



Dear Friends,

Snow has fallen and winter seems to be upon us! I hope you are each safe and warm, have enjoyed the Thanksgiving season, and are looking forward to the holidays ahead.

**Participant News & Activities.** In celebration of Abilities Month, Horace Mann Elementary School in Oak Park invited the Oak-Leyden adult choir, Voices of Oak-Leyden, to perform. They also performed publicly at the Forest Park Holiday Walk and can be seen at a holiday concert on Monday, December 17 at 6:30pm at the Oak Park Main Library. Oak Park Lifelong Learning continues to host special "After Hours" activities and field trips on select dates for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities ages 18 and older. Children's Services will host a free winter party for children ages five and under and their families on December 19th at 9:15am at 411 Chicago Avenue.

**Staffing Updates.** Latasha Mallory has been promoted to the position of Program Manager/QIDP at Elmwood Park Lifelong Learning and Michelle Reynolds has been hired as Program Manager/QIDP at Oak Park Lifelong Learning. We also welcome Ariella Chavarria as the new speech-language therapist in our Children's Services.

**Board Member News.** Oak-Leyden is excited to welcome a new Board Member, Jennifer Doyle. We also announce the confirmation of Board Member Tony Rodriguez as our new Board Secretary.

**Supporting Oak-Leyden.** This past month, family members Sharon Dault, Dale Gapinski, Laura and Robert Gerstner, Anastasie Sénat, Celine Wojcik, and David & Darlene Wyosnick, made contributions. Learn more about special giving opportunities for parents and guardians at [www.oak-leyden.org/guardians](http://www.oak-leyden.org/guardians).

Please feel free to share your ideas or concerns with our team at (708) 524-1050 x136. Together, we'll continue to transform lives and make Oak-Leyden even stronger!

Warm wishes,

Bertha G. Magaña, Chief Executive Officer



A group of Oak-Leyden participants loved the lanes at Hillside Bowl! They enjoyed spending time together and showing us their skills during the trip!



**8PM**  
**Tuesday, December 11**  
**Hamburger Mary's**  
**155 S. Oak Park Ave,**  
**Oak Park, IL 60302**

**Win Great Prizes &**  
**Support Oak-Leyden!**