



A Blooming Success: Little Flower's 2025 Cocktail Reception



On May 15th, Little Flower's supporters and cherished community members gathered for an evening of generosity and celebration at the Garden City Hotel. The 2025 Little Flower Spring Cocktail Reception proudly honored philanthropists Craig and Julie O'Neill while showcasing the remarkable artistic talents of Little Flower youth.

The event featured floral centerpieces hand-painted by our young residents. The brightly colored orchid pots perfectly embodied the spirit of the evening—celebrating potential, passion, and promise.

Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our sponsors, donors, and honorees, Little Flower surpassed its fundraising goal. These vital funds will directly support programming that nurtures creative expression among our youth, ensures they have safe and supportive environments, and empowers our expert staff to continue developing innovative approaches to caring for the children, youth, and families we serve.

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed to making this special evening a resounding success. Your support continues to help Little Flower's community blossom and thrive.

Deputy Mayor Visits Little Flower



Little Flower recently hosted NYC Deputy Mayor of Health and Human Services Suzanne Miles-Gustave at our Bed-Stuy Flagship office! The Deputy Mayor was able to see our therapeutic health and behavioral health offices and book nook. We look forward to continuing to deliver exceptional, evidence-based mental health services to NYC children and youth. Thank you to Deputy Mayor Suzanne Miles-Gustave for taking the time to see all the ways we transform caring into action!

Happy Anniversary to Corinne!



Our President and CEO Corinne Hammons is celebrating a huge career milestone on May 26th, the day that marks her tenth year at Little Flower.

Under her leadership, the organization has grown into a leading mental healthcare provider in New York, kept staff turnover low by introducing staff appreciation committees and initiatives, introduced primary prevention methods like the Family Enrichment Center to

keep families together, and stayed true to the mission during difficult times such as the global Covid-19 pandemic.

During her speech at the Little Flower 2025 Spring Cocktail Reception on May 15th, Corinne noted that she has been the organization's leader for about 10% of its history — "a blip," as she called it.

She shared a list of ten things she learned over her ten years and said, "When in doubt, consult the wisdom St. Therese, the Little Flower. I often read her writings and find a quotation for every occasion."

The quotation she cited reads: "I have found my vocation; it is love."

Congratulations to Corinne on her ten years with Little Flower, and may we have many more years together!

St. John's Needs Your Support for Foster Care Awareness Month



May is Foster Care Awareness Month, and St. John's is dedicated to making sure every youth in our care has a beautiful and welcoming home.

Community involvement is a core value at St. John's. St. John's youth participate in native plant initiatives to learn about and preserve local flora and fauna, and they also help with beach cleanups. Now, it is the St. John's youth who need help from the community.

St. John's has launched an initiative to refresh the campus and create a beautiful new play yard, which will include new and improved basketball courts, an outdoor seating area for sunny classroom days and community events, and garden beds.

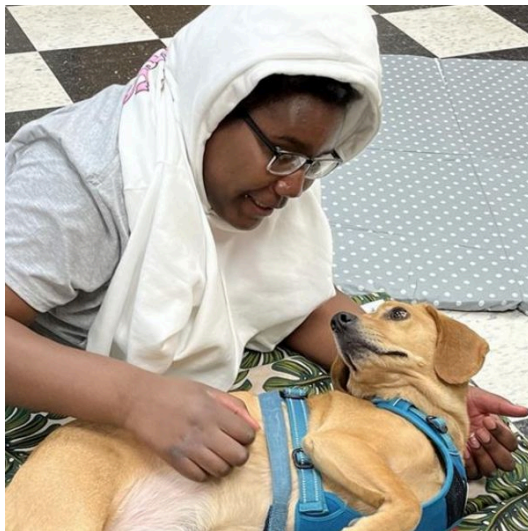
Will you help by making a gift during Foster Care Awareness Month? Your contribution builds nurturing spaces to learn, play, and grow—today and for future generations.

Sacred Heart Catholic Academy Makes Generous Donation to Help Children Adjust to Foster Care



At the end of April, we received a generous donation from Sacred Heart Catholic Academy. They coordinated a donation drive of duffel bags and luggage packed with hygiene items, comfort items, and other essentials. When a child is placed into emergency foster care, they may leave their home quickly without their favorite things. Having a bag to carry their personal items, along with hygiene products and other essentials, make adjustment a little easier.

New Furry Friends Visit Residential Treatment Center (RTC) Youth



The RTC youth got a warm visit from a furry friend named Henry thanks to a community member named Debbie Costa. Debbie lives locally and she and Henry are certified through Alliance of Therapy Dogs, a 100% volunteer-based organization. Debbie and Henry brought plenty of smiles and laughter to the youth.

New Education Funds Now Available for Little Flower Youth



Two generous donors have created an Education Fund to support Little Flower youth by helping cover essential educational expenses and resources.

Founded by one anonymous family in conjunction with Laurie Mangano and Father Charles from the Mater Dei Music Ministry, the initiative aims to increase access to education and life skills that foster self-sufficiency and improve overall well-being.

Through this fund, eligible youth can receive support for:

- Tutoring and academic assistance
- Tuition for specialized courses not covered under education grants
- Laptops and other technology tools
- Educational supplies
- Professional attire for those entering the workforce
- Participation in extracurricular and enrichment activities

We are so grateful to the generous donors who are making this fund possible!

Capital One Hosts Blanket Drive for Little Flower Families



Thank you, Capital One, for generously donating the mountain of soft blankets that our children and families adored! We are so lucky to have a community partner that helps us make sure every child is able to have sweet dreams and cozy nights!

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