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Little City Invitational Golf Tournament Raises \$350,000, honors Bunzl Distribution's Patrick Larmon for humanitarian efforts



As one of the longest-running fundraising events of its kind, the Little City Foundation Invitational Golf Tournament raised \$375,000 on Aug. 16, making this year's invitational one of the most successful in the

tournament's 47-year history.

More than 200 golfers took part in the event, which has become the organization's most successful fundraiser the last several years. For the third straight year, the invitational took place at the prestigious, 36-hole Twin Orchard Country Club in Long Grove.

"The economy continues to be a challenge for events such as this, but thanks to the ongoing support we receive from philanthropic individuals, businesses and corporations, the Little City Invitational was a great success this year," said Executive Vice President of the Little City Board Ed Hockfield, who co-chaired the event with Jennifer Quinn, a partner in the Chicago law firm of Ungaretti & Harris.

"Our committee worked hard to make the invitational a success, and they once again did a great job this year."

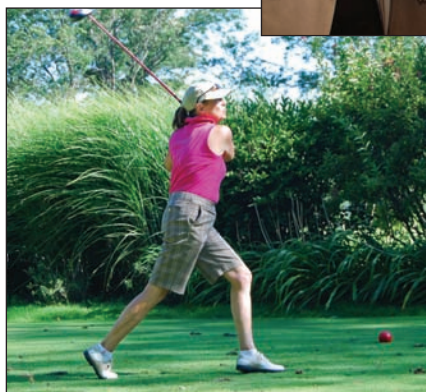
Ed also attributed the success of the tournament to the selection of Patrick Larmon as this year's recipient of the Morrie Kellman Humanitarian Award.

Pat is the President and CEO of Bunzl Distribution USA, Inc., a St. Louis-based distributor of products that includes outsourced food packaging, disposable supplies, and cleaning and safety products. Having played in several Little City Invitational tournaments to support the organization, Pat is very active in community service both in the Chicago and St. Louis areas including serving on the national board of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

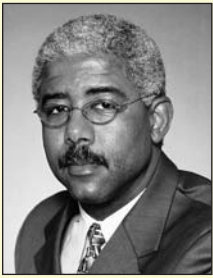
"I am grateful for this honor, and I look forward to supporting Little City in the future as it continues to provide outstanding services to people with disabilities," Pat told the large crowd who gathered for dinner after the tournament play.



Above, Morrie Kellman Humanitarian Honoree Patrick Larmon receives his award and poses with his wife, Executive Director Shawn E. Jeffers at the left, and Event Chairman and VP of the Board Ed Hockfield at the right. At left, a tournament golfer shows off perfect form.



Executive Director's Corner



I can still remember my mother warning me about my choices in life. In her attempt to see that her son would behave himself, she used to say, “Don’t forget, Shawn, you always reap what you sow ... always.” And of course, she was right. Author Stephen Covey referred to this maxim as the “law of the harvest.”

As I reflect on the past year, a time when we celebrated our agency’s historic milestone—50th Anniversary Year, I am drawn back to the idea of the law of harvest. The founding families and the generation that followed made the sacrifices that allowed this organization to prosper and grow. Our special events, public announcements and celebrations have all provided us with the opportunity to acknowledge a half-century of historical achievements and milestones all representing our organizational life cycle.

The timeline presented focuses on the highlights (the “ups”) of our history but fails to fully address the periods of great challenge and uncertainty (the “downs”). Our organization’s life cycle, over the past 50 years, followed a pattern very similar to many other organizations of our time. We had periods where we were up and saw no limits only to be followed by a period or moments where our future was very much in jeopardy. It was during the tough periods that the real work of our founders took hold. They never gave up and they never gave in!

You see, our founding families knew the difference between harvesting and planting. They knew that without pouring their work, wisdom and wealth into the life of this organization, it would fail. They knew that there would be ups and downs but through it all, they raised the funds, plowed the ground, and built the structures that now provide a home for our programs and the people they serve. This year, we celebrated the “harvest” and by doing so, we acknowledge the work and challenges that lie ahead.

The challenge before us is no different from that of the founding families. It is now our turn to “sow” so that the future generation can gain similar benefits. Our previously announced strategic plan provides a roadmap for what path we need to follow to continue this effort. Whereas the first 50 years highlight our success, the next stage of our organization’s life will focus on moving from success to significance.

Management Guru and Author Peter Drucker once said that “success and significance offer many of the same benefits but one brings a better night’s sleep and a true level of contentment. Significance offers contentment because it can only be accomplished outside of one’s self through efforts to improve other peoples’ lives.”

As you visit our campus and other facilities, you will see and hear that the “new” work has already begun.

We opened our Center for Health & Wellness—one of the first on-site medical and dental facilities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Midwest. We even launched our own TV series: Little City TV—The Only Live Autism Awareness Show in Chicago, granting us access to up to one million viewers in the City of Chicago; the series was part of our largest awareness and acquisition campaign in 50 years.

We acquired new talent and strategically expanded our clinical and programs teams. Every day, we continue to develop under our strategic plan and improve the unique programs and supports we provide.

And this month alone, we hosted our first-ever 5K Walk-a-Thon as well as a political forum for other agencies and surrounding communities to better understand the agenda of those that wish to lead us in office.

These are just a handful of initiatives we have in place to increase the level of service we provide to our children and adults—only a number of the many efforts planned to raise funds, awareness, and compassion for our most vulnerable citizens.

As I reflect on what we sowed during our Golden Anniversary year, I am content.

I hope you will join us and help establish a legacy for those in *the next 50 years* who will reap the harvest.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn E. Jeffers".

Shawn E. Jeffers



'Father's Day' becomes historic day for Little City's Joe Dus

Joe Dus walked up to a friend one Monday morning in June and quickly asked, "Guess who I talked with this weekend?" His smile was even bigger than usual, prompting an inquisitive look from his friend. "All right, I give," said the friend. "Who did you talk to this weekend?"

"My biological father," Joe said, as an even bigger grin broke across his face, followed by a little laugh. "I found him through Facebook." As Joe laughed a couple more times, shaking his head in slight disbelief, his friend took in the significance of Joe's "find."

Less than two years ago, Joe had lost both of his adoptive parents: first his mom in October of 2008, followed by his dad in December of 2008. Joe had been adopted by Ray and Rosemary Dus when he was 9 years old. He lived with them until 1994 when Joe came to Little City, his parents realizing it was time for Joe to find a place for his adult years.

For several months after their deaths, Joe, who lives in the Parker Home in Schaumburg, was definitely not the upbeat person he normally is. That first Christmas was hard, as were the following holidays.

Now, the Monday after Father's Day weekend in June, Joe had found a father he had little recollection of in the 30-plus years they had been separated.

Through Facebook, the leader in social interaction, Joe had searched for "Monti," the name of his biological father. A lot of names popped up in the Facebook search, which surprised Joe, but one caught his eye – a Joe Monti who lived in the St. Louis area. Joe knew he was born in that area, so he took a leap of faith.

"I sent him a request to be a friend," Joe said. Joe Monti didn't see the email for a week, since he doesn't log onto his Facebook account every day. After doing a double take, he called to his wife Ginny in the other room. "Take a look at this," he said.

"I thought immediately of what it could be – that it was my son Joe – but I was a little skeptical too," Monti said. "I thought maybe someone knew my history and was trying to pull something on me."

He clicked back on Joe's invite to be a friend and saw a little bit of Joe's personal information. The near-clincher was Joe's birthday. As his emotions swirled, Monti realized that the day he had thought about for more than 30 years, was perhaps coming true—he had found the son he had always wanted to raise... but had to give up.



Arm in arm, Joe Dus smiles for newspaper photographers with his father and newly expanded family.



Newly reunited Little City Resident Joe Dus and biological father laugh together at the Little City Parent, Family Guardian (PFG) picnic; the heart-warming story was featured in major Chicago newspapers.

The doubts were over for both father and son, and during the next few weeks they traded texts and phone calls on a daily basis. To give them an opportunity to meet in person, Joe and his dad finally met face-to-face at the Little City Parent, Family and Guardian (PFG) Annual Picnic on July 18.

In the future, the two Joes are planning a time when Joe can travel down to Missouri and meet his extended biological family, which include uncles, aunts and many cousins, some of whom remember Joe as a youngster.

"I feel like a whole new me and that my world has opened up again," Joe said in his usual soft voice, but with a whole lot more enthusiasm. "I'm really excited about meeting my new family members."

Joe also acknowledges and is thankful for his lifelong (adopted) family—his brother Tony Dus, his guardian, and his nieces and family here in the Chicago area.

And as for Joe and his dad, "Father's Day" will have a whole new meaning.

Volunteers hit the streets for Smiles Tag Days



Hundreds of volunteers took their stations throughout the Chicago area wearing yellow vests handing out yellow, "smiley" stickers to those who had change to spare for children and adults of Little City.

especially with the strong support of volunteers, which increased by nearly 100 percent from last year.

"We had a lot more people help this year than in the past," Maureen said. "And tagging is literally a numbers game—the

Scores of Little City volunteers joined up with staff and residents to collect donations and make this year's 36th annual Smiles Tag Days a big success.

Final donation dollars were not available at press time, but organizer Maureen Coates, Little City's Development Officer, said this year's event was a wonderful effort, especially

more people collecting, the more money we raise. When you realize that every hour a person 'tags' and collects loose change actually results in about \$100 for Little City, you can see how each volunteer is important and how quickly the money can add up."

The event took place from Friday, Sept. 10, through Sunday, Sept. 12.

Volunteers chose from nearly 40 different locations, varying from street corners in 14 different communities, including downtown, to spots at local Walmarts or Jewels.

Volunteering was made much more user-friendly as well with a new website where volunteers could register and even lock in their time slot.

Maureen, Volunteer Manager Kathryn Nelson and their committee wish to thank all who helped in this year's event, and they hope everyone – and even more friends – will take part in next year's Smiles Tag Days.

City Planning

In just six hours, Little City children 'Discover' a new sensory-designed playground on campus

A beautifully designed new playground is now a major focal point of fun, relaxation and sensory stimulation for the children of Little City. Thanks to the equipment designs and project management of KaBOOM!, the financial and volunteer support of Discover Financial Services and the input of the children and staff of Little City, the playground literally sprung up in just six hours on Friday, Sept. 24, providing years of enjoyment for the children. The playground was built with the help of more than 250 volunteers throughout the day.



Little City's Jacob Mosca points to the items he wants on the new playground 250 volunteers built in just six hours.

In Memoriam

Theodora Goldberg, Loving mother of Michael Goldberg, Little City Resident

"This was truly a very sad day not just for the Alexandrou family but for the Little City family as well. Mrs. Goldberg was a close family friend, a loving mother, a true pioneer, tireless fundraiser and devoted advocate for Little City Foundation and the Parent Group. Without parent supporters like her, there would be no Little City today."

—Alex G. Alexandrou, Immediate Past President, Little City Foundation

Theodora "Teddie" Goldberg, nee **Greenstein**, of Glenview, beloved wife and best friend for 61 years of Bernard "Bernie;" loving mother of Michael, Barbara (Marty) Stern and Lee; adored grandma of Meredith (Steve) Manes, Amanda and Marissa Stern; proud great grandmother of Isabella; cherished sister of the late George (late Shirlee) Green; dear sister-in-law of Ethel (late Sam) Bodenstein and the late Elmer (late Shirley) Goldberg; treasured aunt, great aunt and great, great aunt of many passed away on September 1, 2010.

Center for the Arts – Where Creativity Has No Disability



The pieces created in Little City's Center for the Arts are exhibited in some of the most prestigious galleries around the world.

“For the professional artist, the creative process only *begins* in the studio. It continues with the presentation of what is created to a wider world. **All art is a dialogue** between each artist and audience.”

—Frank Tumino, Studio Arts Manager,
Little City Foundation

For the artists at Little City, this is doubly true. Because certain impairments affect Little City's artists' ability to communicate, their means of communication are limited, making the “communicative function of art”

all the more important.

Innovative and groundbreaking, the programs offered at Little City's Center for the Arts are driven by the creativity, ingenuity and talent of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The artists and artwork that have come to light as a consequence of this Center demonstrate exceptional creativity and are widely recognized among the elite in the Outsider Art genre.



Join us at three outstanding opening receptions and exhibitions:



Lori Couvé proudly displays some of her beautifully handcrafted clay pieces inspired by the unique selection of treasures at the Moss store.

- **Lori Couvé at Moss**

September 24 through October 10, 2010

Artist Lori Couvé takes great pleasure in visually describing a variety of objects both natural and man-made discovered at Moss—a hip shop with a selection of Asian antiques, ethnographic art, and vintage textiles as well as Asian-inspired floral arrangements.

- **Critical Mass at Mayslake Peabody Estate**

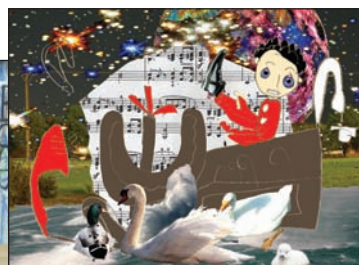
October 6 through November 12, 2010

Little City's award-winning artists will exhibit their work in a dedicated month-long exhibition at the prestigious estate rich with architectural and cultural history. A panel featuring Little City's media arts program will also take place on October 26.

- **Trunk Show at The Workroom**

October 27, 2010

Creating the ultimate couture home interior, the highly acclaimed Workroom Inc. is a full service showroom and design studio based in Chicago that will feature the outstanding textile works of Little City artists. Items for showing will include hand-crafted purses, accessories, dolls, paintings and more.



The Critical Mass exhibit at Mayslake Peabody Estate will feature outsider art produced in Little City's media arts center where artists used computer applications to make their pieces come alive.

Contact info@littlecity.org or check out www.littlecityarts.org and <http://littlecityarts.blogspot.com> for more information.

Cubs treat Little City to afternoon at Wrigley Field

More than 200 Little City residents, family members and friends of our organization enjoyed a beautiful afternoon on Thursday, Aug. 19 at the “friendly confines” of Wrigley Field. And although the Chicago Cubs lost a close 5-3 game to the San Diego Padres, everyone enjoyed a relaxing day at the good, old ballpark.

The Cubs, Major League Baseball and the Players Give Back Program provided the complimentary tickets. The gift served as part of the Cubs’ first-ever “Hope Week” where they honored organizations who serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As part of the outing, Little City resident Nick Diederich and Manager of Internal & Community Relations Rick Johnson joined a group of representatives from other agencies on the field before the game. As Nick said in his usual fashion: “It was awesome!”

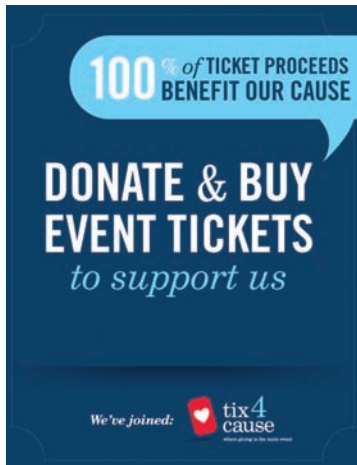
Little City thanks the Chicago Cubs for their generosity and consistent support to our community programs.

To view more pictures of the game, visit Little City’s website on Flickr at www.flickr.com/photos/littlecity.



Little City participants enjoy a sunny afternoon at Wrigley Field. Little City always welcomes in-kind donations such as sporting event tickets for the children and adults it serves.

Little City partners with Tix4Cause.com



Don't let your unused theater, sporting event and concert tickets go to waste when you cannot use them...donate them to Little City! We've partnered with Tix4Cause.com, a ticket exchange website allowing ticketholders to sell unwanted tickets and donate 100% of the proceeds to Little City. Visit www.tix4cause.com to list or purchase tickets to support the hundreds of children and adults at Little City or contact Dana Rice, Director of Strategic Market Engagement at drice@littlecity.org or (847) 221-7806.

To stay on top of Little City news, events and advocacy efforts, join us on our social networks.



PFG annual picnic, golf outing deliver usual fun, food and camaraderie

Two beautiful, sunny days greeted the annual summer events of the Parent, Family and Guardian (PFG) Group Annual Picnic and golf outing, resulting in two days of fun, food and meeting old – and new – friends of Little City.

The golf outing was up first on Sunday, June 27, and more than 60 golfers turned out for the PFG Ted Arndt Memorial Golf Tournament at Highland Woods Golf Course in Hoffman Estates, all with the goal of raising money for Little City and the hundreds of residents and clients it serves.

When the day ended under warm, sunny skies – after starting with a heavy rain storm in the morning – the group had raised \$19,000.

Led by PFG President Gil Fergus, the many members of the golf committee did a wonderful job of coordinating the day's activities. Players not only played a team scramble format, but they also enjoyed many “mini-competitions” during the round, competing in long-drive and closest-to-the pin contests, as well as “beat the pro” and hole-in-one events.

A special thanks to sponsors David Figlioli of Morici, Figlioli & Associates, Dahlberg Associates and the Phillip Carpenter Amvets Post 66 for their sponsorship of this year's tournament.

The PFG Picnic took place a few weeks later on July 18 in the grove at Little City Foundation's Palatine Campus, and this day was perfect from the start. More than 300 family and friends were in attendance to enjoy plenty of brats, burgers and hot dogs to quench the hunger. For games, there was Hula Hoops, air guitar battles and water balloon tossing, along with plenty of dancing to the tunes of a DJ in the courtyard.

“We're here to have fun, and that's the only order for the day,” said a smiling Shawn Jeffers, Executive Director for Little City.

PFG President Gil Fergus also thanked the crowd for coming out and encouraged them to take part in the day's activities.



The annual PFG picnic provides an opportunity for all participants and their loved ones to appreciate the beautiful, green campus and more importantly, the feeling of hospitality and family at their home. Parents and family members also have an opportunity to network and discuss how they can contribute individual talents and resources to support Little City.



Little City hosts Disabilities Forum, political leaders share perspectives

On Wednesday, Oct. 6, Little City hosted its constituents, other human service agencies, the media and general members of the community at its “Candidates Forum on Disabilities” in an effort to better understand the disabilities agenda of those who wish to lead us in political office.

Coordinated by Little City and the “North/Northwest Cook County and Lake County Work Group for the Statewide Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities,” the Forum

generated awareness and crystallized many of the voting issues citizens are faced with.

The group focused on local, state and federal issues relevant to the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities, sharing information and addressing common concerns.

If you would like to volunteer in future Little City advocacy efforts, please contact Rick Johnson at 847-221-7831 or rjohnson@littlecit.org.

City Guide: Upcoming Events

51st Little City Annual Dinner Gala

November 6, 2010 | Museum of Science and Industry

Join us for a magical evening of cocktails, dinner and dancing at the brand new “Science Storms” exhibit and help us kick off the *next 50 years* with continued advancement and success.

Your presence and support will make you a *champion* in the eyes of hundreds of children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Attendees will feel the physics and consider the chemistry of natural phenomena like tornados and avalanches while dancing and dining at Little City's 51st Annual Dinner Gala.



TIME 6:30 to 10:30 p.m.

LOCATION Museum of Science and Industry
5700 South Lake Shore Drive | Chicago, IL 60637

847.221.7892 | www.littlecity.org/gala

Spread Holiday Cheer, Little City Style

As a new season has fallen upon us, we are reminded that the winter holidays are quickly approaching. Purchase Little City holiday cards and introduce your family, friends and business contacts to the wonderful talents of Little City artists. Each of the 5 designs are packaged with 25 cards and envelopes and are priced at \$30/package (plus Shipping & Handling). For more details visit www.littlecity.org/cards, or contact Julee Schmaus, Business Development Manager at jschmaus@littlecity.org or (847)221-7888 for bulk ordering or custom imprinting.

SEASON'S GREETINGS



PENGUIN FRIENDS



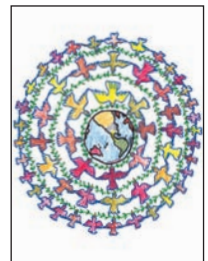
SNOW GLOBE



CHRISTMAS IN CHICAGO



PEACE AROUND THE WORLD



Save the Date

Little City Fashion Show
March 4, 2011



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