Connecting Children to Healthier Lives for 98 years

2013-2014 Annual Report
Dear Members and Friends,

On behalf of the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society, we take great pride in sharing with you reflections of our efforts throughout the past year in this FY 2014 Annual Report.

Since 1916, the Infant Welfare Society has worked tirelessly to improve the health and well-being of disadvantaged children in our community. We will strive to serve even more children who need our help in the coming year, as the demand for our services is greater than ever.

Today, the Society, 120 members strong, is the single largest benefactor to the IWS Children’s Clinic, raising 10% of its budget. Thanks to Society gifts, foundation grants, community donors and Medicaid funding, the IWS Children’s Clinic this year was able to provide medical, dental and behavioral health care to 3,229 children in 9,996 visits.

The leadership, members and volunteers of the Society and our Clinic staff have worked diligently to fulfill our mission and maintain positive momentum in a very challenging and changing healthcare environment. The Affordable Care Act and the move to Medicaid managed care in the State of Illinois introduces a healthcare delivery model that is focused on coordination of care, a model to which our Clinic has long been committed with its approach to holistic care. Serving both the physical and mental health needs of children, our Children’s Clinic is as relevant today as it was when we opened our doors 98 years ago.

As we prepare for our Centennial Celebration in 2016, the Infant Welfare Society is grateful to so many in our community for supporting our mission and ensuring that children in need have access to quality health care. We would not be able to accomplish what we do without your continued commitment. As we look to another year, we hope you, our dedicated partners, will continue to keep us and our mission a priority as we strive to improve the health of children, one child at a time.

With appreciation,

Lynne Williams
President
Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society

Elizabeth Lippitt
Executive Director
IWS Children’s Clinic

Connecting children to the health
Our Impact in Fiscal Year 2014

3,229 children received comprehensive, “wrap around” care in 9,996 medical and dental visits

Medical
1,218 children received care from our pediatricians and nurse practitioners in 3,312 visits

Our nutrition counselor met with 71 kids who are obese or at risk for obesity

Dental
Our dentists treated 2,699 children in 6,684 visits

1,315 children received exams, cleanings, fluoride, and sealants at 20 area schools by our Portable Dentistry team

Behavioral Health
1,713 children were assessed for emotional wellness and developmental progress as part of their medical visit

Our social worker met with 67 families identifying challenges and problem solving together

Our bilingual therapist provided long term counseling to 35 families and 14 children

Outreach and Education
5,244 kids were reached through our Oral Health and Nutrition Outreach Program with tips for caring for their teeth and eating healthy foods in 46 school-based workshops

20 University of Illinois at Chicago fourth-year dental students and 3 nurse practitioner students from Rush University completed a rotation at our Clinic

Connected Care Under One Roof

“My son has ADHD and before I came here, I would take him to one place to monitor his medication, another place for medical, and another for dental. Now, he comes here for everything, and he is more comfortable with that—he knows everyone. He also gets counseling here. That’s helped more than I can tell you. He is doing so much better both at school and at home. He is listening at school, helping at home. Here, they give me ideas on how to be a better parent. It really helps.”

Angelica, mother of three
Medical

Connecting Children to a Medical Home

Seven-year-old Anthony lives in Cicero and is one of the nearly 660,000 kids living in poverty in the state of Illinois. His family and others like his whose children are publicly-insured or uninsured have limited access to medical care. Last year our medical team cared for 1,218 children in 3,312 visits. Our mission is to help boys like Anthony by giving them access to coordinated, integrated care: physical exams, vaccines, flu shots, and sick child care and developmental and social/emotional screenings.

Jazmin, a teen from Oak Park, is at risk for obesity; she has low energy and is struggling at school. She is not alone, as childhood obesity is a public health problem of epidemic proportions in the United States. Our medical team talks with her every time she comes in about eating a nutritious diet and getting regular exercise. Our certified dietitian coordinates with our pediatricians and nurse practitioners to provide girls like Jazmin with nutrition counseling and support. Last year, the dietitian helped Jazmin and 71 other children in our Nutrition Program.

Photos above, left to right:
Dr. Karen Walker, Medical Director, listens to a patient’s vital signs during a school physical.
Dr. Lynse Briney, Oral Health Director, talks with patients during a preventive dental visit.
Stephanie Gurewitz, therapist, works a puzzle with a client during a counseling session.
Pediatrician Dr. Stephanie Weller reads with a patient.

Dental

Connecting to dental care to fight the #1 childhood chronic disease

Day after day, Julian tried to concentrate on his homework. This second grader from Berwyn suffered for months with an intense toothache—he knew his mom couldn’t afford to send him to the dentist. Over 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental-related problems and low income children are at a considerably higher risk. The IWS dental clinic is one of the few resources available to Julian and others for affordable pediatric dental care in the Chicago area, providing full preventive and restorative care. Last year we treated 2,699 children in 6,684 visits for oral exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, dental sealants, extractions, cavity repair, and root canals. We treated Julian’s infected tooth, with no charge to his mom.

Our pediatric dentists have additional training in behavioral management. They are able to treat children with special needs, those with extensive oral health problems, and children with behavioral health issues. Oral Health Director Dr. Lynse Briney, DDS, now has hospital privileges at Illinois Masonic Medical Center where she is able to treat patients who need to be anesthetized for their dental procedures.

School Connections

Desiree is a student in Stickney and was one of the 1,315 students examined last year by one of our dentists in the Portable Dentistry team. Our team visited 20 area schools and gave students exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments and dental sealants. Last year we identified 560 children like Desiree who needed urgent dental care. We worked hard to link Desiree and the other children to treatment so that they could be pain free at both home and school.

Every day we connect children to
Behavioral Health

The Mind-Body Connection

Medical care and mental health services are integrated at the Clinic, helping children like Xavier. Xavier’s mom didn’t want him to feel ashamed for seeking help for his anger and depression. At the IWS Children’s Clinic his family finally broke through the barriers preventing Xavier from getting the care he needed. The barriers are formidable: stigma, long waiting lists at community mental health agencies, lack of treatment options for children who are publicly insured and uninsured, and a shortage of bilingual mental health providers. Xavier and his family are not alone. In Illinois, 53% of children ages 3-17 have one or more emotional, behavioral, or developmental conditions.¹

An IWS social worker attends every well-child visit. Last year 1,713 children were assessed for emotional well-being and developmental readiness so children like Xavier can benefit from the early identification and treatment of social and emotional problems and developmental delays. Today, Xavier is getting the help he needs. Through a partnership with Family Service and Mental Health Center of Cicero, a therapist and psychiatrist, both bilingual, provide on-site mental health assessments, individual and family therapy, psychiatric evaluations, and medication monitoring. Long-term counseling to 35 families and 14 children was provided by our bilingual therapist. And it isn’t just the child who gets help. Last year, our social worker provided assistance to 67 families. Because the need is so great, we now offer a third weekday evening for therapeutic services.

¹ Voices for Illinois Children
² Oral Health America
³ Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation

The People We Serve

Race
- Hispanic 50%
- African American 29%
- Caucasian 13%
- Asian/Pacific Islander 3%
- Other 5%

Community
- Chicago 22%
- Oak Park 19%
- Berwyn 17%
- Cicero 10%
- Melrose Park 3%
- Forest Park 3%
- Other 26%

Patient Financial Status
- 133% of Federal Poverty Line or below 85%
- 134-200% of Federal Poverty Line 13%
- Above 200% of Federal Poverty Line 2%

*a healthier life*
The Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society (IWS) is a volunteer membership organization. For more than 98 years, our members have served our communities by providing health care services to children in need. Last year, the Society maintained its excellent tradition of fundraising to support health services for children, while also building its future through accomplishing many of its major strategic goals.

**Fundraising Success**

“We are proud of our continued fundraising success. In fiscal year 2014 the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society raised over $155,000 from all-circle fundraisers—the Holiday Housewalk & Market, the Tee It Up Fore Kids Golf Outing, and through the Economy Shop, Celebration Gifts, and individual circle efforts. The funds raised make up 10% of the annual budget for the IWS Children’s Clinic, which provided 9,996 medical, dental and social services visits. Additionally, our members are engaged in all development efforts including the annual fund, Mary Anderson Nursing Fund, and donor stewardship.”

Lynne Williams, IWS Board of Directors and Debbie Blanco, IWS Auxiliary Chair

*For every dollar we raise, we use 82 cents to fund services for kids.*

To support the $150 average cost for each child medical visit, we need to raise $75 through private donations.

To support the $110 average cost for each child dental visit, we need to raise $33 through private donations.*
2013-2014 
Board of Directors

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Lynne Williams President
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Kathy Haney
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2013-2014 
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Diane Menza
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Maureen Powers
Liz Robinson
Brett Samuels

Staff

Administrative Team
Elizabeth Lippitt, Executive Director
Betty Alanis, Director of Office and Information Services
Nancy Amador, Receptionist
Wendy Epstein, Grant Writer
Jackie Garcia, Receptionist
Maria Mauleon, Receptionist
Katie O’Brien, Director of Marketing and Communications
Mindy Ondria, Development and Marketing Assistant
Eva Perri, Accounting & Billing Specialist
Rebecca Rubin, Health Education Outreach Coordinator
Annie Shen, Director of Finance and Operations
Naomi Tselepis, Director of Development

Medical Team
Dr. Karen Walker, Medical Director
Dr. Damayanti Hathiwala, Pediatrician
Dr. Stephanie Weller, Pediatrician
Darla K. DeWolff, Nurse Practitioner
John Ruckauf, Nurse Practitioner
Elin Elizabeth Walsh, Dietitian
Keila Hawkins, Medical Assistant

Dental Team
Dr. Lynse Briney, Oral Health Director
Dr. Jill Baskin, Dentist
Dr. Daniela Brzozowski, Dental Hygienist
Delia Rocha Alvarado, Dental Hygienist
Ida Arvizu, Dental Assistant
Kim Blount, Dental Hygienist
Gladys Medel, Dental Assistant
Marisol Ortiz, Dental Assistant
Roxanna Simental, Dental Assistant
Jasmin Vazquez, Dental Assistant

Behavioral Health Team
Denise V. Gonzalez, Director of Social Services
Judy Crivolio, Social Worker
Stephanie Gurewitz, Therapist
Dr. Daniel Martinez, Psychiatrist

From top: IWS members celebrate at the annual meeting (left to right)
Suzanne Holmes, Julie McKune, Sally Prescott and Ann Anderson
Circle 80 members host the holiday party for our clinic families
IWS members Anne Secker (left) and Mary Anderson (right) with Judy Cornille (center) celebrate at the June donor reception
IWS members walk in the River Forest Memorial Day parade (left to right)
Mary Cate Walker, Abby Pirc and Brittany Keller
IWS members visit at the annual meeting (left to right) Sarina Butler, Janet Debits, Sharlene Lissuzzo, and Penny Egerter
People have asked us whether the IWS Children's Clinic continues to need financial assistance from the public with the advent of the Affordable Care Act. The answer is a resounding yes! Last year 3,229 children received much needed healthcare and with your help, we continue to improve the health of children, one child at a time.

Our gift will help the IWS Children’s Clinic have the funds needed to give children care for many years to come. We are passionate about the mission!

Molly and Geoff McClelland

$10,000-$19,000 Stewards
Dawn & Hammon Brown
Good Heart, Work Smart Foundation
The Lynne Cooper Harvey Foundation*

$5,000-$9,999 Advocates
Community Bank of Oak Park & River Forest
Forest Park National Bank & Trust Co.
Sheryl & Michael Grant
Guggenheim Capital LLC
Madden, Jiganti, Moore & Sinars LLP
Michele & Noel Moore
Donna Myers & Aaron Lebovitz
Monroe & Fran Sullivan
Charitable Fund
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Choka & Anthony Ruggiero

$2,500-$4,999 Patrons
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Tapas & Judy Das Gupta
OakParkApartments.com
Charlene & George Locasto
MB Financial Bank
Molly & Geoffrey McClelland
Sidley Austin LLP

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Mary & Paul Binder
BMO Harris Bank
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Diace MacWilliams
Mayana Chocolate
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Oak Park Prosthodontics
Oak Park Women’s Guild
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Sachem Company
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Nancy & Donald Williams
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$250-$499 Sustainers
Sharon & Suresh Advani
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Patrick Deady*
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DeSitter Flooring
Exquisite Smiles
Sara & Stan Faust
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Forest Agency
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Joy Fulton & Paul Monson
Gabriel John Candles
Wendy & David Giardina
Ellen & Paul Gignilliat
Kathleen Gould
Bobbie & David Gregg
Patricia Hannon &
Peter Donogho
Christopher & Sheila Hansen
Kathryn Heavey
Mary Heidkamp
Ray & Lynn Weise
Hemingway’s Bistro
Heritage Tile
Deborah & James Hopkinson
Alice Ireland & Wayne Juhnke
Andy & Beth Isaacs
Just Class Jewelry
Kappa Kappa Gamma
Alumnae Association
Jean & Scott Kirk
Benco Dental
Knit Nirvana
Anne Lanagan
Julie & Jonathan Laney
Nancy & John Leavy
Jim Lencioni
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Lynch Dental Center
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Frank Schwiner
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Paul & Diann Sheridan
Sallie & Mark Smylie

*Supported the Mary Anderson Nursing Fund
Caring for our Children

Grants Awarded in FY 2014

Berwyn Community Mental Health Board
Berwyn Health District
Blowitz - Ridgeway Foundation
Fred J. Brunner Foundation
Chicago Board of Trade Foundation
Chicago Dental Society Foundation
Community Memorial Foundation
Community Mental Health Board of Oak Park Township
Delta Dental of Illinois Foundation
George M. Eisenberg Foundation
John R. Houlsby Foundation
Illinois Children’s Healthcare Foundation
Illinois Department of Public Health
Colonel Stanley R. McNeil Foundation
Mark Morton Memorial Fund
Nineteenth Century Charitable Association
Rotary Club of Oak Park and River Forest
Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation
Oral Health America
Taproot Foundation
Turano Foundation
United Way of Metropolitan Chicago
Village of Oak Park Community Development Block Grant
Village of Oak Park Health Department
VNA Foundation
Washington Square Health Foundation
Westlake Health Foundation

Award Recipients

At the 2013 Annual Meeting four awards were presented to distinguished individuals who made a difference in fulfilling our mission.

Angel Award presented to Diana Rigas, Artemis Design, for her generous contribution of creative talents for many years.

IWS Children’s Clinic Staff Award was given to Eva Perri, Accounting & Billing Specialist for her dedication and commitment to the Clinic’s financial well-being.

The Community Service Award was presented to Dr. Caswell Evans (not pictured) and Dr. Christine Hryhorczuk, UIC College of Dentistry Extramural Education Program for their leadership and commitment.

The Ginny Holland Award, awarded to honor Mary Deziel for her extraordinary volunteer service, is named in remembrance of Ginny Holland, president of Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society from 1975-1977.
Statement of Financial Position at June 30, 2014

ASSETS
- Cash and cash equivalents $ 213,916
- Certificates of deposit 121,385
- Grants and accounts receivable 89,736
- Unconditional promises to give 34,177
- Prepaid expenses 13,165
- Investments 1,016,435
- Deposits 6,350
- Property and equipment, net 397,427
TOTAL ASSETS $ 1,892,591

LIABILITIES
- Accounts payable $ 15,997
- Deferred revenue 3,000
- Payroll liabilities 37,600
TOTAL LIABILITIES 56,597

NET ASSETS
- Unrestricted 1,463,625
- Temporarily restricted 372,369
TOTAL NET ASSETS 1,835,994

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $ 1,892,591

Statements of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2014

Income
- Service revenue $ 984,748
- Grant revenue 471,379
- Donations- public support 143,969
- Special event income 184,383
- Investment gains 109,931
- Investment and other income 22,845
- Donated goods and services 53,654
Total Revenue and Support $ 1,970,909

Expenses
- Program services $ 1,500,054
- Management and general 152,392
- Fundraising 195,387
Total Expenses 1,847,833
Increase in Net Assets 123,076
Net Assets, End of Year $ 1,835,994

The summary of selected financial information is derived from the financial statement of the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society, d/b/a The Children’s Clinic IWS for the year ending June 30 2014, which has been audited by Sassetti LLC. Copies of audited financial statements are available upon request. Sassetti LLC has issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements for the year end June 30, 2014.

Our Mission

The Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society is a diverse member-driven organization committed to assuring the health and well-being of children. Through our IWS Children’s Clinic the IWS provides the highest quality medical, dental and social services to those who are unable to afford the cost of private health care. The Society’s work is powered by dedicated members and volunteers, a highly competent professional staff, generous donors, engaged partners and enlightened communities who share our view that sustaining the health of our children is a critical investment in the future.
Thank you

“Thank you for the wonderful care. My children are comfortable at the Clinic because everyone truly cares. For more than two years we have come to the clinic for both medical and dental and this year the social worker helped us with a family problem. It has been a big help to talk with someone who really listens.”

Maricruz, mother of three

Children in our community are playing, jumping and learning in good health because of the work of the Oak Park River Forest Infant Welfare Society. Today, we rely on your generous donations to keep the IWS Children’s Clinic doors open for more than 3,200 children each year. Now more than ever, we need your support to continue our services for underserved families.