



Auxiliary

INFANT WELFARE
SOCIETY of CHICAGO



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

Winter 2025

A Message from the Co-Presidents . . .

Dear Auxiliary Members,

Happy New Year!

We are excited to continue the fundraising momentum the Auxiliary started this summer. We are so impressed with each chapter's dedication to IWS

Family Health. Your countless volunteer hours, creativity and team work are moving the needle and making a difference.

Here is a summary of the good work that the Auxiliary has completed over the past few months:

Auxiliary Chapters at Work:

Ambassadors-at-Large have been the engine running Janie's Kitchen and selling Charleston Gift Wrap before the holidays.

Clarendon Hills hosted another fun Witches Ride in October, had an incredible fall membership drive and Luminaria Sale in December. Their main fundraiser, Light up the Night Masquerade Ball, will take place on February 1st.

Hinsdale has been busy with their New Member Social in October, their November 7th Baby Shower Luncheon and planning their annual Tablescape fundraiser on March 23.

Mount Prospect welcomed their new Co-Presidents, Keri Hubert and Camille Sullivan. They are rekindling friendships and boosting participation in their chapter.

Oak Brook spent many months preparing for their annual Mistletoe Medley on December 3 which had a record number of 550 attendees!

Lake Forest had their most profitable annual Antiques and Treasures fundraiser to date and have been full force ahead,



Chapter News

Ambassadors-at-Large

Clarendon Hills

Hinsdale

Lake Forest

Mount Prospect

Oak Brook

Wheaton-Naperville

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Auxiliary

Executive Board

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New Members

planning the 2025 Lake Forest Showhouse & Gardens which will open on April 25th.

Wheaton/Naperville organized an amazing annual golf outing in September and finished off their calendar year with their Luminaria Sale.

Please click on the chapter links in the top sidebar for more details.

Auxiliary Q3 Contribution: In November, we surprised the Board of Directors by doubling the Auxiliary's third quarter contribution to the clinic from \$150,000 to \$300,000! They were extremely grateful for the unexpected increase in funds.

Angel Baby Bags: Three hundred diaper bags and contents for each have been donated by the Auxiliary Chapters for new mothers at the Clinic. Fifty six of those bags were donated by the Auxiliary Junior Board.

Coat Drive: The Auxiliary raised nearly \$13,000 to purchase new coats from the Warming Project. We distributed 1,400 coats to Clinic families.

Janie's Food Pantry: We continue to support the food pantry with volunteers on Mondays from 12pm-2pm restocking the pantry shelves and Tuesdays from 9:30am-3pm checking in patients and helping them shop the pantry. A partnership with Loyola Academy's Arrupe Service Club was created. Students volunteer to help in the food pantry on Wednesdays from 4-6pm. Please reach out to food pantry coordinator, Kelley Gibson kellygibs801@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or have a connection with a local high school service club that can support the pantry. Food deliveries will resume on January 27 from the Chicago Food Depository after a halt in December due to water damage on the first floor of the clinic.

Nominating Committee: Natalya Lisa Amond and her committee have been working tirelessly procuring nominations for fiscal year 2025 open Executive Board positions which include: Co-President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, 3rd VP, Day to Day Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Please contact Natalya Lisa natalyalisaa@gmail.com with your nominations.

Treasury: Our Audit Treasurer, Lynda Given, and Day-to-Day Treasurer, Sarah Georgi, just completed an extensive audit of the Auxiliary financials with the accounting firm, Plante Moran. Our financials look great.

Website and Tool Box Update: We've updated the Auxiliary website to include our current fundraiser on the front page. This will be updated as our fundraiser changes from Angel Baby Bags to the Coat Drive. We've also added an "Upcoming Events" area highlighting our future chapter fundraisers. The Tool Box area of the IWS Auxiliary website has been updated as well with general documents, auxiliary policies, forms, membership information, promotional tools, best practices, templates and Auxiliary history. We will be working with clinic staff to create additional marketing

Ambassadors-at-Large

Stephanie Mantis

Clarendon Hills

Leslie Maggio

Betsy McDaniels

Lake Forest

Ina Anderson

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Isabel Fiore

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Oak Brook

Julie Diermeier

Patty Stephan

Wheaton-Naperville

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Jocelyne Raahauge

Rose Reid

Nancy Lange

Betsy Bennett

Lynda Given-Lessek

Wheaton/Naperville

members

Events Calendar 2025

[Click here to view the calendar](#)

materials for potential large donors. Please use this area as a reference.

We look forward to upcoming fundraisers and will keep you informed of their successes. Together we are making a difference.

With Gratitude,
Chrissy Davis & Kimberly O’Gorman
Co-Presidents
Auxiliary of IWS Family Health

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