



## November 2024 Newsletter



### HALLOWEEN FUN



**Trunk-or-Treat:** We had several trunk or treat events on both campuses this year. Terre Haute Campus had many community partners join us in providing a safe and fun event for our students. The staff and youth enjoyed parading around campus collecting treats at each trunk.



NWI Knights of Columbus councils gathered to support the trunk or treat event on our Campagna Campus and hosted a chili supper for our children and staff afterwards. Oh, what fun it was to see our Knights dressed up in costumes and having fun with our kids.



### More Halloween Fun ...

Terre Haute Campus had a fall festival for our youth which included games, treats, and mindfulness activities. The most popular game to play was "Pie in the Face"! Jennifer Hatfield and Jennifer Comer from our medical team were great sports as the kids tossed pies at them! Our clinical, residential and maintenance staff did an amazing job creating a haunted house for our Campagna youth. Thank you to all who helped make Halloween so special for all our children.

The Title 1 students from BS, BN, and GW painted tiny pumpkins for Halloween. The staff voted on their favorite pumpkins. The student with the most votes received a Halloween book and candy.



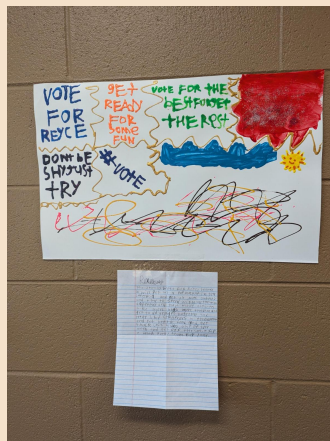
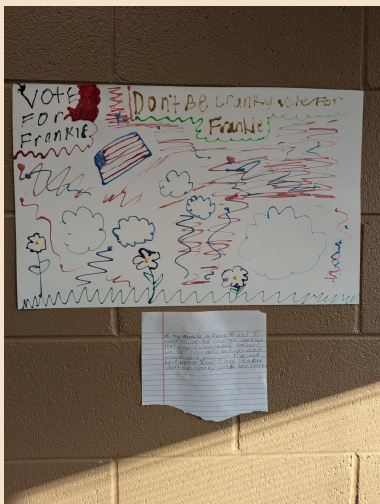
### Staff Fall Festival

Our staff fall festival was held to say thank you to our staff and to give opportunities for our board members to interact with staff and their families. This was one of our best attended fall festivals with approximately 150 people in attendance. Our staff and their families had a fun evening with food and activities. The staff had the opportunity to win raffle and door prizes that were purchased with Gibault's Visa points.





**Student Council elects new members** for the Campagna Campus. The newly elected members were selected from the posters they created. This is a great way for the kids to build a sense of community. Below are 3 new representatives. Congratulations!



### Campagna Campus Improvements

The inside of children's units at Campagna will soon be painted and decorated with new pictures. This was made possible due to generous donations from the Knight's appeal.

The Hope Center roof at Campagna was recently replaced. This was made possible by a grant from the John Anderson Foundation.

### Terre Haute Campus Happenings

The Terre Haute Clinical team recently added a morning reflection assignment for each dormitory. This provides our youth with an opportunity to reflect on

how they wish for their day to proceed. This has been a wonderful new activity for the kids.

Due to the increased acuity of youth entering into residential treatment programs, we are looking to rearrange how we conduct business, which is in the best interest and safety for youth. For example, instead of walking our youth across campus to participate in haircuts, we may bring the hairstylist into the unit instead.

We have updated our Welcome Center activities so our visitors and families will have more options to keep youth entertained while visiting. We added an indoor basketball game, several board games, indoor corn hole, and many puzzles. We hope this will make campus visits fun for the kids and their loved ones.

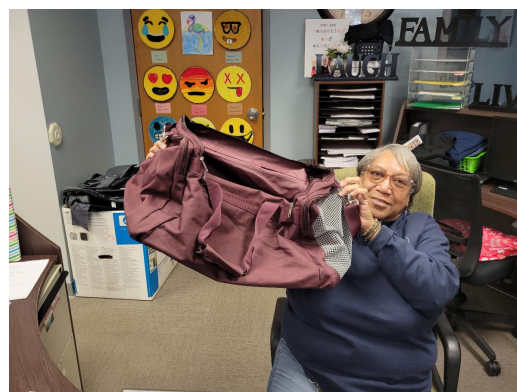
## We ♥ our Knights

We made a mistake! Schererville Council #12177 supported the cookout and Rail Cats ball game in partnership with Highland Council #16008 in September. We missed thanking them in our last issue of the newsletter.



A special thanks to our K of C friends from Council #6955 (Monticello) for the huge delivery of suitcases. Thank you for keeping our children ready to travel.

K of C Council #9400 donated many duffle bags to our children. Often our kids arrive on our campuses with their belongings in trash bags. It is our goal for no kid to leave without having appropriate bags to carry their belongings. Pictured is Ms. Singleton accepting the donation.







Jasper K of C Council #1584 hosted a chili luncheon on our Terre Haute campus and brought special guest Merlin, a service dog who brought smiles and comfort to some of our children and staff.

Highland K of C Council #16008 invited our Campagna children to their inside trick or treat event where Fr. Gregory included his special pet, Lucious. The kids enjoyed dressing up, getting loaded down with candy and learning all about the snake.



Council #1131, Princeton, hosted a Columbus Day dinner with their local Masons where Melissa Reed was the keynote speaker. She was given over an hour to present and answer questions in hopes to educate and update both groups on Gibault's services and mission.



St. Mary Men's Club in Griffith Indiana invited Melissa Reed to join them for their monthly meeting to discuss Gibault and our merger with Campagna Academy. We look forward to participating in some of their upcoming events with our Campagna children!

## Christmas is right around the corner!

**Knights Pizza Parties – December 26, 2024 – 12pm – 2pm.** The goal of the day after the Christmas parties is for Knights and their families to surprise each child with a Christmas stocking filled with candy and a gift. The Knights will provide pizza at lunchtime for everyone. After lunch, some quality time will be shared with our children who could not go home for Christmas.

If you or members of your council would like to attend the party, please email [melissa.reed@gibault.com](mailto:melissa.reed@gibault.com) with how many people will be coming by **December 19th**. It is important to register so we have enough food and seating for everyone.

Your **monetary support** of this program enables the councils to purchase the gifts and food:

### Terre Haute Campus

Please direct your gifts to **St. Mother Theodore Guerin Council #541, P.O. Box 7062, Terre Haute, IN 47802.**

### Campagna Campus

Please direct your monetary gifts to **K of C Council #16008, 9640 Kennedy Ave., Highland, IN. 46322.**

## CHRISTMAS GIFT DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

**December 7 – 9am – noon (central time) AND December 17 - noon - 4pm** Campagna Center, 7403 Cline Ave. Schererville, In. 46375

**December 13-16 – St. Louis DE Montfort Church, 11441 Hague Rd, Fishers, IN** during the Indiana Knights of Columbus state council's mid-year meeting.

**Friday, December 12 - 3pm - 5pm**

**Saturday, December 13 - 9am - 11:30am**

**Sunday, December 15 - 9am - 11am**

**Christmas General Wish List** – Friends always ask how they can help make Christmas bright for our youth at Gibault. Below is a list of the gifts most asked for by our kids.

Thank you for making Christmas a joyous time for our children!



# Christmas at Gibault 2024



The following items are on our kids' wish lists and make great gifts!

### Electronics

Portable DVD players (without Wi-Fi access)  
FM Radios – “boom boxes”  
Nintendo Switches (used as DORM presents – not individual gifts)

### Arts and Crafts

Diamond Paintings (found at Hobby Lobby or Amazon)  
Coloring books for all ages  
Slime and Play Doh kits

### Games

Magic the Gathering Cards  
Pokémon Cards  
Board games  
Card games

### Clothing

Nike, Adidas, or Under Armor Shirts ( t-shirts, crew sweatshirts, shorts, please no hoodies )  
Nike “Slides” (sandals) (variety of adult sizes)

### Hygiene

Bodywash gift sets (Old Spice, Axe)

### Toys

Lego kits (Minecraft, Marvel, etc.)  
Remote Control cars  
Squishmallows  
Magnetic tiles  
Transformers  
K'nex building sets

### Books

Goosebumps Series  
Hunger Game Series  
“I Survived” Series  
Warriors Series  
The Lunar Chronicles by Marissa Meyer  
Magic Tree House Series  
Pokémon Books  
The Shadow and Bone Trilogy by Leigh Bardugo  
Twilight Series  
Harry Potter Series

### Girl Specific Gifts

Spa related stuff (Nail Polish, Face Masks)  
Make up kits  
Scrunchies  
Hairbrushes  
Body mist  
Fuzzy slippers  
Journals

### Recreation Supplies

Sports equipment (basketballs, kickballs, soccer, volleyball)  
Fishing poles  
Tackle boxes

**\*Please Note: this list is for children on both of our campuses. Most of our youth are ages 12 -17, there are no more than 32 girls on our campuses\***

*The above is the most asked for things from our kids for Christmas. We always accept new puzzles, board games, sports balls, new sweatshirts with tags still attached in adult sizes without hoods, and art supplies.*

**Thank you for making a difference!**

Our *Messenger* is available online. Please go to [Messenger - Gibault Children's Services](#) to read about all the happenings from the last year.



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