



## Fall into Fun: Little Flower Youth Celebrate the Season



Youth at our Residential Treatment Center (RTC) in Wading River have been enjoying a host of fun and educational activities, making the most of the glorious weather we enjoyed this September. They cheered at a Stony Brook football game, made pizza dough at a cooking class, relaxed with some yoga, and participated in a water lantern festival.

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## Founder of 1-800-Flowers Meets with St. John's Youth



The youth at St. John's Residence for Boys had the incredible opportunity to hear from Jim McCann, a former St. John's employee turned founder of 1-800-Flowers. During his inspiring visit, Mr. McCann shared his own journey from working with young people at St. John's to building one of the nation's most recognized brands, emphasizing that success comes from perseverance and believing in yourself. His talk encouraged the youth to dream big and never give up, reminding them that their current circumstances don't define their future potential. Thanks, Mr. McCann, for taking the time to inspire the next generation!

## 28th Annual Golf Classic: A Day of Impact and Celebration



Little Flower's 28th Annual Golf Classic was a tremendous success! We honored long-time Little Flower supporter Lynn Macrone and brought together dedicated community members. Attendees' generosity is directly funding new recreation and wellness programs for children and youth on our Wading River campus. We're thrilled to announce that we raised **more than \$170,000!** Thanks to this community, Little Flower is creating spaces

where young people can play, heal and thrive.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who invested in brighter, healthier futures for the youth we serve! You can view the full gallery of photos from the event on our [website](#).

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St. John's Residence for Boys, Little Flower's affiliate, is revitalizing the campus with a beautiful, new play yard designed with input from the youth. One feature of the [new space](#) will be a mini library where youth can read, learn and rest. To read more about the project, please check out this recent [news story](#)!

We have already started collecting with titles and subjects requested by the youth to distribute immediately at their residence. You can help by [choosing and sending](#) a book today!

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## **Historic Photo Corner**



Fall is the perfect time to get outside and play! These kids looked like they were having a great time at Little Flower back in 1968.

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

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

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