



inner strength

The Newsletter of Cardinal Hayes Home for Children

Fall 2019

Playground



For some time, we have been directing a portion of our donor support dollars to construct a unique accessible playground in the center of our Millbrook campus. It has been very rewarding to see our residents and their family members enjoy an activity together. Our playground offers interactive panels that are also wheelchair accessible. Two panels have moving gear parts when knobs are turned. Another has pictures of various wildlife, when the picture is pressed the sound of that



animal is heard. Another panel has keys that resemble a piano and makes various musical sounds which are very stimulating for our residents who enjoy music. A separate panel has drums that produce sounds as well. The center of the playground is an Alta Glide which can accommodate wheelchairs and additional seating for children and staff as it gently glides from side to side. There is also a “ten spin” which you can sit on or stand

with assistance of staff as it spins in a circle as some residents love the feeling of going around. The entire area is fenced for everyone’s safety. Benches have been installed for staff and families to also enjoy the park. The ground within this playground is actually made of a special rubber material which is low maintenance, easy for wheelchairs to maneuver and provides a safe surface. This project has given us the opportunity for our 7 residential homes here on the main campus a

chance to gather and interact with one another. Donor dollars were spent wisely and provide an interactive activity area for many of the residents in our care.

Sharing and caring is always the most important aspect of our mission at Hayes. Our newsletter Inner Strength reflects our commitment to serve and compassion for the individuals in our care. We hope you will continue to support our organization in the months ahead.

Message from Fred Apers, Executive Director Emeritus:

Thank you to all our friends who help us maintain our special mission of care for children and adults with severe developmental disabilities. We are forever grateful for your support and good faith confidence in our day to day mission. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and please know that your gifts supplement and enhance the services necessary for the individuals in our care.

Grace to all of you and peace.

Fred Apers



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Mark Marotta

Our hearts are always heavy whenever one of our residents at Hayes passes away. Mark always brought us joy and we want to share some fond memories of this very young man.



Letter to Cardinal Hayes Home for Children from his family:

May 26, 2018

To: Cardinal Hayes Home for Children

We want to express our deep gratitude to your agency and its staff for its tremendous support for our son Mark during the time he lived in the group home on Hewlett Road in Red Hook. Mark moved in during the spring of 1999 when he was 17 years old and so made the transition from public school student to adulthood under your care. The WATCH program turned out to be a great fit for Mark when he turned 21 and he truly enjoyed going to program for 15 years (in three different locations, as the program grew).

We also are very grateful for your support of Mark, and your responsiveness to his and our needs, during his illnesses and hospitalizations. And finally, for the tremendous outpouring of love and support after Mark's death. The very personal memorial service in your chapel provided closure for us and his sister Maria and her family, and we were all brought to tears that you thought to include Amazing Grace in Mark's favorite bagpipe version.

Now that we have been able to inter Mark's remains at St Joseph's Cemetery in Millbrook, we find comfort in knowing that Mark's final resting place is close to his very large and caring Cardinal Hayes family.

We hope to remain part of that family during the days and years to come.

With the utmost gratitude and respect for the work you do,

Al and Monika

Al Marotta and Monika Norden

WATCH = Work Activities at Cardinal Hayes Home



Memories of Mark who always brought us joy!

- Enjoying burger patties, baked beans, pickles and favorite breads
- Bowling for fun
- Clever comments and shaking hands of so many people
- A true passion for bagpipe music
- His infectious smile, the love he expressed to everyone and his ability to make you laugh or just thought you might like a Mark hug!

Sharing and Caring

Renovations were completed in our main building which converted a former large dining area into a hospitality center for visiting families and our staff. This project was handled by our own skilled maintenance department which greatly reduced renovation costs. This hospitality center has been dedicated to Mrs. Ann D. Whalen a founding member of our Cardinal Hayes Home Board of Directors. Over many years Ann would always inquire about the well-being and needs of the children and young adults in our care. Ann always praised the staff for their unique dedication. Ann who was a nurse by profession greatly admired and respected our specialized mission and understood the challenges of caring for children and young adults with multiple disabilities. Our hospitality center is a fitting tribute to Ann's family values and her good faith confidence in our mission at Hayes. The Ann D. Whalen Hospitality Center reflects her caring spirit and positive values. It is a welcoming atmosphere that accommodates our residents, family visitations, staff trainings, department gatherings and as a relaxing area for staff to take their breaks. This center will be shared by many because of the caring spirit of Mrs. Ann D. Whalen and her family.

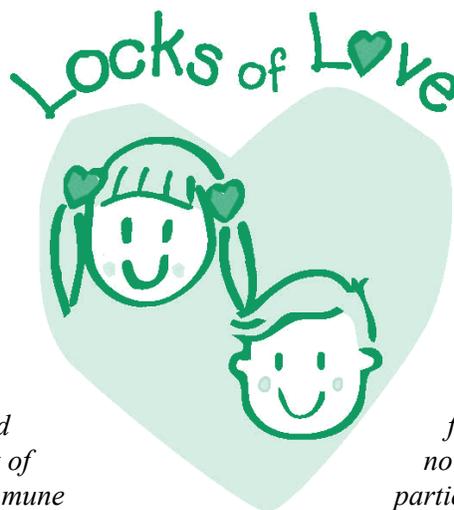
This Hospitality Center and Adjoining
Kitchen Facility is Dedicated in Memory of
Mrs. Ann D. Whalen
Founding Member of our Board of Directors
Ann will Forever be Remembered for her
Dedication and Support of the Mission of
Cardinal Hayes Home



Rianna is a young girl living on our campus who donated 10 inches of her hair to the organization Locks of Love. In addition to a new, stunning hair style, she also recently received a post card from them stating:

"Dear Rianna,

Your selfless act of kindness will benefit a Locks of Love recipient and change their life for the better. Most of our recipients suffer from an autoimmune disease called alopecia areata, which has no known cause or cure. Other recipients are cancer survivors, victims of trauma such as burns and rare



dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss. Your donation will help return smiles to the many varied faces of our children. On behalf of those children, their families and the Board of Directors, THANK YOU - YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE!!"

This small act of kindness by Rianna will help make a world of difference for a child in need. This also shows that no matter our circumstances, we can all participate in paying it forward and helping others in need!

Submitted by: Dan Davis – House Supervisor

CHHC Tidbits

Did you know that we have over 347 staff serve the needs of the children and young adults in our various programs.

Cardinal Hayes Home is sponsored by the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary for over 77 years.

We serve individuals of many different religious and ethnic backgrounds. All are welcome at Hayes!

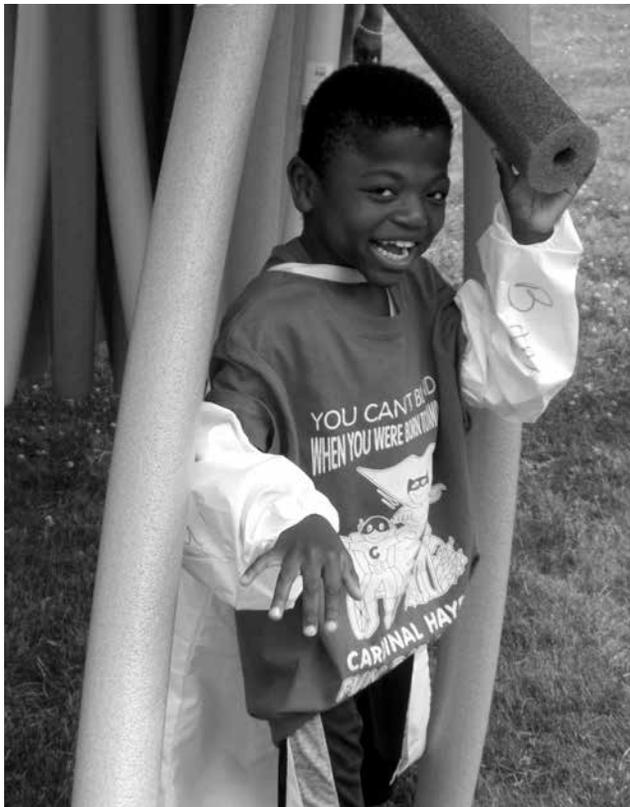
The current economy is always a challenge for all of us. We are reducing expenses wherever we can, but not in areas that directly affect the care of our residents. As many families, we also scrutinize day-to-day expenditures. The care of our young people is and always will be our top priority. The donations we receive help us more than ever.



We Share a Mission

Every year, our community homes and campus housing schedule Mission month which is held in May. Open house is a joyous event as staff from other sites can visit one another. The staff enjoy greeting fellow employees, whether they are administrators, office staff, maintenance workers or fellow direct support staff. Staff love to share pictures, food and laughs. All this shows the focus of everyday living in each of the homes for our residents. Hats off to our dedicated staff each and every day for their constant support.

*When it rains,
look for rainbows.
When it's dark,
look for stars.*



It's small act of kindness that help make a world of difference for a child in need



CHHC Website

We periodically update our website with new photos. Please take a moment and take a look. You can also make donations online through our website.

www.cardinalhayeshome.org

IT'S IMPORTANT!

*If you don't have a **will**, your state has one for you!*

We all know it's important to have a valid will in place, but many of us delay beginning the process. However, once this is done, you will feel greatly relieved. Remember, you have the right to decide how your estate will be distributed in the event of your death.

If you currently have no will or need to update an existing will, we can help you. Our free leaflet, "Will your Will make a difference?" explains in easy terms what steps you need to take – tips on retaining an attorney, deciding where you want your estate to go, and how to remember a charity in your will.

If you would like a copy of this pamphlet, just fill in the request form and mail it back to us, or send an e-mail to jilltowner@cardinalhayeshome.org or call us at 845-677-6363, ext. 133. There will be no follow-up phone calls to your home.

If you want to designate Cardinal Hayes Home as a beneficiary, our legal name is Cardinal Hayes Home for Children at Millbrook, New York. Please let us know if you ever decide to do this so we can say, "thank you." Unless otherwise requested, bequests are placed in our Endowment Fund, thus helping to support programs for young people with disabilities, both now and in the future.

PLEASE SEND ME THE FREE PAMPHLET, "*Will your Will make a difference?*"

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Embracing the Inner Strength of People with Disabilities

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