

# TELLING OUR STORY

The background of the cover is a composite image. On the left, a church steeple is visible through a hazy, misty atmosphere. To the right, a large, dark evergreen tree stands prominently. In the lower right foreground, there is a statue of the Virgin Mary holding the Christ Child, with two other figures standing beside them. The overall tone is serene and spiritual.

ST. COLETTA'S OF ILLINOIS - 2014 ANNUAL REPORT



# *St. Coletta's of Illinois*

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Coletta's of Illinois was founded 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 others with short-term needs. This care is provided regardless of race, creed, or economic background.

Through training, residential and educational programs 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.



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February, 2015

Dear Friends:


We are proud to present St. Coletta's Annual Report.

Our staff is totally committed to enhancing the lives of the children and adults with intellectual challenges as well as those with developmental disabilities. We have witnessed changes in some of our programs that will have a stronger affect on our residents, students and workers.

Our financial position is strong and our Board of Directors are fiscally responsible for the management of our organization.

Please take a moment to review the report. Our doors are always open for tours and we welcome the opportunity to showcase the work we do on behalf of the children and adults entrusted to our care.

Sincerely,



Andrew M. Collins, Jr.  
Executive Director



## BUSINESS SERVICES

St. Coletta's of Illinois offers three high quality business services available to the surrounding community. The bakery, janitorial and sub-contracting services are the foundation of the agency's business services. These services provide training and employment opportunities to individuals with physical and mental challenges while generating financial support for the agency's daily program operation.

The longest standing business is the Sub- Contracting Services. St. Coletta's has been supporting local businesses for over 50 years by providing reasonably priced sub-contracting services.

St. Coletta's opened the Janitorial Service in April of 2012, and has found great success. The supervised employees have all been trained and are specialized in commercial cleaning. You can find them working at the Tinley Park facility, in the homes and in the community.

The newest addition to the business services is the Crossing Corners Bakery, which prepares freshly baked cookies, cakes, pies, breads, and brownies that are for sale by order at St. Coletta's of Illinois.







## EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LT. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY, JR. SCHOOL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. School for Exceptional Children has provided services for students with special needs since 1949. Throughout the years, hundreds of students have attended the school and been provided with educational services based on the best practices in the field of special education. We continue to adopt and utilize best practices to meet the ever-changing needs of our student population. Students are provided with course offerings that are aligned to the Illinois Common Core State Standards. Curriculum is age-appropriate and individualized to meet each

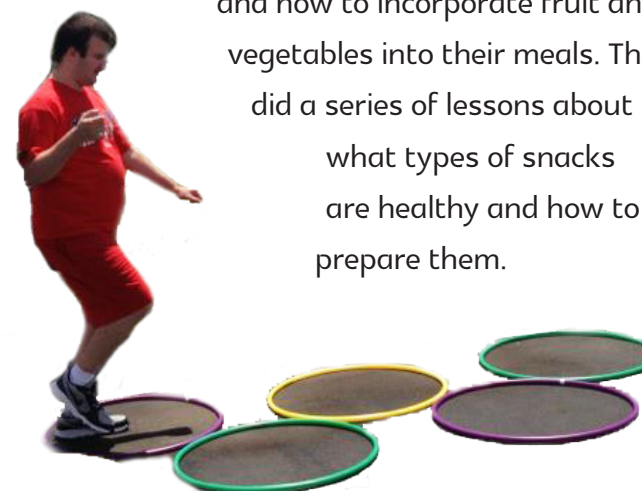


student's learning needs.

Programming for each student is aligned with Individualized Education Plans (IEP), Transition Plans and student's strengths and interests. The program allows students to reach their highest level of independence while focusing on academic, social and behavioral goals. Classroom focus is on structure, routine and repetition aligned with the various best practices. Data collection is maintained daily to provide measurable information for developing programming to meet individual needs.

## LEARNING HEALTHY HABITS

The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy School for Exceptional Children has been focusing on making healthy choices. The students have been learning how to make healthy snacks and how to incorporate fruit and vegetables into their meals. They did a series of lessons about what types of snacks are healthy and how to prepare them.



The Kennedy School took learning about healthy choices a step further and to the outdoors they went to work on the fitness side of healthy choices. The Kennedy School incorporated their own Olympics games where the students had different activities and challenges. The games tested the students fine and gross motor skills, challenging them to focus and push through each event.





## RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

St. Coletta's aims to provide a stimulating experience of healthy and recreational community living services to the adults at St. Coletta's of Illinois. They participate in a wide range of programs in settings that support their individual needs. The consumers receive support from our caring, highly trained staff, who provide assistance with daily routines, community integration, and behavioral

therapies. St. Coletta's has twenty-four Community Integrated Living Arrangements ("CILA's"), two medically fragile CILA's, and one Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals With Developmental Disabilities ("ICF/DD"). St. Coletta's ensures consumers are safe and supported, helping them become as independent as they can, in a safe comfortable environment.

## SPREADING THE LOVE

The Tinley Park community became one with St. Coletta's this winter when a group of parishioners of St. George Parish in Tinley Park took ownership of starting a new project of making blankets. The project was started in November 2013, and little did they know, that the whole parish would get involved.

The project snow-balled into action starting with donations of fabric, monetary gifts, and eventually labor. All types of people, from children as young as eight to adults as old as eighty-five, came together to make the special gifts for the St. Coletta's residents. Volunteers were made up of members from the Scripture group, confirmation candidates, seventh graders doing service hours, grandparents, grandchildren, parents, and children. With all of the help of the beautiful community of St. George Parish, it only took three months for all 176 blankets to be finished.

On Thursday,

February 27th, the ladies of the Scripture Group visited two homes where they met some of the residents and presented the blankets to them. The residents got to show them around their homes and invite their guests into their little family. On Friday, March 7th, the Scripture group came to our facility to take a tour and deliver the rest of the blankets for the other 25 homes. St. Coletta's can now say that their residents are bundled in warmth and love from the community.







## ADULT SERVICES

A variety of programs are offered to enhance each individual's adaptive living skills, economic self-sufficiency, overall level of independence, and integration into the community. Some of the programs are:

**Developmental Training** develops and enhances a participant's adaptive living skills and economic self-sufficiency.

**Specialized Adaptive Services** offers medically involved consumers that are confined to wheelchairs the opportunity to improve



their physical well-being and provides a structured environment that enhances personal growth.

**The Work Services Program** provides a variety of paid work opportunities that develop work skills and aptitudes that enhance each participant's employability.

**Healthy Lifestyles** provides hands-on experiences in developing a healthy lifestyle for all participants by using both classroom sessions that teach diet and nutrition, and

physical activities that are individually designed for program participants.

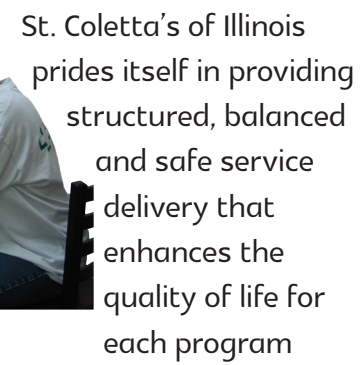
**Community Employment Programs** assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining jobs within their local



community by providing both Supported Employment and Competitive Placement programs.

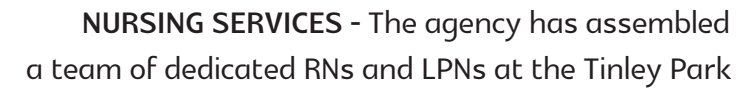
**Employment Training Program** teaches job skills to adults and students with disabilities. Both the Janitorial and Culinary Training Programs are curriculum based and are designed to provide program participants with the opportunity to acquire the entry level skills needed to be successful in their specific field of interest.





**SOCIAL SERVICES-** The agency's Social Service Department is comprised of a dedicated staff that facilitates each individual's programs and services.

**PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES-** The Psychological Services Department is staffed with highly qualified, licensed personnel that provide behavioral and mental health services to individuals that reside in one of the agency's residential homes. They develop customized behavioral programs, provide individual and group



**NURSING SERVICES** - The agency has assembled a team of dedicated RNs and LPNs at the Tinley Park

## SUPPORT SERVICES







Thanks to United Postal Service (UPS) this spring St. Coletta's was able to add gardening to the Zolecki Room, which is where some of the Specialized Adaptive Services are performed. The raised planter boxes, built and donated by UPS, are a new feature to the Specialized Adaptive Service program. In the beautiful raised gardens the clients grew tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, and herbs. These raised boxes are complete with proper drainage system and at the proper height so that a wheelchair can roll

underneath it. This allows for the consumer to work in the garden with no issues.

The Clients loved to get their hands dirty while working in their garden. The planters are a great developmental tool as well as a therapy tool because it included opening up very tight muscles and ligaments to get gardening tools into their hands. This was such a wonderful experience and the clients look forward to utilizing the planters next year.



**OUR STORY** CONSISTS OF MORE THEN WHAT HAPPENS WITHIN OUR WALLS. **WE** WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SHARE OUR STORY WITHOUT THE LOVING INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO GIVE, VOLUNTEER AND ATTEND **ST. COLETTA'S** EVENTS.

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# Annual Report

## FY 2014

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

#### Public Support And Revenue

	2014
Fees For Service	\$13,368,704
Grants	1,276,222
Contributions	475,925
Sales Of Goods & Service	123,751
Other	43,991
Investment Income	989
Gain (Loss) On Disposals Of Property & Equipment	(2,280)

#### Total Public Support & Revenue

15,287,302

#### Expenses:

##### Program Services:

Direct Program Expenses	13,745,736
Cost Of Goods & Services	410,724

##### Supporting Services

Management And General	1,119,442
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#### Total Expenses

15,275,902

#### Change In Net Assets

11,400

#### New Assets At Beginning Of Year

24,803

#### Net Assets At End Of Year

\$ 36,203

Source: Mulchahy, Pauritsch, and Salvador Audited Financial Statements June 30, 2014

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