

# Clelian Heights Newsletter Shavings

2009-2010 Annual Giving Report

Winter 2011

#### Mission

The mission of Clelian Heights is to provide spiritual, educational, vocational and residential programs for children and young adults with developmental disabilities that enhance their quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living.

#### Vision

The vision of Clelian Heights is to provide an atmosphere of choice and mutual acceptance, respect and love that will make a lasting difference in the lives of persons with developmental disabilities.

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# Year in Pictures (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010)











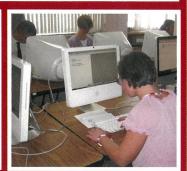
















# **New Sport Programs at Clelian**

In May 2010, Clelian Heights held its first boys' basketball game in the school's gymnasium against the students of Westmoreland Intermediate Unit's Clairview School. It was a thrilling moment for our student athletes, our student body, and their parents.

"Team sports, in a school, are a great way to develop skills that are fundamentally different than what is taught in the class-room," says Sister Charlene Celli, principal. "There are very limited community venues for students with developmental disabilities outside of the Special Olympic program."

According to head basketball coach, Brian Howard, sports are a big motivator for the students. "Basketball helps us to meet the physical therapy needs of some of our student athletes. In addition, our goal is to model appropriate participation and socialization skills as well as provide a highly structured program that fulfills their needs physically and emotionally."

Due to the success of the boys' program and the desire of the girls to participate, plans began for a cheer squad and a girls' softball team. The cheer squad includes a junior varsity squad of five girls and a varsity squad of ten girls. They will support both the new sports teams as well as our Special Olympic athletes. "Cheering has built their self-esteem and confidence," says Cheer coach Mary Beth Holleran. "It is a great motivator for mature classroom behavior, completed homework assignments and overall positive attitude."

Recently, both teams were invited to join Franklin Regional High School's girls' basketball team during one of their home games. Members of the girls' team had been to Clelian to work out with the Clelian boys' team earlier in the year. The Clelian Crusaders played a scrimmage game at half time and the girls' cheer squad helped the Franklin Regional cheerleaders root for the Lady Panthers in their game against Gateway.

The Crusaders girls' softball team is now forming for girls ages 14 and up. They have begun limited practice, due to weather, and some fundraising efforts are underway for uniforms. Head Coach Melissa Fligger says the team is looking forward to their first game this spring when they play Clairview School.



Our Varsity Cheer Squad and Coaches



Half-Court Introductions

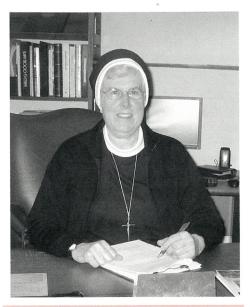


Cheering with Franklin Regional



The Clelian Crusaders Basketball Team, Coaches, and Athletic Trainers

# A Message from the Executive Director Sister Ritamary Schulz, ASCJ



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Dear Friends.

We praise God and count ourselves blessed by the many gifts we receive! The gifts of your friendship, your support of our Mission, donations of material goods, and the many contributions you so generously give truly make a difference in the good works achieved every day at Clelian Heights.

Clelian Heights has grown forty-fold since our humble beginnings in April of 1961. So much has been accomplished in the last fifty years! Our friendships and community spirit remain strong as our campus has blossomed and expanded to fill the ever-changing needs of the children and adults whom we serve. Our prayers have been faithfully answered as we continue to follow the call of our foundress, Mother Clelia, after whom this special mission was dedicated in celebration of the  $100^{th}$  anniversary of her birth, and so named.

Fifty years is a milestone! It is our hope that you will join us at one or more of the special celebrations we have planned because we will take this opportunity to honor some very special friends of Clelian Heights and because we are commemorating a double anniversary -- the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Clelian Heights' birth, and the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Clelia Merloni, the foundress of the Sisters' Community, the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

On Sunday, March 27, we will share a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate this double Anniversary. This special Eucharistic Liturgy will be held at 1:00 PM here at Clelian Heights with Bishop Lawrence Brandt officiating.

On Friday, May 20, we will gather at the Four Points Sheraton in Greensburg to celebrate our combined efforts for success on behalf of our special children and adults over these past 50 years. At this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heart to Heart Banquet we will pay tribute to some very special friends of Clelian Heights whose support and good works have made a huge impact on the lives of our students and adults and on the success of our programs.

The **Heart to Heart Banquet Honorees** include: Charles H. and Cecelia M. Decker, Lawrence M. Demangone and Charles P. Demangone, Alicia M. and Dennis J. Harter, Philip X. Masciantonio, Ph.D., Monsignor William R. Rathgeb, J.C.L., Carol Sue Rocker, and Sam Wholey. We hope that you can join us to thank them for their friendship, honor their selflessness, and share your gratitude for their generosity.

Please watch for future mailings regarding these events. We look forward to seeing you and all our friends there! Please accept our many prayers for you, your families and all your special intentions on behalf of the Sisters, children, adults, and staff at Clelian Heights. God bless you abundantly for your concern and kindness!

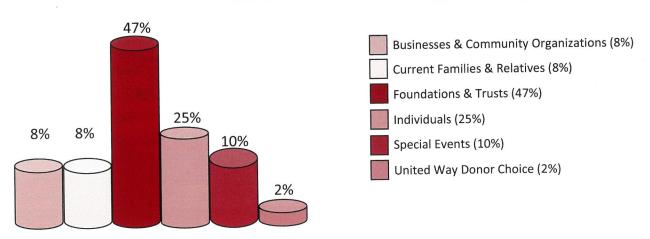
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# 2009-2010 ANNUAL GIVING DONOR REPORT

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Unaudited)

# **Advancement Office Giving Percentage of Income Chart**



# Advancement Office Review of Projects Completed with Your Help—Thank You!

With the generous help of our donors through gifts, grants, and our fund-raising events, many large and small projects, needed replacements and upgrading that span all programs were completed in 2009-2010. Your gifts have made these changes possible:

- The emergency generator at Chip's House was replaced with a greater capacity outdoor unit.
- The Otis elevator having a single-bottom hydraulic cylinder and plunger was equipped with a double bottom replacement as per code and an entrance protection device was added to the door.
- The indoor Therapy Pool area was renovated for code compliance.
- The School 2000 minivan was replaced with a new 2010 minivan.
- The Clelian Center new Adult Training Program (ATF) area was equipped and furnished.
- An additional minivan was purchased for the Clelian Center.
- The Clelian Center ceiling frame and tile were replaced.
- Chip's House and Clelian Center televisions were replaced.
- Cable line was laid for the computer network system.
- New chairs were purchased for the Clelian Center and the apartments.
- The cottage basement area was repaired for archive storage. Fireproof file cabinets were also added.
- The Library railings were renovated for greater safety.
- The main dining room ceiling area was insulated and the ceiling frame and tile were replaced.
- Folding tables and chairs used for events and assemblies were replaced.
- Lap-top computers for teachers were purchased.
- Several computers in the computer room and classrooms were upgraded.
- Additional classroom computer tables and chairs for classrooms and meeting room were purchased.
- Carpeting was replaced in both the Speech room and Physical Therapy room.
- Renovation to the Home Economics room began. It would include installing new flooring, adding a redesigned center island with 4 new ranges, counters, sinks, dishwasher, additional electrical outlets, and new cabinetry.

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# (Donations received between July 1, 2009 and June 30, 2010)

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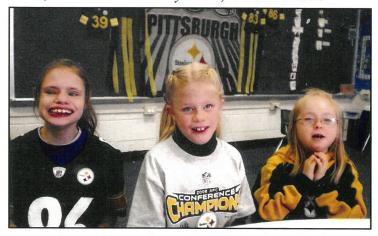
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# Clelian Gives Back

Clelian Heights' children and adults benefit from the generosity of many individuals, foundations, businesses and community organizations. For each donor, we are continually grateful. It is our pleasure to take the opportunity to 'pay it forward' and to give support in several ways to the community that has so many times been there for us:

#### **Direct Donations**

Through the year, we have several 'dress down days' where students and staff are allowed to defer from the dress code and go casual in exchange for a donation to a needy cause. Funds raised have benefitted *PAL Adaptive baseball*, *Catholic Relief Charities*, *WTAE*'s *Project Bundle Up, the Westmoreland County Food Bank, and KDKA's Turkey Fund*, to name a few.



Steeler "Dress Down Day" for the Food Bank

#### **Hands-On Community Service**

The adults in our Clelian Center have rolled up their sleeves to clean up a park in Delmont, and prepare food boxes at the Westmoreland County Food Bank.

Our older students, as part of their transition-to-work program have the opportunity to volunteer at numerous community non-profits as they learn about the world of work and the job skills needed. They volunteer at Cornerstone Ministries, Export; Delmont Public Library; Friends Thrift Shop, Export; Mother of Sorrows Parish Food Pantry, Murrysville; Westmoreland County Food Bank; National Counsel for Jewish Women Thriftique, Swissvale; St. Vincent DePaul Stores, Jeannette and Greensburg; and in Greensburg at Caritas Christi; Christ Episcopal Church; Christian Laymen Corp's Food Pantry; Congregation Emanu-El Israel Temple; First Lutheran Church Preschool; St. Emma's Monastery and Tri-County Meals on Wheels.

#### **International Participation**

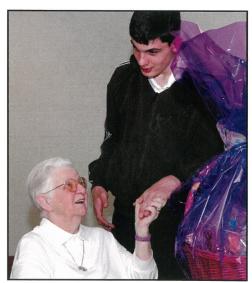
At Christmastime, a classroom participated in the Samaritan's Purse International Relief Organization's Operation Christmas Child, Kids Helping Kids Project by donating gift-filled boxes for a girl and a boy.

#### **Opening Our Facilities**

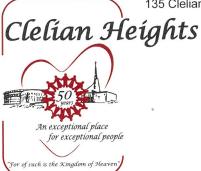
We have partnered with Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Department of Health and Physical Education and The Arc of Westmoreland to host the SNAP (Special Needs Activity Program) Program here at Clelian Heights therapeutic recreation center. This special program of motor development, physical fitness and aquatics, designed for those age 9 to 20 with disabilities, is directed by Dr. David Lorenzi from IUP who is a Certified Adapted Physical Educator. The SNAP program is open for participation by any child in the surrounding area and consists of one hour in the gym and one hour in the swimming pool. Students from the Physical Education Motor Behavior and Adapted Physical Education classes at IUP and from Seton Hill University participate as training buddies.

# Reaching Out to Those Who have Served the Community

Clelian Center adults were busy with pre-holiday activity making Christmas stockings filled with healthy goodies to present to the Sisters of Charity at their home, *Caritas Christi*, in Greensburg. During their visit to *Caritas Christi*, they shared their talent by serenading the sisters with Christmas carols. The visit was so rewarding that they plan to expand this community outreach to other local nursing facilities during the year.



Students visit Caritas Christi



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