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## Our Mission

Cardinal McCloskey Services strives to protect, empower and promote independence for at-risk children and families and those with developmental disabilities through quality community-based services.

## Our Vision

As a dynamic organization, we will lead, advocate and serve to enhance lives by anticipating and responding to community needs.

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## 2009 Toy Drive Most Successful Ever!

The Development Office is thrilled to announce that the 2009 Holiday Toy Drive was the most successful holiday drive ever at CMS with a record breaking 10,252 toys and gifts valued at nearly \$130,000! Despite a faltering economy, the true spirit of giving and the joy of the holiday season shined through as we received donations from over 50 schools, parishes, companies and individuals.



This year's Drive received significant media coverage as we were featured on the December 17th episode of *MSG Varsity's High School Journal* and on the front page of the December 31st edition of *Catholic New York!*

"The Toy Drive is an amazing example of individuals within the CMS family, our Archdiocesan partners and the community at large joining forces to bring the magic of Christmas to our disadvantaged children and developmentally disabled adults. It is indeed a noble pursuit, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone that helped make it such a tremendous success. A special thanks goes to Katie Condon, our Director of Special Events, who coordinated this year's Drive," said Mark Hogan, Vice President of Development.

Many individuals collaborated on this great endeavor and made it a wonderful holiday season for those in our care. On December 14th, the Board Room and Training Room at our White Plains Office were transformed into "Santa's Workshop" as dozens of volunteers came to our office to assist with unpacking, sorting and logging toys. With just a week until Christmas, the 2009 Toy Drive was in full swing as the "workshop" received many visits from fellow CMS employees who came to select gifts for the individuals in their care.

The Toy Drive would not have been successful without tremendous help from CMS Board Member Manny Lopez, VP of Residential Services Cathy Varano, Jordan Acker (son of CFO Ron Acker), Matthew Ursillo (son of VP, Health Services Bill Ursillo), Brian Pena (son of MRDD Program Coordinator Lidia Pena), and our many volunteers from the Academy of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Maria Regina High School, School of the Holy Child, The Ursuline School and the Iona Prep State Championship Soccer Team. Also, a very special thank you goes to Tim Norris, Craig Marshall and Everett Trauring who spent hours picking up toys all over Manhattan, the Bronx and Westchester County. We are very appreciative to all who helped make this year's Toy Drive such a great success!

## A Letter from the President's Office

Dear Friends,

While the New Year was an opportunity for us to celebrate our success here at CMS and look forward to the future, we were quickly reminded of how fragile life is by the recent tragedies in Haiti and Chile. The images emerging from these massive earthquakes are gut-wrenching. Hundreds of thousands of families, both here and around the world, have experienced so much loss and suffering. Millions of dollars are pouring in to help those who have been left hurt and homeless after these horrific earthquakes toppled buildings and battered the landscapes and it is too soon to know when those funds will make their most significant impact.

At the same time, though, our work here at home continues and although this tragedy has been horrific and should never be endured, it has further strengthened my belief that there is no effort nobler than the work we do at CMS every day—saving children and families and aiding those who struggle with a disability.

While there is tremendous work being done to assist those living in the countries of Haiti and Chile, we at Cardinal McCloskey need to continue to provide exceptional quality care and service to our clients. Government resources only assist CMS to care for the most basic needs of the children, families, and adults

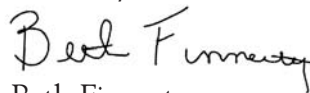
## 2nd Annual Holiday Cocktail Reception

Many thanks to Board Member George Grossman and his wife Tara, for hosting a lovely holiday cocktail reception at their home in Harrison, NY. On Monday, December 14, 2009, nearly 60 guests gathered to celebrate the holiday season and enjoyed delicious food and spirits provided by Scarborough Fair. This reception provided CMS with the opportunity to express its gratitude and appreciation to all of its Board Members and Donors for their continuing support. Board Member George Grossman, whose

which is why your support is so crucial to our mission.

As we embark on the 2010 Lenten season, a season of self-reflection and generosity, I ask that you consider the many lives that CMS has changed because of your past support—and the many more we will be able to impact with your continued generosity. Rest assured that your support will have an immediate impact on the children, families and individuals of Cardinal McCloskey and will benefit those we serve each and every day. We live in a time of constant change and we need to be prepared to meet the opportunities of today and the challenges of tomorrow. Please know that we are truly appreciative of your support and your commitment to CMS.

Sincerely,

  
Beth Finnerty



## 7th Annual Taking the Stage

On Saturday, September 12, 2009, the children of Cardinal McCloskey Services took the stage for the 7th Annual Taking the Stage, “CMS Got Talent” show at Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. For the past seven years the literary contest has been a staple of the children’s involvement, promoting literacy, creativity and self-expression. This year, with the help of Shiemicka Banner, Corporate Secretary and Administrative Director, we have expanded this contest to include art and performance sections. The children of CMS were now presented with the opportunity to share whatever talent was important to them. Whether they read a poem, story, or rap they had written, danced to a favorite song, or created a beautiful piece of art—each and every one of them had the opportunity to share their gifts and truly shined! CMS was thrilled to have the event hosted



by celebrity sisters Vanessa and Angela Simmons, presidents of the clothing and accessory line *Pastry* and stars of MTV’s hit reality shows *Run’s House* and *Daddy’s Girls*. The children in our program worked so hard to make the show a success. The day was absolutely wonderful! We look forward to seeing you next fall for the 8th Annual Taking the Stage event!

## 2nd Annual CMS Golf Outing a Huge Success



On Monday, October 5, 2009, Board Member John McCombe and his wife Mary Theresa hosted Cardinal McCloskey’s 2nd Annual Golf Outing and Dinner at Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester, NY. This event was a great success for CMS, attracting more than 70 golfers and netting over \$45,000!

This beautiful fall day kicked off with brunch in the clubhouse followed by a 12 noon shotgun start. After playing 18 holes, golfers and guests gathered in the clubhouse at dusk for a cocktail reception, dinner and program. Throughout the evening, guests were able

to browse tables filled with raffle prizes and silent auction items, such as Waterford Crystal, tickets to Carnegie Hall, tickets to the Jon Stewart Show and foursomes at exclusive area golf clubs. John McCombe and CEO Beth Finnerty spoke of the important work of Cardinal McCloskey Services before auctioneer and Board Member, Gene DeSoiza took to the podium to auction off several unique auction items. This year’s live auction included a private tour of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, four Grandstand seats to the St. Patrick’s Day Parade accompanied by breakfast at the New York Athletic Club, a week at Mont Tremblant in Quebec and a trip for two to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. ★

On a day that seemed to be tailor-made by the golfing gods, and at a club once frequented by baseball god Babe Ruth, the outing was indeed a boisterous celebration of that founding CMS spirit—defending the vulnerable among us and using our God-given gifts to empower them and provide them with a model for success. The energy, support and participation of our Board Members, friends and supporters made the 2nd Annual Golf Outing a truly incredible event! We hope you can join us for the 3rd Annual Golf Outing and Dinner this September!

## CMS Receives Generous Donation from Hudson Pharmacy

On August 28, 2009, CMS received a very generous donation from our valued vendor, Hudson Pharmacy. The father and son team, Frank and John Frustace, donated \$1,500 to CMS's Developmentally Disabled Services led by Cathy Varano and Diane Pryce. The funds received were used to provide modest raffle items, food and small goody bags for over 170 CMS Direct Support Professionals who attended one of the nine "Therap" computer training sessions in late September. Hudson Pharmacy is a vendor for the 14 homes under Cathy and Diane's guidance; the same 14 homes where these 170 professionals enrich our consumers' lives each and every day. Frank and John

are huge fans of CMS and went so far as to say that working with our organization and our staff members has inspired them to "lift their own game."

"It is a great feeling to contribute to such a worthy cause," said Frank, Director of Pharmacy Services. "I have had the unique opportunity to see the inside work that goes on within the community and I cannot say enough about the effect it has had on me. The work that is done for the residents in Cardinal McCloskey's program is a miracle to me. I have the deepest respect and admiration for the entire Cardinal McCloskey team for the work that they do."

## Archbishop Timothy Dolan visits Little Angels Head Start

On Monday, September 21, 2009, His Excellency, Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan visited Cardinal McCloskey Services' Little Angels Head Start at St. Anthony's in the Bronx. During his visit, Archbishop Dolan took a tour of the site and had a brief meet and greet with the children and families in the program. In attendance were Beth Finnerty, President and CEO of CMS; Msgr. Kevin Sullivan, Board Treasurer of CMS and Executive Director of Catholic Charities; and Laura Silver, Executive Director of Little Angels Head Start. To welcome His Excellency to Little Angels Head Start, the children prepared a special song and dance and created a special "Welcome Throne" for Archbishop Dolan to sit.

"We are so grateful and blessed to be able to serve the children and families of St. Anthony's and

all our Little Angels Head Start programs," said President and CEO, Beth Finnerty. "We extend our sincere gratitude to His Excellency, Archbishop Dolan, for gracing us with a visit as an acknowledgment of Cardinal McCloskey Services and all it does to continue the great tradition of Catholic Charities."

Little Angels Head Start is a program designed to improve the lives of low income children and families by providing exceptional preschool education to 3 and 4 year-olds in half day, full day and extended day sessions. On April 1, 2009 CMS assumed all Little Angels Head Start contracts currently in force from The Archdiocese of New York Education Department. CMS now oversees 14 Little Angels Head Start centers with 61 classrooms serving 1400 children.



## CMS in Pictures



### *Special Gift from West Nyack IRA*

Beth Finnerty, President and CEO, recently visited the residents of CMS's West Nyack IRA to thank them for the wonderful piece of artwork they created for her. With the help of Residence Manager, Ilene Snell, the six men created the piece during their arts and crafts activity that included a rainbow colored canvas with their own individual handprints. This canvas was then signed by each resident and now hangs in CMS's White Plains office.

### *CMS Receives Special Visit*

On February 12, 2010, Cardinal McCloskey Services received a very special visit from New York State Assemblyman, Greg Ball. Assemblyman Ball visited the White Plains Office and met with Beth Finnerty, President and CEO; Creighton Drury, Senior Vice President of Strategic Planning and Organizational Development; Cathy Varano, Vice President of Residential Services/MRDD; Lidia Pena, MRDD Program Coordinator; Jim Coleman, President and CEO of Success Unlimited New York, LTD; and John Paterno, resident of CMS' Individualized Residential Alternatives. Assemblyman Ball represents the town of Pawling in Dutchess County as well as the towns of Carmel Southeast and Patterson of Putnam County and the towns of Somers and Yorktown in Westchester County.



### *Special Delivery!*

Little Angels Head Start received a special delivery from Disney Publishing Worldwide, Inc. at the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Seventy-two backpacks, filled with school and art supplies, were generously donated and delivered by Disney Publishing for the children of Little Angels Head Start to use.



## CMS Inaugurates Supper Club

The “dream” of formulating a Cardinal McCloskey Alumnae Group has become a reality within the past six months. A group of young adults recently gathered for a small, intimate dinner hosted by President and CEO, Beth Finnerty, to discuss their life experience as a foster youth. Their excitement generated discussion to plan and develop a unique group that will assist children and youth presently in foster care. The goal of this group is for former foster care youth to reunite with the CMS community and become mentors for the current children and youth of CMS. Being a mentor for the youth of CMS would provide stability, encouragement and support so they are prepared for the future.

The Alumnae Group currently contains eight members, however we would like to increase the number of members and reach out to former foster youth interested in reuniting with the CMS community. We welcome any former Cardinal McCloskey young adults to join our Alumnae Group or join our mailing list by forwarding your name, address, telephone number and e-mail to:

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Cardinal McCloskey Services  
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## Grant Announcements



In January, The Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation awarded CMS \$75,000 for our Strategies for School Success Program, an Educational Advocacy Program for the children in our Foster Boarding Home. New Yorkers for Children also awarded us \$50,000 for the Strategies for School Success Program in September of 2009.

The Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, Inc. awarded us \$30,000 in December of 2009 for our

Drop-In Center for runaway and homeless youth. Ronald McDonald Charities also awarded us \$15,000 in December for the Drop-In Center.

In November of last year the Charles A. Mastronardi Foundation awarded us \$10,000 for our Hayden House Emergency Residence, a “safe house” providing around-the-clock emergency intervention for abused or neglected children in crisis. TD Bank and The Anne Anastasi Charitable Foundations also each awarded us \$10,000 for Hayden House.

ASPIRE (Academic Support, Personalized Intervention and Remedial Education), an after-school program that uses computers to enable each student to reach the academic abilities of their peers, was awarded \$10,000 by The MBIA Foundation July of last year. We also received \$10,000 from the St. Faith’s House Foundation in November.

Other Grants include \$5,000 from The Giants Foundation as well as \$5,000 from the Cardinal’s Fund for Children.



# Ways to

# Give

In these challenging economic times, CMS is more reliant on private giving than ever. In an effort to make it even easier for you to make a gift, we have several different methods for you to help CMS continue its life-changing work.

You can make your tax-deductible contribution to Cardinal McCloskey Services in any of the following ways:

**Cash:** Please make your check payable to Cardinal McCloskey Services and mail it to us in the enclosed envelope.

**Credit Cards:** We accept American Express, Visa, and MasterCard. Please fill out the enclosed envelope, contact us by phone or visit our secure website: [www.cardinalmccloskeyservices.org](http://www.cardinalmccloskeyservices.org)

**Matching Gifts:** You can double your gift to CMS if you or your spouse, work for an organization with a Matching Gift Program.

**Real Estate:** Gifts of personal residence can also be made with a retained life estate. The retained life estate allows the donor or a designee of the donor to live in their home for rest of their life. After that time, the real estate is owned out-right by CMS, without the complications of probate proceedings. This gift allows the donor to receive current income tax deductions for the discounted value of the property.

**IRA Distribution:** For those who are 70½ years or older, you can make a distribution from your IRA to Cardinal McCloskey Services for up to \$100,000 without reporting the withdrawal as taxable income.

**Securities:** You can avoid capital gains tax on securities held long-term and provide an income tax deduction equal to the fair market value at the date of transfer.

### To transfer securities to CMS:

Please provide your broker with the following information: Bank of New York: DTC #9014TD Wealth Management Acct. #806100 for further credit to Cardinal McCloskey Acct. #65P215018.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Hogan, Vice President of Development at 914-997-8000, ext. 169 or at [mhogan@cms46.org](mailto:mhogan@cms46.org).

Thank you for your generous support. We could not continue our life-changing work without your help!

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## *Did you know?*

- ★ We are the largest Day Care provider to low-income families in NYC.
- ★ Our Hayden House Emergency Residence and on-site Cardinal McCloskey School is the only program of its type in the country.
- ★ Donations may now be made online using Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Visit us at [www.cardinalmccloskeyservices.org/donation](http://www.cardinalmccloskeyservices.org/donation)

# Upcoming Events

### **5th Annual Spring Wine Tasting and Dinner**

Hosted by Paul and Lori Guillaro  
April 25, 2010

### **Cardinal McCloskey Services**

#### **1st Annual Award Dinner**

Honoring Chairman Emeritus, John M. Queenan  
Larchmont Yacht Club  
May 20, 2010

### **3rd Annual CMS Golf Outing**

Leewood Golf Club  
September 14, 2010

We hope you can join us at our upcoming events!  
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