



Little Flower Youth Celebrate Graduation



Students at Little Flower's Union Free School District at our Wading River campus celebrated their high school graduation in a memorable ceremony filled with pride and accomplishment. Families gathered to honor the graduates as they received their diplomas, marking the successful completion of their educational journey as they prepare to embark on their next chapter.

Little Flower President and CEO Corinne Hammons serves on the LFUFSD Board of Education and was proud to co-present the first-ever Board award to a graduate, helping to fund additional study and training after graduation.

Congrats to the St. John's Graduates!



On a beautiful, sunny day in June, community members, families and staff gathered in Rockaway Beach to celebrate the accomplishments of youth at St. John's Residence for Boys, Little Flower's affiliate. After a heartfelt graduation ceremony for 8th graders moving up and 12th graders moving on, everyone gathered outside for the annual St. John's Day picnic and community celebration. Attendees sampled food from a taco truck and grill station, played in a bounce house, and even beat the heat with a dunk tank!

RTC Youth Attend Food Festival



The Residential Treatment Center youth had an amazing time at the Famous Food Festival in Deer Park. They explored a variety of delicious cuisines, connected with local vendors, and enjoyed fun activities throughout the day. It was a great opportunity for them to experience community, culture, and of course, great food!

Missouri Youth Services Institute Founder Mark Steward visits St. John's



St. John's Residence for Boys was recently thrilled to welcome [Missouri Youth Services Institute](#) (MYSI) Founder and Director Mark Steward and Chief Operating Officer Alice Steward to the Rockaway Beach location. MYSI is a nonprofit organization that has

received national and international attention as a model state juvenile justice approach; St. John's has been implementing this model with great success since 2012.

They visited to see the team in action as they employed the MYSI model with St John's youth and staff. It was a powerful day of collaboration and affirmation of the meaningful work happening on the ground.

Our thanks to Mark and Alice for their continued partnership and support in helping St. John's strengthen its practice!

Youth Celebrate Pride with Frozen Treats



Summer is heating up, but the youth at the RTC stayed cool with delicious, flavored ice treats in celebration of Pride Month.

Historic Photo Corner



Prominent American civil rights leader Jesse Jackson visited with Little Flower youth in the 1980s. You can see the inspiration in their faces!

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