



65th Anniversary Fundraising Banquet

It started with a vision—and over the past 65 years, that vision has grown into something truly special. Clelian Heights is more than a place... it's a community built on compassion, connection, and countless moments that have changed lives. Every smile, every milestone, every memory has helped shape who we are today. Now, we invite you to celebrate that journey with us.

Making Memories



Clelian Heights School for Exceptional Children opened in fall 1961, when four Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus welcomed four students to its 39-acre campus. Within two years, enrollment had grown rapidly, prompting expansion plans for a new residence and school.

In 1968, a modern educational facility opened with spacious classrooms, specialty rooms, and welcoming campus features including a library, chapel, playground, pool, and outdoor activity areas. Residential services for boys and girls, a day school, and vocational training for young adults soon followed, helping meet a critical need for education and support.

Over the years, Clelian Heights has continued to grow and evolve. Programs expanded to include computer skills, independent living, sensory development, and vocational and employment training. Facilities were updated to support these changing needs, with additions such as a recreation center, therapy pool, outdoor pavilion, licensed workshop, apartment buildings, and the Adult Training Facility.

Today, Clelian Heights remains a unique and inspiring place where children and adults are loved, supported, and encouraged to thrive. Its caring staff, strong programs, and welcoming campus continue to make a lasting difference every day.



A New Chapter Begins...

The building of a new inclusive Playground/Recreational Area at Clelian Heights



Exciting things are on the horizon at Clelian Heights! Plans are underway for a brand-new adaptive, inclusive playground—a space designed to bring joy, connection, and opportunity to everyone we serve.

This project comes at a meaningful time. The last major updates to our playground were made in the 1990s, and while it has served us well, the needs of our community have grown and evolved. Now, we have the opportunity to create something truly special—a modern, accessible recreational space that reflects the heart of Clelian Heights.

The new playground will be thoughtfully designed to support students, as well as clients from the Clelian Center and ATF, ensuring that individuals of all abilities can play, explore, and engage together. From sensory-friendly features to adaptive equipment, every detail will focus on inclusion, independence, and fun.

Fundraising efforts have officially begun, and the energy surrounding this project is incredible. There's a shared sense of excitement among staff, families, and supporters as we work toward making this vision a reality.

This playground will be more than just a place to play—it will be a space where memories are made, barriers are broken, and community comes together. Stay tuned for updates, and thank you for being part of this exciting journey!



Honoring our Heart to Heart Honorees
&
The 30 Sister Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that served Clelian Heights

FREEDOM
To Play
FUNDRAISING DINNER
For a New Adaptive Playground at Clelian Heights

An Exceptional Place for Exceptional People

Master of Ceremonies
RICK EARLE
WFXI

Rizzo's
May 1, 2026
Cash Bar: 6-7PM | Welcome: 6:43PM

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Clelian Heights Celebrates 65 Years!

Clelian Heights is proud to celebrate 65 years of care, community, and compassion. Join us as we honor our Heart to Heart Honorees—Chic DeFabo, Anna Suman, David Lawson, Douglas Lawson, and the 30 Sister Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus whose dedication has shaped Clelian Heights through the years.

The evening will be held at Rizzo's Malabar Inn, beginning with a cash bar from 6:00–7:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:45 PM. We're honored to have Rick Earle as our Master of Ceremonies.

This special celebration also supports an exciting next chapter—raising funds for a new inclusive recreational space for those we serve.

Come celebrate the past and help us build what's next.

PLAYGROUND DONATIONS



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