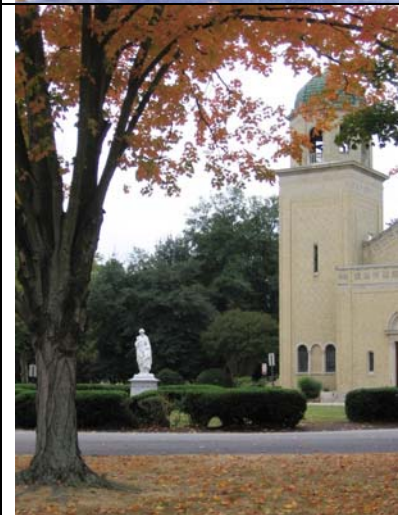


November 2007 Newsletter

Recent Events



Fall is an especially beautiful time at the Villa, as these pictures show.



October was National Prevent Domestic Violence Month, and the Richmond Times-Dispatch ran a front-page story on two graduates from the Flagler Home who have successfully transitioned from a life of abuse. If you did not have an opportunity to read the article, you can access it from the Times-Dispatch web site. Here's the address: <http://www.inrich.com/cva/ric/search.apx.-content-articles-RTD-2007-10-27-0131.html>

Residents at Hollybrook Apartments held a **National Night Out observance** on October 2. During the cookout, the residents presented a certificate of appreciation to Dr. Michael Zuccaro from the Brook Run Animal Clinic to recognize the quality of care and service he has provided to residents' pets.

Right: Villa CEO Kathleen Burke Barrett with Dr. Zuccaro and some of the Hollybrook residents.



The Villa held a **"Fast Track Orientation"** for Trustees on October 10 to give them an "up close and personal" look at some of the many services the Villa provides each day. The morning included breakfast, a tour of three services and a presentation in the Villa chapel.

Left: Sarah Dooley Center for Autism director Rachel Reynolds presents to trustees Dick Tarrant, Melissa VanZile and Bill Millsaps. Below left: event organizers Veronica Wood and Katie Chandler. Below: Children from Lewis Children's Center waiting to perform for the Trustees.



The **Women's Networking Forum** held a benefit at Saxon Shoes in Short Pump for St. Joseph's Villa's Flagler Home on October 18. The group heard about the Flagler Home and also about domestic abuse. Many thanks to the Women's Networking Forum and Saxon Shoes for this wonderful evening!

Left to right: Brenda Savage, Saxon Shoes founder Gloria Adams, Saxon Shoes CEO Gary Weiner, Kay Miles and Vonny Chiu from Hunton and Williams and the Women's Networking Forum

One of the Villa's big initiatives this year is to expand our **job readiness program**. Through a partnership with F.I.R.S.T. Contractors, Travis Braswell has begun a job that will help him earn money and build his resume.

Right: Travis (left) with Matt Kreydatus, Job Readiness Program Manager.

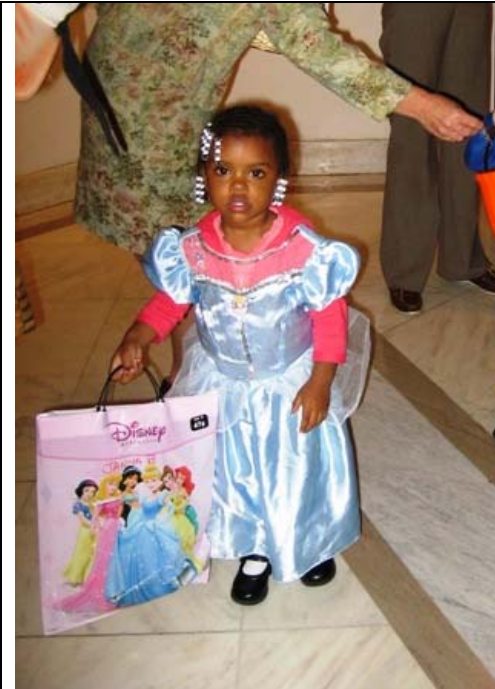


An interpreter from the **Richmond Valentine History Center** visited Dooley School at Cherokee Road on Friday, October 19 to tell the students what Virginia's first settlers found here. Students learned about the Native Americans who befriended the settlers. Also, students learned how to make clay pots similar to the ones early settlers would have made.



The Sarah Dooley Center for Autism had a **Fall Festival** on October 31. Students and their families decorated pumpkins, wore costumes and even broke a Piñata!





Children from Lewis Children's Center went **Trick-or-Treating** at the Villa's Administration Building on Halloween. They (and some of our staff) had some wonderful costumes, and everyone had a fun time!



Upcoming Events

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month! This past summer, the Senate and House of Representatives passed a bill designating November as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. We hope you will see many articles in the local media during November. According to www.homelessyouthamongus.org, there are approximately 12,200 homeless youth in the state of Virginia.

Thursday, November 8 (9 am) – Holocaust survivor Alex Lebenstein will speak to students from Brook Road Academy about his experiences before, during and after World War II.

Monday, November 12 (6 pm) – West Richmond Businessmen's Association Boxer/Smoker to benefit St. Joseph's Villa. Sheraton Richmond West Hotel.

Thursday, November 15 (Noon) – Thanksgiving Feast at Dooley School at Cherokee Road for students, their families and school staff.

Monday, November 19 (5:30 pm) – Thanksgiving Dinner at the Children’s Emergency Shelter.

Wednesday, November 21 – Noon dismissal for schools.

Thursday, November 22 (Noon) – Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Joseph’s Villa for residents.
Hosted by St. Peter Baptist Church.

Thursday – Friday, November 22-23 – Schools closed for Thanksgiving.

Wednesday, December 5 (5:30 pm) – Tree Lighting Celebration. Villa clients, staff and volunteers gather for an annual tree lighting and holiday celebration.

HELP NEEDED!

The Donation Center at St. Joseph’s Villa is in *critical* need of volunteers to assist with operating its center. The donation center collects new and gently used household items for the benefit of Villa clients. Volunteer responsibilities include greeting donors and accepting donations as well as sorting and displaying the donations throughout the center. Volunteers are needed in various shifts Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:00pm. For more information please contact Catherine Stanley, Volunteer Manager at 521-5577 or cstanley@sjvmail.net.

Flagler Services at St. Joseph’s Villa is currently in need of volunteers to assist with entertaining and supervising children during a monthly parenting support group. The children range in age from infant to 15 yrs. old. Volunteers are needed on the LAST Tuesday night of each month between the hours of 5:15pm-7:30pm. This is an excellent family and or group volunteer activity, youth volunteers are welcome with an accompanying adult. For more information please contact Catherine Stanley, Volunteer Manager at 521-5577 or cstanley@sjvmail.net.