



Winter 2026 Newsletter



Ambassadors

Clarendon Hills

Hinsdale

Lake Forest

Mount Prospect

Oak Brook

Wheaton Naperville

Letter from Auxiliary Co-Presidents...

“Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.” —Helen Keller

Dear IWS Auxiliary Members,

As we look ahead to the new year, the above quote reminds us that our strength lies in working together. Each contribution—large or small—adds to the collective impact we make as an Auxiliary.

Thanks to your dedication, the past few months have shown just how much we can accomplish together. Our first-ever Auxiliary **Giving Tuesday Campaign** raised **\$8,750**, demonstrating the strength of our community. Through our **2025 Coat Drive**, we raised **\$15,000**—exceeding last year’s total by **\$2,133**—and distributed **1,335** coats to clinic families, putting **246** more coats into the hands of those who need them most.

Together, we also continued to nourish families through **Janie’s Kitchen**, ensuring that clinic families receive fresh produce, dairy products and pantry staples. Fiscal year-to-date, we have served **1,418 households and 4,643 individuals**. A significant portion of those served return multiple times within the same month, demonstrating continued reliance on and trust in our programs. **Thank you to the Ambassador Chapter**

volunteers and **students from Loyola Academy and St. Ignatius** for their invaluable support of this clinic program.

Collaboration remained at the core of our work. Partnering with the clinic, we launched a new **Giving Tree Initiative**, providing holiday gifts to more than **90 clinic children**, with plans to grow this meaningful project in 2026. We also organized a **Clinic Staff Appreciation** sign-up, inviting chapters to deliver lunches, snacks, and gift baskets in 2026 as a tangible “thank you” to the hardworking staff who serve our families every day.

Behind the scenes, teamwork continued in equally important ways. **Auxiliary Treasurers** worked diligently to complete the FY '25 audit, ensuring accuracy and accountability, while the **Nominating Committee** recruited dedicated members to step into key FY '26 Executive Board and Coordinator roles—strengthening our future together.

Meanwhile, our seven chapters were hard at work turning creativity into impact. Highlights included the **Oak Brook Mistletoe Medley, Clarendon Hills and Wheaton-Naperville Luminaria Sales, Mount Prospect’s Lynch Creek Farm fundraiser, Lake Forest’s Member Holiday Fundraiser, Hinsdale’s Baby Shower Luncheon and the Ambassador Chapter’s Holiday Planters** project at the clinic.

(Please click on the chapter links above to learn more about each chapter’s accomplishments.)

In addition to these efforts, the Auxiliary made its **\$300,000 quarterly contribution** to the clinic on January 2, bringing us one step closer to fulfilling our **\$1.2 million commitment for FY '25–26**. This level of support is extraordinary—and essential. *The clinic’s ability to deliver comprehensive, high-quality care is made possible in large part because of the Auxiliary’s ongoing commitment.*

With continued collaboration and shared purpose, we know the year ahead will bring even greater opportunities to support IWS Family Health and the families it serves.

With gratitude,
[Chrissy Davis & Jen Horan](#)
Auxiliary Co-Presidents



Welcome, New Auxiliary Members

Clarendon Hills

Erin Block
Hannah Hoon
Kayla Smetana
Santina Bala
Suzy Peng

Lake Forest

Melissa Filkin
Megan Terlato
Marion Rice

Wheaton Naperville

Laurie Russell

Mount Prospect

We are so happy to have you with us!

Janie's Kitchen

Janie's Kitchen needs volunteers!

Mondays from 12 - 2pm to unpack food boxes and restock shelves

Tuesdays from 9:30am - 5pm to check in shoppers and assist with food selection.



Click the link below to sign up

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



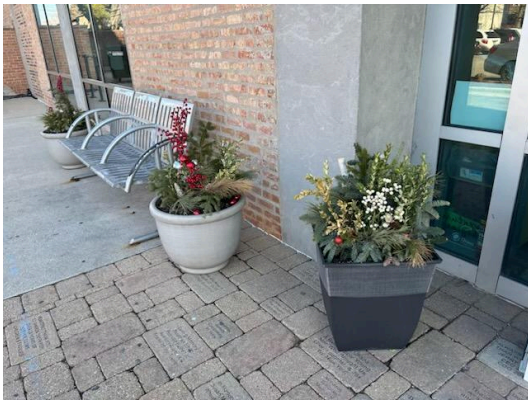
Clinic Wish List

The clinic has created the following wish list for every day essentials:

- **diapers size 4/5/6**
- **wipes**
- **children's ibuprofen**
- **dental supplies**
- **feminine products**
- **probiotics**
- **thermometers**
- **ointments**
- **sleep socks**
- **therapeutic books**

Please coordinate supply drop off with the Clinic Volunteer Coordinator, Wendy Marines, marinesw@iwsfamilyhealth.org

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