

NAZARETH HOME NEWS

A newsletter for our friends

Winter 2007

Kid's Corner...

The Nazareth Home family saw lots of changes during the past few months. We welcomed new babies and said goodbyes to children who went home to their biological families. We cherish each one.

In mid-November, Harley Rose arrived. Everyone celebrated Thanksgiving, with Nate visiting his grandma. Kaitlynn, Joy and Derrick went out for dinner while Harley celebrated with Sister Barbara and the other convent sisters. We celebrated Joy's first birthday and Landen returned to his family.

December brought parties. All the children attended an early December Christmas party, with Barbie coming to play with Derrick. Derrick also went to a skating party—and had a great time. He also got his very first “big boy” haircut. In mid December, our Nazareth Home family became smaller, with several children returning to their families. Kaitlynn returned home to her mom. Tessa and Derrick also went home. We



Landen & Kaitlynn's Farewell Party!

held a farewell party, with Landen coming back to attend. By Christmas Eve, only three children were still with us. We'll miss the others very much, but wish the best for each of them and their families.

By the end of January, we had said goodbye to two of our long time employees who retired—Julia's last day was December 30th and Carolyn's last day was January 28th. We wish them both a healthy and happy retirement. A

special reception was held in their honor in February.

January brought more changes—we were happy to welcome Sara Colon to the Nazareth Home staff. Harley underwent a successful hernia surgery and is now a happier girl. Our 100th baby, Shawn, arrived as well as a three-month-old girl, Asia. The new babies are adjusting well and we're trying our best to spoil them all.

Nazareth Home Welcomes Shawn, our 100th Child

For the past 14 years, Nazareth Home has dedicated itself to caring for medically at-risk infants and children. In January, we welcomed Shawn, the 100th child to come to us.

Since we took that first child in 1993, Nazareth Home has nurtured, and cared for infants and children from newborn up to age six. We've fostered children for as short as 24 hours and as long as several years. Sister Barbara Kuper, PHJC, and Director of Nazareth Home, sums up the way we all feel about the children we serve. “These infants and children need a place where they can feel safe and loved and where they can grow and thrive happily,” she said.



Shawn, Nazareth Home's 100th Child

Our dedicated staff provides care around the clock, with dozens of volunteer “cuddlers” who devote hundreds of hours of time each year to visit and play with the children. Shawn, like all the other children, will benefit from the love and attention they receive while here.

Brinkman Endowment Fund Continues to Grow

In December 2002, a very generous donor established an endowment fund for Nazareth Home. With the continuing generosity of this donor, the Brinkman Fund has experienced significant growth and has increased to more than \$2.5 million by December 31, 2006.

Thanks to a 2-for-1 matching challenge by the Brinkman Endowment Fund donor, we continue to see the endowment fund grow. The fund is used to support our mission and ministry at the Nazareth Home. Because of the generosity of our donors, we're better able to focus on giving the children under our care the time and attention they deserve. Our special thanks to our donor and to everyone who has donated to the Brinkman Fund.

Development Services Department Created

Trish Alt and Renae Brantley have joined the Ancilla Systems team to provide development services for Nazareth Home and other PHJC ministries. Both are experienced in working with non-profit organizations in fund development, training, management, and other areas, and bring a wealth of ideas and knowledge to Ancilla.

Trish Alt, the Director of Development Services, will focus on establishing a solid development foundation and identifying opportunities to enhance existing development activities for all PHJC ministries.

Renae Brantley, the Regional Director of Development Services and External Relations, will work with PHJC ministries in Northwest Indiana, as well as provide direction and support in working to promote advocacy on behalf of all of PHJC ministries.

Nazareth Home Wish List

BABY NEEDS

Diapers- sizes: Newborn, 3, 4 & 5
Night diapers sizes 4 & 5
Aveeno baby lotion
Aveeno baby bath
Aveeno oatmeal bath
Aquaphor
Vicks baby rub
Bottled water
Diaper genie
Diaper genie refills – blue
Baby wipes

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Paper towels
Puffs tissue
Batteries for camera
(lithium 3volt photo battery)
Mr. Clean

GIFT CERTIFICATES

Sterk's, Ultra, Babies R Us
Wal-Mart, Target, K-Mart
Meijer, Sam's Club,
Kohl's, Food 4 Less,
Speedway, Strack & Van Til,
Office Max

Miscellaneous

35MM Film
Photo Albums

CASH (TO BE USED FOR)

Children's birthday parties
and field trips.
Brinkman Endowment Fund

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