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Clarendon Hills

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Mount Prospect

Oak Brook

Wheaton Naperville

FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER



Staff Appreciation Lunch- July 2025

L to R- Sara Georgi, Laura Alter, Betsy Skareky, Jen Horan, Maria Penland, Heidi Ortolaza-Alvear,
Chrissy Davis, Wendy Franzen



Cubs Outing hosted by Tim Johnson, Board of Directors- August 2025

"Selfie" by Richard Raskin, President BOD on the right, Heidi Ortolaza-Alvear, CEO of IWS Family Health on left. BOD, Auxiliary and Clinic Cubs fans in the back.



Maria Penland's Retirement Party- September 2025

Celebrating Maria Penland's 47 years with the Auxiliary. We are delighted that Maria has joined the Ambassadors Chapter so that we'll have the opportunity to spend time with her during her retirement.

(L to R- Jen Horan, Maria Penland, Chrissy Davis)

Letter from Auxiliary Co-Presidents...

As we begin our 112th year of service to the Infant Welfare Society of Chicago and the IWS Family Health Center, we are filled with gratitude and excitement for the year ahead. The Auxiliary Board has proudly committed \$1.2 million to the Center this year, a testament to our continued dedication to the families of IWS Family Health. This summer, we celebrated the incredible staff of the IWS Family Health Center with a luncheon in July. Thank you to Auxiliary members Laura Alter and Sarah Georgi for organizing and coordinating the luncheon. After our September Auxiliary Board meeting, we honored the retirement of Maria Penland, who gave an extraordinary 47 years of

service to the Auxiliary. Her legacy of commitment and compassion was unmatched during her time with the Auxiliary Board.

Our chapters have been busy making an impact in their communities. The Lake Forest Chapter hosted its annual *Antiques & Treasures* event on a beautiful September day, while Wheaton-Naperville welcomed supporters for a lively *Bridge & Luncheon* afternoon. We are thrilled about the exciting fall activities planned, including Mt. Prospect's *Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser* happening online until December and Clarendon Hills' *Witches Ride*, in October.

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us in our 14th Annual Auxiliary Coat Drive, held in partnership with CD One Price Cleaners. Thank you to all of the Auxiliary Chapters for raising \$14,983 (18% more than last year!) to purchase new coats for our Coat Drive. In addition, gently used coats can be dropped off at any Chicagoland CD One Cleaners location from October 25 through November 6 to help keep families warm this winter.

With Gratitude,
Chrissy Davis & Jen Horan
Auxiliary Co-Presidents

Auxiliary Coat Drive

Volunteer opportunities to sort donated coats will be available on two separate Saturdays in November. Please click on the link below to confirm your volunteer spot.

Coat Sorting Sign Up Genius



Janie's Kitchen

Janie's Kitchen, the food pantry at the IWS Center (located at 3600 W. Fullerton), needs volunteers!

Estefania Hernandez-Caballero, the Director of Administration at the Center, maintains a website on Bloomerang with volunteer opportunities.

<https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/#/join-party?k=j87n6jtf236z6a>

Volunteers are needed to unpack food boxes and restock shelves in the pantry on

Mondays from 12 - 2 p.m.

The pantry is open to patients on **Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed in two-hour shifts to check in patients and assist with food selection.

Other volunteer opportunities are available on **Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Use this link to sign up:

<https://volunteer.bloomerang.co/volunteer/#/join-party?k=apdgvm717rcfej>

Thank you for all you do for the IWS Auxiliary. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Kelley Gibson

Janie's Kitchen Program Coordinator

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Clinic Wish List

The Clinic has created the following wish list for every day essentials: diapers, vitamin d drops, children's ibuprofen, probiotics, thermometers, ointments and sleep socks. Please incorporate these items in drives organized by your chapters and junior boards.

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WISH LIST: EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS

IWS Family Health provides healthcare services, education, and support to children and families in the Chicagoland area, serving approximately 8,000 pediatric patients per year.

Below is our wish list of small items given directly to patients by clinical staff. For shipping/drop-off information, please email AshurstDavisfamilyhealth.org.

- Diapers (Sizes 4, 5, 6 are most needed) and Wipes**
A clean diaper means a happy baby, but many families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their infant or child clean, dry, and healthy.
- Vitamin D drops***
Many infants should receive a daily supplement of vitamin D drops starting in the first few days of life to ensure healthy bones.
- Children's Ibuprofen (not infant)***
Ibuprofen gets fevers down fast, so everyone can stay happy and healthy. But it is not covered by Medicaid and often too expensive to buy over-the-counter.
- Probiotics***
When the clinic is busy with children experiencing stomach flu, it's helpful to send them home with probiotics to get their tummies feeling better fast.
- Thermometers**
Thermometers for ears and mouth are ideal for older children. When parents know their child's precise temperature, those middle-of-the-night phone calls to the pediatric provider are much easier.
- Ointments**
Especially in the summer, kiddos with eczema need special ointment from dermatologist-recommended brands like Eucerin, Cetaphil, and Aveeno.
- Sleep Sacks**
Also called "sleep bags" and "wearable blankets", these keep baby warm without the risk of suffocation from loose blankets.

*Please provide items that are less than 6 months from the expiration date.

Important Auxiliary Dates

Mount Prospect Lynch Creek Farm Fundraiser now through December 14

Clarendon Hills Witches Ride, October 18

Coat Drive drop off to CD One Price Cleaners, Oct. 25 - Nov. 6

Coat Drive - Sorting, November 8 and November 15 (both are Saturday's)

Clarendon Hills Luminaria Sales Nov. 28 - Dec. 24

Wheaton-Naperville Luminaria Sales Nov.15 – Dec. 24

Oak Brook, Mistletoe Medley, December 2, Drury Lane Oak Brook

Winter Newsletter Deadline January 15

Hinsdale, Tablesapes, March 27, Marriott, Burr Ridge

IWS Rooted Lunch, Maggiano's Chicago , April 14 11:30am-1:30pm

Wheaton/Naperville, "Great Gatsby Gala", April 17 Abbington Banquets, Glen Ellyn

Mother's Day Fundraising Campaign, May 2026

Auxiliary Year-End Lunch , May 12, location TBD

Spring Newsletter Deadline May 15

Clarendon Hills, "Light Up The Night", May 15, Morton Arboretum, Lisle

Staff Appreciation Luncheon at IWS Date TBD



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