

NAZARETH HOME NEWS

A Ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus

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2007 Nazareth Home Gala Planned!

Imagine yourself sampling delicious hor'dourves, sipping your favorite wine, or perhaps Oprah's favorite, a Pomegranate Martini! Smooth jazz sounds of the Billy Foster Trio fill the background, while you browse the selections of live and silent auction items, amidst the award-winning Chihuli art...where are you? You're a guest at our upcoming 5th Annual Gala Chef Tasting and Live and Silent Auction to benefit Nazareth Home! Join us for this annual fundraiser that provides operating support for Nazareth Home, a foster care home for medically compromised infants and children. The Gala will be held on Thursday, October 18 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Hammond Federal Courthouse, 5400 Federal Plaza, Hammond, Indiana.

One of the highlights of the Gala is the always-popular Live Auction, featuring local "celebrity" auctioneer Tom O'Donnell. A featured item in this year's auction is the racing enthusiast's ultimate dream day-at-the-race track. Two people will spend a partial day (9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.) at Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, Illinois with racing buff Tom Collins. Each will receive a one hour driving lesson in a turbocharged BMW track car from track manager Tom Bagley, a 3-time Indy 500 starter. Then, join Tom Collins for lunch and a tour of his new 6,000 sq. ft. team garage at the track, and a spin around the track in his 968 Porsche Firehawk race car! Other items available in the Live Auction include a selection of custom designed jewelry from Aaland Jewelers, tickets to the Star Plaza, a

birthday party package at Fair Oaks Farm, and a "Fit-For-A-Queen" package that includes a spa day, limousine service, and a beautiful diamond ring. Don't miss your chance to bid on these, and many other delightful gifts in the Live Auction, as well as an array of items in the Silent Auction.

Dr. Ed Williams, Director of Community and Governmental Affairs at Resorts Casino in East Chicago is the Gala Honorary Chairperson, and he is ably assisted by General Co-Chairs Judy Schlosser and Peggy Guernsey.

Invitations to the Gala will go out in early September, so if you want your friends included, call Paula at 219-947-8522 right now and get their names on the mailing list! Tickets are \$60. Corporate Sponsorships are also available, with tickets included at certain sponsor levels.

Call 219-947-8559 for sponsorship details.

Resorts Golf Outing Proceeds Benefit Nazareth Home!

On behalf of the staff and our precious babies at Nazareth Home, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Resorts Casino East Chicago, and all the sponsors and participants in the Resorts 3rd Annual Midwest Open Golf Outing that was held on Monday August 13 at the beautiful White Hawk Country Club! Through the generosity of Resorts Casino, Nazareth Home will receive one-half of the proceeds of the event. Congratulations and special thanks to Resorts' staff, Dr. Ed Williams, Reggie Dotson, Millie Montemayor, Carlos Cana, and Tiffany Wenrich on the success of the Outing and for including Nazareth Home in their community projects!

Our Values
In Action



*Nazareth Home Reunion
Draws Crowd to Riley Park*

Sunday August 5, more than 120 guests joined the staff of Nazareth Home for the 2nd Annual Nazareth Home Reunion! The reunion gave us an opportunity to live out the values of Community. Friends and volunteers, former Nazareth Home babies and parents (adoptive and natural) came out to Riley Park in East Chicago to meet, share good times, reminisce, and renew friendships with staff. From Nazareth's newest resident, 2 month-old "Jamie" to 12 year-old twins Tameka and Jameka, everyone shared warm embraces with Sister Barbara. For many of the returning children, Sister Barbara was the first mother they knew. Some of the older children spent the afternoon cuddling and pampering the new babies now in residence at Nazareth Home. It was wonderful to hear the stories of success for families that were reunited after crises, and to learn of new developments with some of the adoptive families. For information on volunteer opportunities at Nazareth Home, call Molly at 219-947-8566.



Stories of the One Hundred...

Stories of the One Hundred is a series devoted to telling you about some of the children who have made their home at Nazareth Home. Some have come for a day, a month, or perhaps a year or more. Some children have been successfully reunited with their families, others have made a home with an adoptive or foster family, and some are still at Nazareth Home. We thought you might like to know some of their stories and what has happened in their lives since leaving Nazareth Home. Other profiles will appear in future issues.

At just 3½ years old, Madeline seems to hold her own with her two rambunctious younger brothers, Dakota (her biological brother), 2½, and 9-month old Brendan (also soon to-be-adopted). As is the case with many of the placements at Nazareth Home, Madeline's biological parents were unable to properly care for her, and she came to Nazareth Home when she was four months old.

Maddie (her nickname) joined the Drew family when she was eleven months old. Just a day before she was to come home with the Drews, they were told that she had a two week-old brother, Dakota, who also needed a home...and without a second thought, the Drews knew they wanted Dakota, too, and suddenly they had two new babies instead of one!

As Maddie has adjusted to her new home, her mom, Christie, says she is definitely a "Daddy's girl!" While her Dad, Skip, is her Prince, she definitely is a little girl who enjoys being a Princess. She loves dress-up time and "make-believe," swimming, and all things fun! Her mom says she has no fear of anything, which is perhaps why she also loves fast things such as amusement rides, cars, and boats...if it's fast she loves it!

Maddie is anxiously awaiting the start of school (she's been asking her Mom and Dad if she can go to school for a year!). She already can spell her name and several words, and has known her letters and numbers since before she was two. Despite her sometimes quiet demeanor, Maddie is very engaging and clearly loves playing with her brothers.

Christie credits the staff at Nazareth Home for making the transition a smooth one for both her and Skip, and for Maddie, because she was already on a schedule when she came home with them. That became doubly important when Dakota increased their family to four. Christie also says she has felt more confident as a parent knowing that Sr. Barbara and the staff are always available to answer the questions that any new parent would have about the care and raising of young children.

Save the Date

Hosted by Nick's Liquors, the "Taste of Nick's" is the perfect opportunity to sample a wide variety of wines, spirits, and micro-brews. Sample domestic and imported spirits and wines from Olinger and National Wine and Spirits. Microbrews from Northcoast Distributing.

All proceeds will benefit Nazareth Home, a ministry of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Call 219-947-8522 for more information.

