

Catherine McAuley Center Newsletter

Fall 2015

Volunteers Honored



Generosity of Spirit

Awarded to Primitive Parsons Methodist Church
Ladies Aide
Sr. Catherine McGroarty and Plymouth Honorees



Scranton Honoree — Brother Ferdinand Vogrin, OSF
Pictured with Sr. Kathleen, RSM and Sr. Therese, RSM

A Message from the Executive Director

The generosity of our volunteers is a powerful reminder of the difference compassion can bring to a troubled world. At a conference recently, the speaker defined hospitality as a way of treating people with whom we come in contact as the stance of “I will always have time in my life for you.” I thought what a wonderful world it would be if that was how we treated each other.

At the Catherine McAuley Center, that is indeed how our wonderful volunteers, and all our staff feel about the women, children and men who are in our various programs—we have room in our lives for them. Consequently, we see and feel that trust slowly builds, their stories begin to be shared in depth, their pain and suffering is shared, as well as their joys. Compassion and caring are marvelous healers.

In one of his songs John Denver sang “how right it is to care.” That could be our theme song as volunteers and staff—“how right it is to care.”—To care by giving of yourselves, your time and energy. You may not always see the results of your caring, but every now and then we hear in the voices of our clients what a difference you have made.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers.

Sr. Therese Marques RSM



Scranton Honoree — Kay Bingham
Pictured with Sr. Kathleen, RSM and Sr. Therese, RSM



Plymouth Volunteer Honoree —Vanessa Botzman with Sr. Catherine McGroarty, RSM



Sr. Therese Marques, RSM. congratulates Sr. Susan Hadzima, IHM on her Fifth Anniversary of Service.



Plymouth Volunteer Honoree — Sr. Marie Genevieve Mannix, RSM with Sr. Catherine McGroarty and Sr. Therese Marques

Adopt A Family 2015

The Adopt a Family Program is currently matching organizations, families and businesses to families who need a little help for the holiday season. This year will be especially difficult as we have a larger number of families who need assistance. If you would like to participate and provide a family with a holiday to remember, call the Scranton office at 570-342-1342 or the Plymouth office at 570-779-2801. You will be provided with information on family size, clothing size and toy choices. There are many ways you can participate. Financial contributions, food and new unwrapped toys are always appreciated. Gifts for teens are always in short supply. The Catherine McAuley Center serves as intermediary between the donor and the family.



Sara Glenn, Director of Moses Taylor Lactation Services presents check and equipment to Jenny Blanchard and Sr. Therese Marques



Rail Riders Mascot entertains Center's Families at baseball outing provided by One Point.



McAuley Center's Display at Keystone Service Fair



Families work together to produce one of a kind picture frames from buttons & shells.

Family Halloween Party



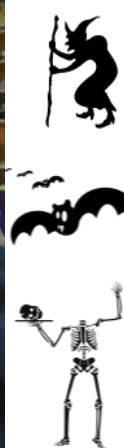
First step in apple creation



King's students prepare decorations



Volunteers from King's College Shoal Center are all smiles as they learn about the family party they have come to serve.



Captain Marvel admires the perfect apple he has fashioned



Nothing beats a trip to the pumpkin patch except the chance to design and carve your family's choice, all under the watchful eyes of King's students..



Time for a food break !



Costume anyone?



Admiring the finished sample

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Parade of Basket Winners



1. Amazon Kindle - Sr. Elizabeth B. - Mercy Center
2. Baker's Delight - Debra P. - Carbondale
3. Beary Special Basket - Melissa G. - Kielbasa Festival
4. Cake Boss - Sue S. - Kielbasa Festival
5. Christmas Magic - Emily D. - Luzerne County Fair
6. Clean Sweep - Bridget P. - Pittston Tomato Festival
7. Dog Days - Fred P. - Kielbasa Festival
8. Entertainment - Melissa W. - Pittston Tomato Festival
9. Fall is Here - Briana L. - Pittston Tomato Festival
10. For the Birds - Duane A. - Luzerne County Fair
11. Game Night - April M. - Kielbasa Festival
12. Handyman's Helper - Margie H. - Mercy Center
13. Happy Birthday Boys - Melissa G. - Kielbasa Festival
14. Happy Birthday Girls—Jean W. - Kielbasa Festival
15. In the Nursery - Carla B. - Kielbasa Festival
16. Irish Basket - Doreen B. - Pittston Tomato Festival
17. Italian Basket - Brian O'Neill - Mercy Center
18. It's a Boy - Mike A. - Mercy Center
19. It's a Girl - Debra L. - Luzerne County Fair
20. Just Desserts - Briana L. - Pittston Tomato Festival
21. Kitty Heaven - Christine P. - Kielbasa Festival
22. Lawn Care - Calob E. - Luzerne County Fair
23. Let's Ride - Tim S. - Forest City
24. Lotto Basket - Kristen R. - Kielbasa Festival
25. Making Memories - LeeAnn S. - Pittston Tomato Festival
26. Money Wreath - Tessa L. - Kielbasa Festival

27. Office Space - Robert R. - Kielbasa Festival

28. Pampered Kitty - Gerard W. - Kielbasa Festival
29. Rock-a-Bye Baby - P.Zurek - Luzerne County Fair
30. Santa's Helper - Patti C. - Mercy Center
31. She's a Doll - Kristen C. - Kielbasa Festival
32. Something's Cooking - Jessica M. - Luzerne County Fair
33. Spa Day - Sr. Elaine P. - Mercy Center
34. Summer Fun - Jennifer C. - Pittston Tomato Festival
35. Sweet Dreams - Melissa S. - Mercy Center
36. The Café - Susan J. - Kielbasa Festival
37. Ultrasonic Humidifier - Michelle R. - Carbondale
38. Wegman's - Sr. Jane K. - Mercy Center
39. What's for Dinner - Maggie S. - Luzerne County Fair
40. Your Carriage Awaits - Logan C. - Carbondale



Italian Basket



Waiting to record winners