



Dear Friends,

I hope all is well with you and your families and that you are staying warm this winter! In follow-up to our recent February meeting, our parent and guardian group will gather next in April -- keep an eye out for more information to come!

Participant News & Activities. This next month, "After Hours" programming will be held from 3pm-7pm on March 7th and 21st at our Oak Park Lifelong Learning Center. Learn more at www.oak-leyden.org/afterhours. Children's Services continues to hold drop-in playgroups for children from birth to age five each Wednesday from 9:15am-10:15am.

Staffing Update. Sandy Vanoskey left her position as Oak-Leyden's Director of Community Living Services to become a State Administrator at the IL Department of Human Services. Sue Bultman, a consultant from Kistner Eddy Executive Services, will serve as our interim director.

Supporting Oak-Leyden. A Heart and Sole Shoe Drive will begin starting in April -- stay tuned for details. This past month, family members Dale Gapinski, Anastasie M. Sénat, and David & Darlene Wyosnick made contributions. Learn more about giving opportunities for parents and guardians at www.oak-leyden.org/guardians.

Please feel free to share your ideas or concerns with our team at (708) 524-1050 ext. 136. Together, we'll continue to transform lives and make Oak-Leyden even stronger!

Warmest wishes,

Bertha G. Magaña, Chief Executive Officer

OAK-LEYDEN UNMASKED RESULTS



Oak-Leyden met its day-of financial goals at its annual fundraiser, Oak-Leyden Unmasked, held at Carnivale Chicago on February 1st.

Voices of Oak-Leyden, conducted by Terrance Baines, performed two songs for an engaged audience.



Lifelong Learning participant Salim Elddine was honored at Oak-Leyden Unmasked with a Mighty Oak Award. The award was presented by Chuck Nilles, Director of Vocational Services.



Adults in our **Lifelong Learning Centers** wore red to celebrate Valentine's Day. They enjoyed snacks, dancing, and other holiday-themed fun. Some even took part in our After Hours programming, visiting the Art Institute of Chicago for a fantastic field trip! **Children's Services** held a Valentine's Day party where kids sang songs, exchanged valentines, and ate heart-shaped cookies. The kids also made foxes out of construction paper hearts.