



Auxiliary

INFANT WELFARE SOCIETY of CHICAGO



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

Fall 2024

A Message from the Co-Presidents . . .

Dear Auxiliary Members,

As we continue the Clinic's 2024 theme of "Rooted in Growth," the Auxiliary enters into our 111th year of service to IWS Family Health. We are so proud of our accomplishments over the years and look forward to growing our support for the Clinic this fiscal year.



Summer is usually a quiet time for the Auxiliary, but the Auxiliary Executive Board used the opportunity to strategize and organize. First, all Executive Board and Coordinator positions were filled. The annual calendar of events, meetings and meeting locations were set. The Auxiliary website Tool Box was updated by our Website Coordinator with valuable reference materials for all Auxiliary members.

In addition to this work, our Coat Drive Coordinator, Angel Baby Bag Coordinator and Janie's Food Pantry Coordinator worked diligently over the summer to set up fundraising QR codes and announcements on the Auxiliary website, ordered 300 Angel Baby Bags, baby bag contents, IWS printed onesies and created volunteer connections for Janie's Kitchen.

A partnership with Bernie's Book Bank was created, starting with 300 teen books and 300 Spanish baby board books donated to the Clinic. A "Little Library" was created at the entrance to the Clinic so that families can share books. Conversations with the non-profit, The MOD Collective, were had to discuss a "Diaper Dollar" program to help fund diapers for clinic families in need.

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The Auxiliary also had some fun this summer, starting with hosting the clinic Staff Appreciation Lunch in June. This was a great event, acknowledging the staff's amazing work and honoring employees' years of service. It was also a fantastic dance party in the parking lot!

The Board of Directors hosted a Cubs outing in August and included the Auxiliary Executive Board and Chapter Presidents. What a fun way to get to know one another. We had lots of toasts to celebrate Jerry Isikoff's nine years of service and met the Clinic's new CEO, Heidi Ortolaza-Alvear.

September Auxiliary fundraising has already begun. On Sunday, September 8, the Lake Forest Chapter hosted its 56th annual Antiques & Treasures event. Nearly 70 antique furniture, accessory and clothing vendors from around the country participated and over 1,500 shoppers attended. Just a few days later, on a beautiful and hot Thursday, September 12, the Wheaton Naperville Chapter hosted their annual "Playing 4 the Kids" golf and bridge outing themed, "Diamonds are Fore-Ever."

As we continue into September, the Auxiliary will be fundraising for the 15th Annual Coat Drive. Like last year, we will be partnering with CD One Price Cleaners who will clean donated, gently used coats. We will also be purchasing new coats through the Warming Project. A QR code has been created and posted on the Auxiliary website with portals for each Auxiliary chapter. Donations are being accepted through September 22, 2024. After this time, we will be switching gears and collecting funds via a QR code on the website and social media to support the Angel Baby Bag program.

Please save the date, Thursday, October 24, 11am-2pm or 5pm-7pm for our first all Auxiliary Shopping Event at Veronica Beard, Chicago. 15% of all sales will support IWS Family Health. This will be a wonderful way to build camaraderie between chapters, invite potential new Auxiliary members and raise money for the Clinic we love.

We are looking forward to keeping you informed of all the amazing efforts of our Auxiliary this year. Let's work together, and make this the best year ever!

Chrissy Davis and Kimberly O'Gorman
2024-2025 Auxiliary Co-Presidents



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Janie's Kitchen

Volunteer opportunities at *Janie's Kitchen*, the IWS Family Health Center food pantry at 3600 W. Fullerton Avenue, are available!

Mondays from 12 pm to 2 pm: two volunteers are needed to help restock the pantry shelves, freezer and refrigerator.

Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 3 pm: two volunteers are needed every two hours to welcome, check-in, and/or register new patients and assist, as needed, in selecting food pantry items.

Two volunteers are needed for each time slot; sign up with a friend!

Please click on the following web link (or copy and paste it into your browser) to access the signup sheet:

<https://volunteersignup.org/FRRFW>

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