

WE'RE THE GOOD NEWS!

April 2021

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS:

It is with a joyful spirit that I wish all of you a Happy Spring! Spring is a time of renewal when all that was barren comes alive in remarkable beauty. It serves as a reminder that when we put our trust and lives in God's precious hands, he makes all things new and can turn the most significant challenges into the most amazing blessings. Spring is also a time of planting. Here at the Guardian Angel Society, we are thrilled to be planting along with all of you seeds of hope, opportunity, education, inspiration, and peace.

So with a truly thankful heart, I would like to dedicate this newsletter to all of you, our faithful donors and volunteers, for being the reason we were able to call this past year the "year of silver linings." A year where we came together in unity and continued to grow as an organization. We expanded our scholarship program, our board of directors, our staff, and our relationships with our students, schools, and so much more because of you, our loyal and generous followers. With an abundance of love and gratitude, we thank you for continuing to sow with us the beautiful garden of education. We have so much more planting and reaping to do, and we know with your continued support, together, we can bring light and jubilation to the world, one child at a time.

Gratefully Yours,



Sarah Jane Ioele, Executive Director



Celebrating Spring at
THE INN BETWEEN

Chef/Owner, Christopher Cesta of the renowned Inn Between Restaurant in Camillus, NY, was a long-standing friend of Father Champlin's and has always been a massive supporter of the Guardian Angel Society. He has worked diligently to keep the memory of Father alive, for his grace, wisdom, and dedication to serving God are qualities Chef Cesta cherishes. Their friendship was pure and true. The Society's mission to help children receive a robust Catholic education is something the two bonded over. Thirteen years after Father's death, Chef Cesta still finds the Society to be a sentiment of their connection.

We are pleased to share that for the 21st year in a row, Chef Cesta is offering dinner certificates to the Society's supporters. This year on May 11th, Father would have been 91 years old. To honor his birthday, if you make a \$91 donation, you will receive a \$91 gift certificate to the Inn Between! Every dinner certificate purchased supports an outstanding local restaurant and Father's kids! During these unprecedented times, giving the gift of education that also helps a small business is incredibly impactful. Thank you, Chef Cesta, for your continued support. You are a light to the Society, and we are humbled to work with you to keep Father's vision alive.

THE INN BETWEEN CERTIFICATE ORDER FORM

Make checks payable to Guardian Angel Society or provide credit card info below:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Charge my: Visa Mastercard AMEX Discover

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV Code _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Signature _____

\$225: (2) Dinner Certificates for The Inn Between (value: \$91/each) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.

\$150: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$91 value) with a choice of one promotional item* from list below.

\$91: (1) Dinner Certificate for The Inn Between (\$91 value)

\$ _____ An additional gift in honor of Father Champlin's 91st Birthday or other loved ones

If giving dinner certificate(s) as gifts, please indicate recipient name(s):

To: _____ From: _____

*Promotional Items: (3) packets of "kids with wings" Christmas Cards

Spiritual Suggestions CD Reusable Tote Bag



SAVE THE DATES!
UPCOMING EVENTS

**SILENT AUCTION:
 WIN A TRIP TO CAPE COD**

Enjoy a week-long getaway during the 4th of July!

Includes a studio condominium at Pier 7

Sleeps a maximum of two people – a queen size bed

See Cape Cod's beauty and sites!

An \$800 value – bidding starts at \$400

Deadline for bidding **May 12th**

Call our office to make your bid today!



"SPRING FLING" BASKET RAFFLE

Online now through May 11th - drawing May 12th

Just in time for Mother's Day!

Tickets are only \$2 each

Baskets filled with wine, liquor, dining certificates, Yankees memorabilia, spa treatments, and MORE!

Visit our website at GuardianAngelSoc.org or call our office for details!



17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, August 5th, 2021 • Shotgun: 10:00 a.m.

Radisson Greens

Captain & Crew format

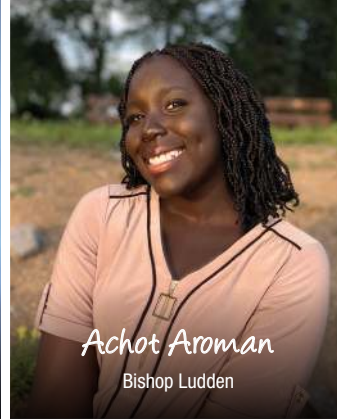
Includes lunch, dinner, skins, and MORE!

\$125 per golfer / \$500 per foursome

Ask about sponsorship opportunities!



J'Naia Stepp
 Bishop Grimes



Achot Aroman
 Bishop Ludden



Mia Mignacca
 Bishop Ludden



GRADUATING SENIORS

Since preschool, J'Naia has attended Catholic School. She highly values her Catholic education because it has taught her to trust what she believes in. She is currently on the cheerleading team and has played volleyball since 7th grade. She previously was part of the soccer team and has done drama club and chorus. J'Naia's education at Bishop Grimes has encouraged her to pursue a career in Child Psychology. She is still weighing her school options, currently leaning towards Siena College, Niagara University, or Cornell University. J'Naia and her family have been incredibly thankful for the Guardian Angel Society. She is excited for her bright future and is ready for destination graduation!

Achot is a young lady with many gifts and talents, which she credits to her Catholic education. She became a Guardian Angel scholar in the 4th grade at CAP, moving onto Bishop Ludden in 7th grade. Some extracurricular activities Achot enjoys are campus ministry and cheerleading. Achot says that her time at Bishop Ludden has taught her how to show others patience and kindness, especially relating to her job at Hearth on James. As she starts her next life chapter, Achot hopes to pursue a career as an emergency doctor. Her top choice schools are New York University and Cornell. Once she starts her job, Achot hopes to build a hospital in South Sudan to give back to the country where her parents are from. She thanks the Guardian Angel Society for helping make her dreams a reality!

Mia appreciates the solid and impactful education she has received from CAP and Bishop Ludden because it has provided her with the ability to grow personally, academically, and spiritually. Outside the classroom, Mia has been playing volleyball over the last several years and previously played basketball and served as a "Big Sister" after school. Now that her high school journey is coming to a close, Mia hopes to take her compassion for helping others and apply it to a career. She is considering becoming a traveling Nurse or a Radiologist. She is looking into several schools, including Le Moyne College. As a younger sister to two previous Guardian Angel graduates, Mia considers the Guardian Angel Society a blessing!

MENTORING CHANGES LIVES!

This spring, amid the holy season, we reflect on the things cherished most, thanking God for the blessings he bestows upon us. Here at the Guardian Angel Society, we are most thankful for our brilliant students, who continue to thrive despite the many obstacles they face. As the pandemic stretches on, the learning format for our students is still the same. Most have continued to thrive, while others, unfortunately, have struggled. Realizing the need for more hands-on support, the Society has expanded its virtual connections! We are now offering 1:1 mentorship to students each week via Zoom on a case-to-case basis. The Society is happy to be supporting Father's kids safely.

Additionally, our Mentor Speaker Series at Bishop Grimes has continued to be successful. Each month, a community leader has presented with students over Zoom during their lunch periods. The students have been engaged, asked each speaker questions, and sent suggestions for future speakers they would like to see. Mentoring is a true treasure and helps students be exposed to careers they never thought possible.

2020 ANNUAL
GIVING CAMPAIGN

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

For over ten years, we have asked our loyal supporters to consider giving at a level significant to them. Many of these individuals have been committed to the Society since its founding, and we could not do what we do without their generous support. This year, amid a pandemic, we reached a new record! Nearly \$63,000 was raised for Father's kids, ensuring they will continue to receive essential scholarship support along with mentoring and tutoring services so they can reach destination graduation! In a world full of unknowns, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving so generously at a time when our students need it most! The following contributors were among the supporters of the 2020 campaign, giving \$250 or more at the following levels:

A BIG THANK YOU TO BRUNO!

Bruno Schirripa, a dear friend to the Society, gave us loads of laughs on February 13th! Bruno and co-host Mike Verone worked with Subcat Studios to present his annual Wise Guys comedy show via YouTube, just in time for Valentine's Day. Lovebirds laughed the night away from home sweet home! Talented comedians Nick Marra, Sky Sands, Sheila Kaye, Jannette Barber, and Jim Dailakis joined the show worldwide. During this exciting evening, the Guardian Angel Society pulled the special Race for Education raffle winner! Our lucky winners, Patrick and Sarah Kinne, are going to the Kentucky Derby live in Louisville! This show was a tremendous gift to our cause. We thank Bruno and his Wise Guys team, along with our generous sponsors, profusely for putting this fantastic fundraising event together!



- PLATINUM** Anonymous
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Mary M. Vita



ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION!

On March 14th, the Guardian Angel Society brought some St. Patrick's Day cheer to CNY! Led by board member Terry Wynne the Society offered the dinner for takeout or delivery. Between delicious food shared, stunning baskets to bid on, and over 100 meals donated to those in need, it was a day for the books. We are delighted to say that over \$5,000 has been earned, which will go directly towards supporting tuition aid, mentoring, and tutoring services for Father's kids! We thank Terry profusely for his continued dedication to the Society and his efforts to make this event so successful year after year. More special thanks go out to all of our generous sponsors, Chef Pete Greco for his fantastic catering, and to Mike Colabufo, Phil O'Neil, and Aidan Rozler for delivering meals! During such uncertain times, we are incredibly blessed!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Guardian Angel Society received donations in memory of the following individuals between November 1-April 1. We are grateful to the family and friends who honor their loved ones, and in turn, help make an impact on those in need.



LEGACY GIVING

You have the opportunity to have a lasting impact on the lives of children in need, all while leaving a legacy of love you and your family can be most proud of.

To receive more information about Legacy Giving and accompanying legal services (including Wills, Trusts, Beneficiary, Designations, and Outright Gifts), please call our office at **315.422.7218**.



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REMEMBERING LOVED ONES

GEORGE FELTMAN

George was a man of many talents and gifts with a presence that could fill the room with pure joy and fun. He became a faithful friend to the Society, sharing his generous gift of music with us. His soul was bright, full of fondness for others and passion for his craft.

During the Society's first-ever Kentucky Derby Party, George's band Atlas played, making it an evening we will always cherish. George stepped up to the plate, taking on a leadership role during the magical evening, ensuring the event was a smashing success. His generosity allowed the party to rise to its fullest potential. George brought the room together as he sang his heart out and played until the entire crowd was on the dance floor!

We are so thankful to have known George and shared his love of music with him. On December 30, 2020 God called him home. God bless him and his family members during this difficult time. We will forever cherish our moments together.

DENNY OWEN

Denny Owen had a special place in Father Champlin's heart. During the Guardian Angel Society's first days, Denny served as a founding board member and was handpicked by Father to be on his advisory board. There was nothing that Denny thought was impossible. He knew the dreams that Father's kids had and did everything in his power to help them reach for the stars.

A former student supported by Denny once said, "I feel grateful to have a friend with such a big heart and who was willing to be my sponsor. Graduation is coming up, and I want to acknowledge you have helped get me this far."

On February 3rd, 2021, Denny Owen joined Father Champlin in heaven, but his spirit of love and kindness still shines down on us. God bless him and the entire Owen family. We are thankful for his dedication to our mission and the building blocks he created to make the Society prosper.

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