

## May 2025 Newsletter

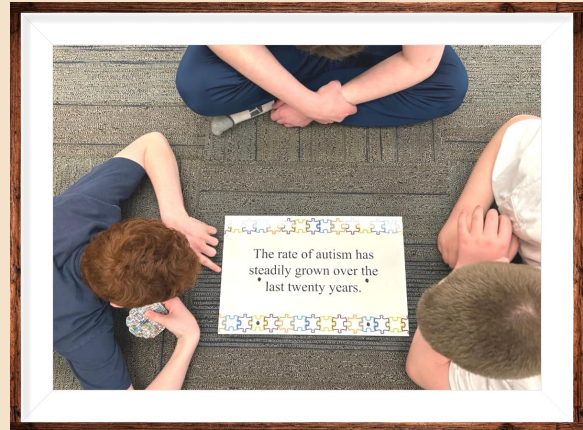
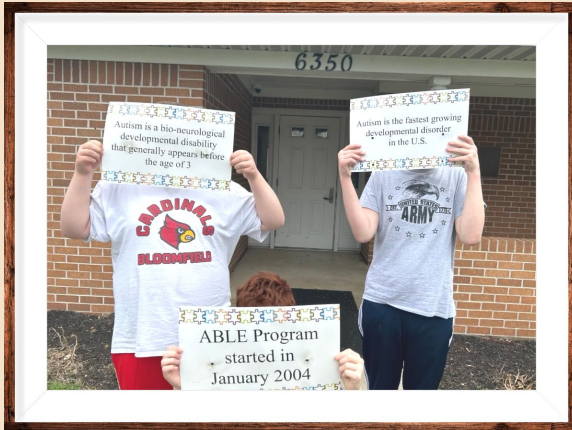


**COMING SOON** to our websites – the *Gibault Messenger*. See what we've been up to on our campuses, learn more about the Odyssey House sober living program, and see our updated facelift at McGivney.

### **ABLE Celebrates Autism Awareness Day**

On Autism Awareness Day, the ABLE Program came together in a beautiful display of support and solidarity by releasing blue balloons into the sky. The color blue, recognized around the world as a symbol for autism awareness, carried with it our collective hope for greater understanding, acceptance, and inclusion. This simple yet powerful gesture reminded us that every person with autism brings unique strengths and perspectives. At ABLE, we celebrate neurodiversity and continue our mission to build a more inclusive community where everyone can thrive.

Thank you to everyone who participated and showed their support. Together, we rise—for awareness, for acceptance, and for the incredible individuals we serve.



**Gibault Raffle Winners**

Grand Prize \$5000.00 - Wally & Janet Stoffel - Huntington  
 2nd Prize \$1000.00 - Kevin Kruer  
 3rd Prize \$750.00 - Bernie Bray - Terre Haute  
 4th Prize \$500.00 - David Meyer - Batesville  
 5th Prize \$500.00 - Greg Blaskey - East Chicago  
 6th Prize \$250.00 - Ray Rexing  
 7th Prize \$250.00 - Andrew Stein - Fort Wayne  
 8th Prize - \$250.00 - Gerald Murphy - Garrett  
 9th Prize \$250.00 - Olivia Van Horn - Greenwood  
 10th Prize \$250 - Leon Sanchez

1148 Annual Meeting April 2021

## State Convention

The Indiana Knights of Columbus State Convention was held in French Lick this year. Thank you to all who attended and participated in the raffle. Congrats to the winners!



## Staff Treat from Bugby Kids

The staff were treated to tacos and a lemonade stand from the Bugby kiddos. The Bugby North kids made tacos and chips and salsa, and Bugby South kids made lemonade. The kids had a great time decorating the "taco truck" and setting up the lemonade stand. The staff enjoyed the special treat.



## Student Spotlight - Terre Haute

Name: Colton

Age: 17

Grade: 11th

Colton enjoys riding his dirt bike and drawing. His favorite subject in school is English. Colton's favorite teacher is Mr. Warford because he is down to earth and very relatable. Colton's favorite color is purple, and favorite animal is the hyena because they live in the desert and run in packs. He loves playing with his 6 dogs at home. He enjoys playing basketball. Colton loves to eat squid.

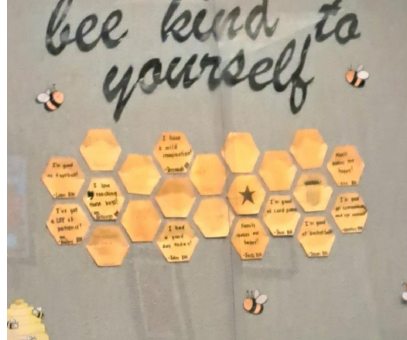
When Colton grows up, he wants to become an ENT and a tattoo artist. He says that his friends and family motivate him to be better. While here at Gibault it has opened doors for his future. He highly recommends Gibault because it has helped him focus on the better him.



## Terre Haute Welcome Center

As May is Mental Health Awareness Month, Ms. Sharon Dartz-Wood has decorated the Welcome Center door. The kids and teachers wrote one kind thing about themselves to add to the board.





## Campagna Campus Happenings

The kids enjoyed decorating Easter cookies in preparation for the Easter bunny to come. It might have been a little messy, but they had a great time. More Campagna Campus happenings below.



Schererville K of C Council #12177 delivered Easter baskets to the kids at Campagna. We are thankful for the extra help as we celebrate the holidays on campus.



The children celebrated earth day with a special treat from our kitchen staff. What a fun way to "dig into" the holiday!

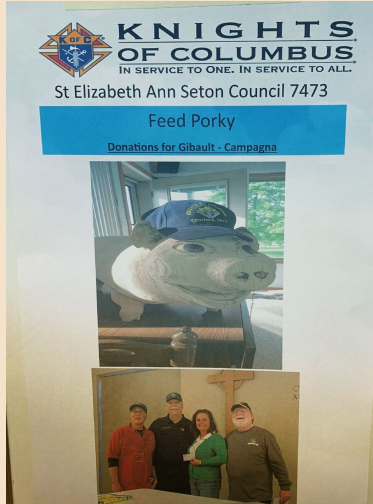


The new movie theater located in the gym at Campagna hosted a grand opening. The kids and staff stopped by the concession stand on their way in to get a snack. This space is a fun reward for the kids and teaches social skills on how to behave during a movie. The funds raised were made possible by the Knights Appeal which launched last July.

## Knights News



K of C Council #11044 donated 25 suitcases to our children when they attended the charity basketball game. We appreciate our kids being able to take their belongings home in proper luggage and not in trash bags.



Crown Point Council #7473 hosted a fish fry during lent. They asked for donations via "feeding Porky" which is a large piggy bank they set out by the Gibault display. This is testament to the many ways funds can be raised to benefit our children.



Kokomo Knights will be hosting their annual golf tournament to benefit our youth. Please sign up and SWING for a good cause!

## Spring Appeal



## Gibault Children's Services

Providing life-changing opportunities for children, adults, families and communities.

Dear Life-Changing Supporter,

April 23, 2025

Gibault aims to provide safe, stable, and nurturing environments where children can safely live, learn, and play. Life-changing opportunities come in many forms and we must meet the unique and diverse needs of those in our care. We are proud to provide the highest level of treatment services to children and donations of all sizes aid in achieving this goal.

Here is what a few of our students say about Gibault:

Bethany is a 17-year-old on our Terre Haute Campus. She is in the 11th grade and enjoys doing paint by diamonds and sleeping. Her favorite subject is math. Since Bethany has been at Gibault, she states she has learned coping skills and how to work through her anger issues. She would highly recommend Gibault to others because of the success she has had so far. She says the staff are great and are there for her when she needs it.

Nate is a 14-year-old on our Campagna Campus in Schererville, IN. He is in the 7th grade and enjoys coloring. His favorite subject is math. Nate enjoys playing football and eating pizza. Since Nate has been with us, he states he would recommend Gibault/Campagna because it has helped him. He becomes more motivated when he is told how well he is doing.

**The success of these students and our programs are made possible through our donors and special friends!**

Through the years your support has helped us achieve the following: construction of a splash-pad, new playground, necessary fencing, new dormitory furniture, and construction of a new movie theater. Our children and staff are pleased to have new additions to both our campuses but this year we would like to focus on our "annual fund."

Residential treatment facilities are facing many new challenges in an ever-changing climate. Many are still feeling the sting of the effects COVID-19 had on the workforce. Struggling with staff shortages means we have a significant drop in our census. Each day we are blessed with the love and support necessary for us to continue doing amazing work as seen above by Bethany and Nate.

This year, we are asking for donations that are not earmarked for any specific program or purpose, but to use where funding is needed most. This may be special dorm activities, outings, holiday celebrations, and hosting events on both our campuses. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 by the 4th of July!

**Would you be able to make a generous gift today?**

Warmly,

Melissa Reed  
Fund Development Director

P.S. - Gibault has served over 11,170 youth since our inception in 1921. Your generous gift will directly provide life-changing opportunities for children in our care today!



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## Retirement Celebration at the Campagna Campus

On May 15th, the Campagna staff hosted a retirement party for Dan Banaszak.

Dan, pictured below, was with us for 22 years and 7 months. He will be missed around campus, but we wish him the best in the next chapter of his life. Thank you for your years of dedication and service!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**May 6th**

**Campagna Campus clean up and cookout**



May 15th  
Gibault's 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble

September 4th  
Fr. Campagna Birthday Celebration and Spaghetti Dinner

September 27th  
"Envoy" Conference

October 28th  
Knights Trunk or Treat event at Campagna

November 8th  
Campagna Ladies Luncheon

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