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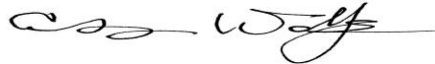
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From the Desk of our Executive Director

Spring has come early to Evanston this year. This is wonderful for our programs, as the children can be outside exploring nature and using their muscles to run, climb and ride trikes. Everyone loves being outside!

I am continually reminded of the impact that high quality care has on a child and family. Just this morning I was talking to a mother whose sister had to remove her son from 3 different centers because they kept feeding her child a food he was allergic to. That is unacceptable. At Infant Welfare Society of Evanston, we pay close attention to every child's dietary needs, as well as what is going to give each child the best opportunities to succeed in school and life. Starting early, as young as 6 weeks old, we help children develop social skills that they will need to get along with others, language skills so they can communicate, and a love of literature so that they too will be able to understand what they are reading. We know that our low income children face odds for academic achievement that are challenging. Yet we believe that providing a solid foundation for them and their families will make a huge difference in their lives. We want every child to enter school on a level playing field, just as prepared as every other child.

Lofty, but not unreasonable, goals. Every child in our community deserves the best. We can do this with your support. If you would like to learn more about our programs, please call us for a tour. You can also visit our website <http://www.iwse.org/> for additional information. Finally, you can become involved through board or committee service or as a volunteer. We value everyone's help.



Cass Wolfe

The Next Generation of Philanthropic Leaders

IWSE a beneficiary of this year's Cotillion.

The Infant Welfare Society of Evanston has been chosen as the recipient of a grant from the 2012 Cotillion. A check presentation was held in February at Teen Baby Nursery, with several of the Cotillion Board members and their parents in attendance. Their generosity and hard work resulted in a \$5,500 donation to support early childhood education and parenting support for teen moms attending Evanston Township High School and their children.



Cotillion board members present the check to Executive Director Cass Wolfe and Teen Baby Nursery Manager Kamilah Wilson.

Every winter, Juniors and Seniors at Evanston Township High School plan Cotillion – an independent formal dance. The dance is planned and implemented by a student board, and while all the students on the board attend ETHS, the board and event are not sponsored by the school. After the dance each year, that year's board invites new members for the next year.

And while the dance itself is the end goal of the board, participation in the planning and implementation of the event builds leadership skills and fosters commitment to community and philanthropy.

Each year the Cotillion Board chooses two charities to be the beneficiaries of funds raised through the event. The students research local nonprofit organizations and choose ones that have missions and programming that resonates with them, and this year the Infant Welfare of Evanston was fortunate to have Teen Baby Nursery be chosen as one of the recipients of Cotillion. IWSE is very grateful for the support of the Cotillion Board, and proud of the next generation of Evanston leaders.

7th Annual Hat Tea

Event Spotlight

Hat Tea

The Infant Welfare Society of Evanston (IWSE) will be holding its seventh annual Hat Tea fundraising event on Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the Hilton Orrington Hotel from 3-5pm. The Hat Tea invokes the roots of the 99 year old organization, which was founded by an all-woman board, and is a wonderful opportunity for multiple generations of daughters and mothers to spend the afternoon together. All proceeds from the event will benefit IWSE's programs providing high-quality early childhood education and family support services for teen parents and low-income families with young children in the city of Evanston and the surrounding communities.



Young guests at the 2011 Hat Tea

This year's Hat Tea celebrates Fairy Princesses. The event will feature High Tea at Evanston's historic Hilton Orrington Hotel, live music, entertainment and crafts, a Tiara decorating station, an on-site salon and more. The Hat Tea will conclude with a Tiara Procession around the Grand Ballroom. Last year's tea sold out, so get your tickets now! Tickets for the event are \$50/ adult, \$40/child, and \$500 for a reserved table which seats eight. For more information or to register for the hat tea contact Jennifer Riskind at (847) 491-9650 or visit www.iwse.org

IWSE's Centennial Approaches

Celebrating 100 years of service to our community

In 1913, volunteers began distributing milk to impoverished families with infants and toddlers. And thus the Infant Welfare Society of Evanston was born. Next year will mark the centennial anniversary of IWSE. Plans are underway to launch a year-long celebration commemorating 100 years of service to the community.

Did you or a family member attend Baby Toddler Nursery or Teen Baby Nursery? Perhaps you have photos of events from family members who were on the board of directors or part of the auxiliary. We would love for past volunteers, board, auxiliary and community members who were involved with IWSE to share their memories, connect us to other past members, and/or get involved in our Centennial committee.

If you have memories or memorabilia to share, or are interested in helping the community commemorate this important anniversary, please contact Jennifer Riskind, IWSE's Director of Development & Communications at 847-491-9650 or at <mailto:jriskind@iwse.org> Let the celebrations begin!



Infant Welfare Volunteers Celebrate Baby Week Year Around

A photo from the historical archives

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