

# INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY of CHICAGO AUXILIARY

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Celebrating over a century of service and support of the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago

## **Winter 2024**

# A Message from the Co-Presidents . . .

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Happy 2024!

As we head into the second half of our fiscal year, we have so much to be thankful for, and much to look forward to as the Auxiliary for the



Infant Welfare Society's Angel Harvey Health Center. We're a mighty group who's collective fundraising is able to provide for the Center In so many ways. Our heartfelt appreciation goes out to all of our members and supporters.

Since our Fall Newsletter, our Chapters hosted the following fundraisers. For the exciting details of these events, please read Chapter News.

Ambassadors: Charleston Wrap Gift Wrap Drive

Clarendon Hills: Luminaria Sales

Hinsdale: Baby Shower Oak Brook: Mistletoe Medley

Wheaton/Naperville: Playing for the Kids Golf and Bridge

Outing, Luminaria Sales

Our group Auxiliary efforts included Angel Baby Bags I and II (the sequel®). Of our original pledge of 200 ABB's, 160 have been delivered to new IWS moms. We received news this fall that due to a surge of moms-to-be, 200 additional ABB's were needed. Thanks to the efforts of Program Coordinator Christine Trainer and Latonia Neeley from the IWS Center, the additional bags and essential and fun items were purchased for the bags. Our Junior Boards volunteered their time on a frigid January day to assemble the bags, which are

now ready to be delivered into the welcome hands of our IWS

#### **Chapter News**

Ambassadors-at-Large **Clarendon Hills Hinsdale** Lake Forest Mt. Prospect Oak Brook **Wheaton-Naperville** 

(Click on Chapters that are underlined to view articles.)

#### **Auxiliary Executive Board**

Co-Presidents

Laura Alter

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new mothers.

The Center's dental compressor had broken down unexpectedly due to an increase in use. We were notified of the need, and scheduled an emergency meeting to vote on releasing the funds to purchase a new machine. The \$9,500 expenditure was approved, the compressor is on order, and the dental unit will keep things operating for their patients.

We're looking forward to the following upcoming Chapter and Auxiliary events to round out our successful year: Clarendon Hills - Light Up the Night-February 3rd Hinsdale -Tablescapes - March 10 IWS Auxiliary Year-End Luncheon - May 8

We are in the planning stages of forming a Membership Steering Committee, with the goal of expanding the reach of our Auxiliary and growing our membership. Anyone interested in being on our team or lending support, please contact us.

We will be assisting the Center's efforts to fill items for Janie's Kitchen, the new pantry that opened this fall. Look for more info on how to help with volunteering and providing food and gift card donations.

Thank you all for your continued commitment and dedication!

Laura Alter and Kimberly O'Gorman 2023-2024 Auxiliary Co-Presidents

#### **New Members**

#### Lake Forest

Maureen Bennett

Cathy Block

Kathleen Brill

Kim Denapoli

Christine Farrell

**Emily Grace** 

Charlotte Muzik

Jenny Lee Walsh

#### **Honor Gifts**

#### Wheaton-Naperville

Char Connell
Betty Johnson
Laura Gates Keogh
Claire Kryczka
Jayne Miller
Barb Pergande

### Memorial Remembrances

#### Wheaton-Naperville

**Timothy Wing** 

Events Calendar 2024

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