



October 2017

Dear Friends and Supporters of Cupertino Home and Clare Woods Academy,

There are many exciting things happening at Clare Woods Academy (Wheaton) and Cupertino Home (Warrenville). One of our focal points for 2017-2018 is the establishment of The Cardinal Shop. It will be an important part of our in-house vocational program. Located at 117 N. Main St. Wheaton, it is a short walk from our Wheaton campus. Our students will make and sell crafts from this store. It will also function as our Work Center, teaching our students skills such as the assembly line and sewing. In order to equip this new facility, our 2017 Annual Appeal is seeking to raise \$9,900.00. In addition to the materials needed, we will also be purchasing new sewing machines for our students to use. The Cardinal Shop will function as part of our Transitional Vocational Department which trains students for future employment. One of our students, Eric Mescher, worked at a day camp and because of his good work, Eric was asked to return for 2017-2018. The outside employment that our 40+ students who are in our vocational program receive, provides valuable learning experiences for them.

The Friends of Cupertino Home have been busy planning events and fundraising. Recently, the Knights of Columbus for St. Irene's Church co-sponsored a community barbecue for the men of Cupertino, their families and our Warrenville neighbors. The Friends are also planning the 3rd Annual Halloween Bowl on October 28th. Look for details soon!

Lastly, the true impact of the Clare Woods experience is best explained in a graduation speech for our 2017 commencement ceremony. Addressing the gathering, graduate Scott Vician stated that at Clare Woods, "I learned to speak...I learned how to participate and be a team member. I learned how to have conversation and play with my friends...I learned how to have fun at school and how to handle myself."

Please consider us in your holiday giving. Every donation will be thankfully acknowledged. Please feel free to designate your donation to Clare Woods Academy or to Cupertino Home. An envelope is included. For more information about Clare Woods Academy or Cupertino Home visit our website at blcinc.org or call 630-289-4221.

Many Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Utterback".

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