how to address real life issues that occur in a work environment on a daily basis.

Classes will be held three times per week. Each session is three hours and includes one and one-half hours of classroom instruction where hygiene, dressing for success, work ethic, time management, self awareness, socially responsible behavior, self confidence, interpersonal skills, independence with job tasks and problems solving skills will be taught. The other one and one-half hour of hands on experience in our Bakery or Kitchen. The training will be broken down into four modules that include:



Module 1: Basic Sanitation and Food Safety

Module 2 : Customer Service

Module 3: Basic Food Essentials

Modula 4 : Cold Food Preparation

If you are interested in learning more about this program, or for more information please contact Barb at Bsiwinski@stcolettail.org or 708-342-5246

Happy Birthday St. Coletta's

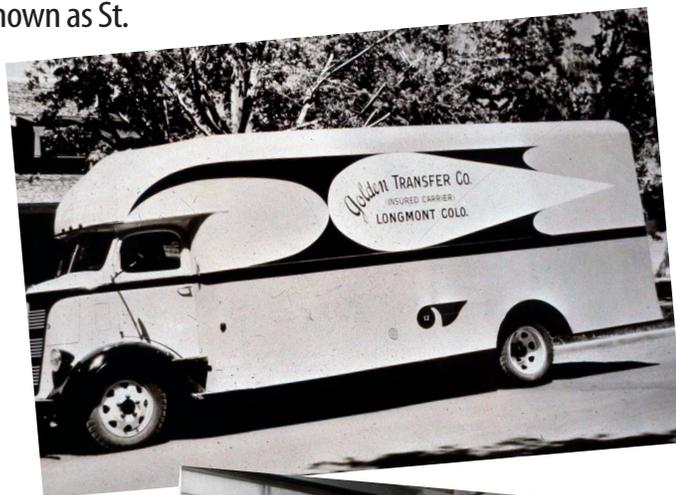
On January 18, 2015 St. Coletta's of Illinois Celebrated it's 66th Birthday! Throughout the week, our staff and clients received fun facts about St. Coletta's history leading up to our celebration held during lunch on Friday, January 23rd. Everyone enjoyed the delicious cake made by our very own Crossing Corners Bakery! We are so happy to have such a rich history and look forward to many wonderful years to come!

A Quick Look Back on Our History:

On January 18th, 1949 the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and the boys from Longmont, CO traveled by Rose Coach of the Burlington Zephyr during a big snow storm to their new location at 123rd and Wolf Road. This location was known as St.

Coletta's of Chicago. By mid-February 1949, St. Coletta School of Chicago started and the children responded well to the new classroom atmosphere even though it was a big change. With

a growing enrollment we were grateful that in 1952 the Kennedy family made a large donation to establish the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. School for Exceptional Children. Soon after, in 1963, the Kennedy Training Center opened as a job training center for our school graduates to provide vocational training. As time went on it was decided that in order to provide the least restrictive lifestyles possible for the children and adults in St. Coletta's care, the process of de-institutionalization would begin in 1990. We would then also make the decision to open our doors to people with both mental and physical disabilities. It wouldn't be until later, in 2001, that St. Coletta's would move to its current location in Tinley Park; which we currently call home. As we remember our rich history we are grateful for the foundation provided for us as we grow and change every day.



Join us as we set sail to a land far away,

Where Pirates and Princesses love to play!

Princess & Pirates Party



Come dressed as a pirate or Princess
& Enjoy...

Photos with Pirates

& Elsa and other Princesses

Arts & Crafts

Lunch & Beverages

Games & more



Sponsored By: On The Right Track Tutoring

WHEN: Saturday, March 14, 2015 from 1-3 PM

Cost: \$12 per child

Where: St. Coletta's of Illinois

18350 Crossing Drive, Tinley Park, IL 60487

RSVP: To Barb at 708-342-5246 or Bsiwinski@stcolettail.org

By March 9th, Limited Seats Available

Save the Date



Kennedy Invitational Golf Event On

Monday, August 24, 2015

For more information about sponsoring or attending this
year's golf outing please contact Barb Siwinski at
Bsiwinski@stcolettail.org

A Special THANK YOU to:

Girl Scouts- Whispering Winds Association

St. Bernadette Parish

St. Elizabeth Seton's Parish

St. George's Parish

St Joseph Parish of Summit

St Julie Billiard's Parish

St Mary's Parish



St. Michael's Parish

St. Richard's Parish

Urel Anderson

Our Lady of the Woods Parish

And to everyone who made

Christmas so special for

St. Coletta's of Illinois.

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 :

Helen Masick
Liz Rodney

Patricia, Sean and Brendon
O'Connor

Helen Wolniak
Mary Lou Lovell's Birthday

Memorials

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

Dorothy Arkus

Margo Ham

Rita Peters

Elmer Buczek

Gloria Washington Haynes

Margaret Miller Salem

Rosemary Margaret Collins

Joseph Kaminski

Robert (Bob) Soldat

Edward Dolan

Leszek Kordius

Mr. Natale Venturella

John C. Doyle

Helen Lawler

John Yankus

Dolores Durkin

Nancy Michael

Doris G. Giles

Margaret O'Donovan

Kennedy School Corner

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

New Transition Room

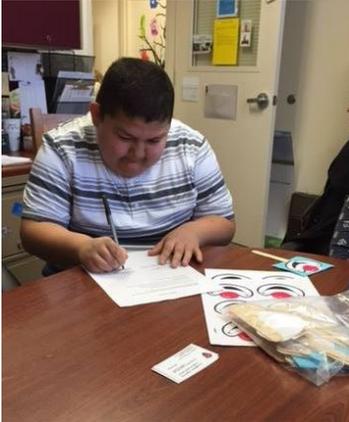
On January 26, 2015, we opened up our Transition Room under the name of "J.E.T." which stands for Jobs, Employment and Training. This room will focus on students' individual needs and IEP goals stated in their transition plans. It will allow students to focus on the skills they need for post-secondary employment, education and daily living.

Students rotate through various stations that provide vocational activities at their ability levels, as well as aligned to the ISBE Course Catalog for secondary students. Those courses are:

- Study Skills
- Career Exploration
- Employability Skills
- Food and Nutrition
- Life Skills
- Self Management
- Personal Development
- Consumer Economics/Personal Finance
- Community Living
- Communication Instruction
- Social Development Instruction
- Developmental Support

Along with the stations, students will also be "contracting" with outside businesses to assist in making materials, designing business cards,

adapting books, stuffing and labeling envelopes and much... much... more! All of these activities will support our students in learning the skills they need to become independent adults.



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

St. Coletta's of Illinois

18350 Crossing Drive
Tinley Park, IL 60487
708-342-5200

Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 131
South Suburban, IL

Foundation Upcoming Events

Princess and Pirate Party- March 14, 2015
Kennedy Golf Invitational - August 24, 2015
Caritas Benefit- November 14, 2015

To find out more, please visit our web site: www.stcolettail.org

