

Clelian Heights Newsletter

A Family Affair



Building for the Future

'For of such is the Kingdom of Heaven'

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

CLELIAN HEIGHTS, INC.

- Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children for education to age 21
- Clelian Center for Comprehensive Employment Opportunities
- Clelian Heights Residential Living Programs for children and young adults
- Clelian Heights Recreation/Therapy Center for year-round wellness
- Clelian Summer Session for vacation fun activities



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One staff member comments about Clelian Heights, "It's a place of love and hope and I enjoy being a part of it and seeing everyone learn independence." Clelian Heights, located on forty-four acres in Greensburg, Pennsylvania is truly a special place to receive education and employment training and services. Clelian Heights provides individualized and ungraded education and vocational training for children and young adults who have developmental disabilities. The programs offered enhance the exceptional person's quality of life and maximize their potential for independent living while challenging them to use and integrate their skills. The residential programs emphasize independent living skills in either group home settings or in supported living apartments. Established in 1961, Clelian Heights is owned and operated by the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a community of consecrated women of the Church, responsible for Clelian Heights' financial support

Once a student has graduated from school, the CLELIAN CENTER provides job training and employment as well as comprehensive services dedicated to meeting the employment needs in the Westmoreland County business community either through contracting work to be done at the Clelian Center facility or by providing the free services of an Employment Specialist who will: take the effort and expense out of hiring by providing the employer with employees who are qualified, dependable, enthusiastic and reliable. The CLELIAN CENTER SERVICES EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST will prescreen prospective employees, do a job analysis to ensure an appropriate job match, provide on the job training that guarantees completion of work per employee standards, be there with follow-up services to maintain job performance.

TECHNOLOGY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

A recent national study by Macro International, Inc. and the office of Special Education programs found that technology in the classroom is extremely beneficial. "Over 90% of those interviewed believe that tech use has a positive impact on students' self-esteem. The overwhelming majority also felt that technologies helped students achieve their IEP goals. And, tech also served as a great motivator for students with special needs." CEC Vol 4 No. 1 1997

Did you know that

- instructional software is used in a variety of ways to promote the development of reading and math skills
- use of simulations, games, and problem-solving applications promote the development of critical thinking, problem-solving and decision-making skills
- use of tutorial software for drill and practice



SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT: Carolyn Trilli who is new to our program this year has a job at the Greensburg Country Club. Carolyn launders golf towels, table cloths and napkins. She is doing a wonderful job there.

Julie Holtz has begun a housecleaning job at Super 8 Motel. Super 8 Motel is certainly going to be a clean place with Julie, Lauren, Maria and Jennifer working there.

Diana Gaydos continues her job at McDonald's in Murrysville. This year she will receive her 6 year pin. We are very proud of her wonderful work there.

Joni McGuire is doing a wonderful job at Redstone Highlands. They are very happy to have her on their housekeeping staff. After her vacation Joni felt that her substitute did not clean her area as well as she did.

Lauren Ciccarelli is also working at Kings Family Restaurant in Delmont. She works there two days a weeks. So if you go for lunch on a Monday or Friday at Kings Lauren will be bussing your table. Do look her up and receive a beautiful smile from her.

Michael Policastro continues to do a fantastic job at Christopher's Bakery. So when you stop in for a sweet treat you may see Michael washing the pots and pans that prepared that treat.

WISH LIST:

- Bean Bag Chair for Sr. Charlene's Homeroom - Gr. 4
- Unused hotel-size bars of soap, shampoos, body creams, etc. for Mrs. Molnar
- Old or new complete decks of (poker-type) playing cards for Mrs. Molnar
- Video Rewinder for Girls' Playroom
- Craft items for Sr. Dolorita, such as:
 - Ribbon rosettes
 - Polyester/cotton material with small print designs
 - Nice small silk flowers
 - Narrow ribbon
 - Lace

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- Two anonymous donors
 - ◊ one gave \$200.00 to our Boys Scouts
 - ◊ the other gave \$175.00 to purchase a CD Rom



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Nicholas Kosor	Oct.	4
Eric Watters		8
Joelle Abramovic		8
Kacey Snyder		11
Courtney Gabos		25
Heather Cline		30

WINNERS OF THE QUILT RAFFLE Thanks to all of you and our many other friends and benefactors who helped with the Quilt Raffle that was begun last spring. Through the efforts of many people we were able to raise almost \$12,000.00 for building fund. Pictured below are Sr. Adrienne, Greg Boyle and Clifford Trice picking the raffle winner.

- First Prize Winner: Lynd Rosick - Large Quilt
- Second Prize Winner: A.Sutterline - plaid lap afghan
- Third Prize Winner: John Sekora III - yellow and tan lap afghan
- Fourth Prize Winner: Mr. & Mrs. Dieter Peitzsch - blue and yellow afghan





A VISIT FROM JOSHUA Captain and Sandy had a very special visitor on Labor Day. Joshua, Bishop Bosco's dog, stopped by to pay a "pastoral visit" to the two Clelian Heights mascots. While the dogs snacked on biscuits, the Bishop enjoyed some Espresso coffee and homemade Italian cookies with the Sisters. A good time was had by all!

March 8 meeting . At that time we will elect new Executive Board officers. F.O.C.H.O. will conclude its activities for the year on May 10 with a Family Fun Night. This will be your chance to experience the fun your children have regularly playing in the gym and using pool and hot tub! Please plan to attend these five meetings. They have been planned with your needs and interests in mind.

GREENHOUSE NEWS The response to the Mum Sale was overwhelming. Mr. Calcutta from the Gardening From the Heart Program sold over 200 Mums for Clelian Heights in Pittsburgh and we here at Clelian Heights sold over 375 Mums. This is the best that we have ever done. Everyone has remarked how beautiful the Mums are and asked that we remember them next year. Thank you for all of your orders. Orders for Poinsettias will come out at the beginning of November. We will have 3 colors white, pink, and red. The cost will be \$8.00. In the past the plants have been so full and beautiful. They will really add to your Christmas decor.

The Clelian Heights Garden Club will have its first meeting of the year on October 6, 1997 at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in gardening is welcome to join the club. Many good gardening tips and techniques are shared. So come to the first meeting and bring your friends!

SALLY FOSTER GIFT WRAP All Sally Foster Gift Wrap Orders should be in by September 29. Orders will be ready for pick up on October 31st. Thank you again for selling Sally Foster Gift Wrap. I'm sure that you and your friends will not be disappointed that you sold this quality paper.



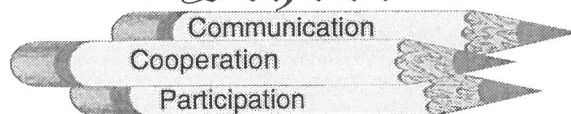
UNITED WAY - CONTRIBUTOR CHOICE DONATIONS

The 1997 United Way Campaign is underway. Many companies ask their workers to make a payroll deduction or cash contribution in support of this campaign. We encourage you to participate in **Contributor Choice**, a United Way program that allows you to choose where your contribution will be used. Clelian Heights is approved by the United Way to receive Contributor Choice donations. Please consider exercising your right to select the agency of your choice for your United Way gift. If you wish your contribution to benefit Clelian Heights, simply mark your form with **Code Number 403**. Through your efforts, last year we received about \$9500.00. May God bless all those who not only participated but encourage others to participate in this donor option program.



F.O.C.H.O. NEWS AND EVENTS The F.O.C.H.O. Executive Board met recently to plan several exciting events for the upcoming year. We will start off the year with our annual Get Acquainted Fall Pot Luck Dinner on Oct. 19 with dinner being served at 5:00 p.m. This is usually our best attended function. At our next meeting scheduled for **Nov. 16** we will have a speaker. **Dr. William Hessel**, a behaviorist from Allegheny General Hospital will address the behavioral needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities. Dr. Hessel who has been working with some of our students and adults will give a presentation to the staff at our October staff meeting. He has a wealth of information and knowledge to offer so please plan to attend this meeting as it is **a must** for everyone. The next F.O.C.H.O. meeting will be more social in nature. An **Oldies Valentine's Day Dance** is set for **Feb. 8** - get on your dancing shoes and pull out your poodle skirt! We will also have a guest speaker at our

School



SCHOOL PARENT CONFERENCES with teachers and residential staff are scheduled for Friday, Oct. 17 to discuss individual educational plans and daily living goals. This is always an important time for parents and staff to share insights and concerns and to collaborate in meeting the needs of the children. Next Friday, Oct. 3 you will receive a notice informing you of the time of your appointment. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

HALLOWEEN CRAFTS IN THE MAKING Shirley Whittier, faithful volunteer and craft teacher, has been coming to the Girls' Residence to help the girls make some special Halloween pumpkins. The wood for the pumpkins was cut from a tree trunk and had to be carefully painted. The girls covered their pumpkins and themselves the night they painted. Next week the pumpkins will get eyes, noses, and mouths and they'll be ready for Halloween. Thanks to Shirley and the Apartment ladies who helped assist Shirley in the project.

