



Long Island HOGs Bring Holiday Cheer to Little Flower Campus



On December 7th, the Long Island Harley Owners Group marked four decades of generosity with their 40th Annual Toy Run to Little Flower's Wading River campus. About 80 motorcyclists rolled in around 12:45 p.m., delivering toys to children and youth in the organization's care. The HOGs Toy Run stands as Long Island's longest-running toy drive, demonstrating lasting commitment to the community's young people.

The event featured warm hospitality as participants enjoyed hearty chili and received commemorative patches. The festive atmosphere continued with Little Flower's annual tree lighting ceremony, bringing staff, residents and visitors together for this cherished holiday tradition.

Youth at the campus participated in seasonal crafts and celebrated with a pizza party, making the day memorable for everyone involved. Little Flower's President and CEO Corinne Hammons praised the riders, "This day is always a highlight for me—seeing the riders, the joy from our children and the community spirit shows us how much good we can do together."

Arts Center Launches with Transformative Yoga Experience



Little Flower celebrated a milestone as the Macrone-Davis Arts Center welcomed its inaugural class. Youth participants experienced a nurturing yoga session led by Dr. Lauren Zummo, who guided them through stretching, mindful movement and meditation—opening new pathways to care for their bodies and minds while building confidence and calm.

Dr. Zummo presented each participant with an Amazonite healing crystal, sharing its significance in promoting peace, harmony and healthy communication. This inspiring first class established the Arts Center's mission as a sanctuary of wellness, creativity and self-expression where all youth can flourish.

"That's OUR Song!" Residents Connect Through Musical Theater



This month, some of our RTC residents attended *Shrek, the Musical* at CM Performing Arts Center through Cottage Curtain Call, our therapeutic performing arts program. The show's themes of friendship, loss, anti-bullying and community mirror what residents explore weekly as they learn to express their emotions through drama.

The event provided valuable therapeutic benefits while the center welcomed our youth and fostered their confidence, independence and belonging. Little Flower is excited about future collaborations, including workshops, backstage tours and vocational exploration opportunities. As one resident exclaimed after the show: "They're singing OUR Curtain Call song!"

Foster Youth Find Opportunities at NY Foundling Career Fair



This month, our coaches accompanied several youth to a Career Fair hosted by the New York Foundling. The event exposed our young people to diverse career paths and professional opportunities they may not have considered before. Our youth engaged enthusiastically with representatives from various industries, asking thoughtful questions and making meaningful connections that could help shape their future aspirations.

New Mural Inspires Youth at St. John's



St. John's has a new mural in their reception area! The new mural captures the core values they uplift every day—bravery, strength, resilience and valor. We hope this vibrant piece sets the tone for a space where youth feel welcomed, inspired, supported and at home. The mural was created by artist Marie Saint-Cyr of [Saint-Cyr Art Studio](#).

Little Flower Youth Make Memories at Brooklyn Nets Game



It was a night of big plays and even bigger smiles as Little Flower youth visited Barclays Center for an unforgettable Brooklyn Nets game experience! The youth cheered on every

basket and created memories that will last a lifetime. Thank you to the Brooklyn Nets Foundation and everyone who made this special outing possible.

Historic Photo Corner



Little Flower's roots run deep! This picture from 1940 shows a group of Little Flower youth enjoying some time playing outside.

Do you have any memorabilia or pictures of Little Flower you could share with us?

We are putting together an archive for our upcoming 100th anniversary! Please upload your digital treasures [here](#), or email hickesk@lfchild.org if you have any questions.

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