

Infant Welfare Society of Evanston



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There is Still Time!

If you haven't made your year-end gift yet, there is still time to donate to IWSE through the secure server on our website.
www.iwse.org/giving-back/donate/

All donations support IWSE's early childhood education and family support programs. Thank You!

Building Our Future

IWSE Celebrates 100 years of services and launches an endowment fund

The Infant Welfare Society of Evanston (IWSE) welcomed more than 175 guests to our **Centennial Celebration** on Monday, November 4, 2013 at FOUND Kitchen and Social House. This splendid evening drew two former IWSE Executive Directors, past Society members, volunteers, and friends old and new to celebrate and commemorate IWSE's 100 years of commitment to at-risk children and families. Guests viewed the Centennial exhibit showcasing our history and evolution since our founding in 1913, and watched a new video highlighting our impact on our community. The spirit of this night provided energy and momentum to launch our next 100 years! Photos of the event and the video are now posted on our website at <http://www.iwse.org/about/media-gallery/>.



(Clisson Rexford, Jack Jadel, and IWSE board member Jim Jackson)

The highlight of the evening was the announcement of a \$50,000 gift from the Jadel Youth Fund to seed an endowment fund. Moved by IWSE's mission and solid history of addressing needs within the community, the Jadel Youth Fund's donation is intended to ensure IWSE's next 100 years. Our endowment fund will help safeguard our ability to offer access to high quality early care and education for every child, regardless of their socio-economic level. Jack and Louise Jadel were first introduced to IWSE over a year ago. In addition, Jack's late wife, Miriam, was an active IWSE volunteer for many years.

At the event, an ambitious goal was launched to match the Jadel Youth Fund gift by the end of our fiscal year in June, 2014. Through the generosity of many guests at the Centennial event, an additional \$26,800 was pledged towards this goal. We are honored by the Jadel Youth Fund's partnership as we look to our next century of service.



(IWSE board member Carolyn Mattox and Colleen Westerfield)

Check Out Our Exhibit!

The Centennial Exhibit showcasing IWSE's history will be on display at First Bank & Trust's main branch from January 1 - 14, 2014..

We are grateful for the support of so many individuals who made our **Centennial Celebration** a success. Special thanks go to our event sponsors: Mrs. Faye Barreca, Laura and Kent Born, DBS Microsystems, Kelly Epstein, First Bank & Trusts, Mrs. Mary Galvin, Make it Better, Jane Neumann and Steve Bogira, NorthShore University HealthSystem, Presence St. Francis Hospital, Gene Servillo and Rosie Rees, Edwin Smolevitz and Rhonda Stein, Molly and Keith Veneziano, and Walgreens.

For more information about the endowment and other giving opportunities, please contact Jennifer Riskind, Director of Development & Communications at 847-491-9650.

Family Spotlight

A family says goodbye and thank you, part 2

From time to time, as a family leaves IWSE, we have the opportunity for an interview. We spoke with both of Tez's parents, Maricela and Orlando. Maricela's interview ran in our September, 2013 Newsletter. Orlando shares his experience with IWSE below:

"This is a really good place, the best experience I have had in any child care and early education setting. I have spent time in child care with my nieces and nephews. IWSE teachers are dedicated, and handle children differently than other places.

"There has been such a big change in my son since I left for basic training at Fort Benning, GA. He is more bonded to his teachers, has made friends, knows where to go for help, and who he can count on. I am amazed at how much he has learned. He is expressing his feelings and emotions; he is using words to ask for what he wants. He has matured so much in a short time. I can really notice a difference. He knew I was gone and he was sad, and now he is happy I am home. It meant a lot to me to get the poster his teachers made at school - I had it on my locker to remind me of my son.



(Maricela, Orlando and Tex)

"When my wife and son came to visit me on the base, Tez wanted to find me right away. He was very comfortable asking base personnel for help, asking "Where's my dad?" in Spanish and English. He was so confident and sure he could get the help he needed. He trusts that people will help him and he can get what he needs from them.

"From the time we have been here, the staff has been wonderful, great - they gave us extra help and support as new parents - they were beyond helpful. They coached us, told what to look for in his development and how to encourage and support this development. When I first went to basic training, I looked at centers near the base and did not want that for my son - their ratio is 1:10 and he would not receive the attention he received at IWSE - he would just become a rule follower - sit down, do this, eat this - and I wanted more for him. I have gotten that for him here. I know what to look for when we get to Colorado. IWSE has been a really good experience."

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