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MAKING MEMORIES

Child Care Center enjoys festive end to decade

The Thanksgiving holiday season started with families decorating feathers for our Family Turkey. Children and parents discussed what they were thankful for and created masterpiece feathers to represent each family. The feathers were then added to the Family Turkey displayed in the center's lobby. Children further learned the importance

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of giving and thankfulness by bringing in groceries for families in need through the parish's Thanksgiving Baskets ministry. We were able to feed two very large families with the generosity of the center families.

Christmas time! Children

gathered outside on Dec. 13 to eagerly await the arrival of Santa on a fire truck! The center again partnered with Sanctuary for Life, a ministry of Catholic Charities, to help women and their newborn babies. Each class was asked to bring items such as diapers, washcloths, formula and toys to donate to this charity.

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We're All In at St. Aloysius!

Stewardship of offering is a chance to share the gift of faith, generosity

By Michael J. Acaldo

This year, the theme for our total stewardship effort for prayer, ministry and offering is: "We're All In at St. Aloysius." Being *all in* means that we are involved and fully committed to our mission, which calls us to "embrace and nurture all, inspire each to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly in the love of God." To achieve our parish mission, we have to work together, and we need to be *all in*.

As a parent, I often think, "What do I want my children to achieve? How can I help them to reach their goals?" Nourishing their faith, helping them to get

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a good education and become self-sufficient are worthwhile objectives, but to be truly successful, they need to be all in as they work toward the goals in their lives.

I realize that the most important goal in my children's lives, in my life and yours, is to establish *heaven* as the primary objective early on. Everything else pales by comparison. This should be our primary focus throughout life, and our faith community plays an essential role in our spiritual journeys. Heaven is our

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Renowned commentator to speak at Lenten Mission

Raised in an Italian/Irish neighborhood in Providence, Rhode Island, Marcellino D'Ambrosio never thought about being anything else but Catholic. But like other Catholic teens, his faith was the last place he looked for fulfillment. Following in the footsteps of his parents, both professional performers in their single years, Marcellino set his sights on stardom, playing bass guitar in several popular rock bands by the time he was 16.

The father of five and a business owner, Marcellino brings to his teaching a practical, down-to-earth, and humorous perspective that makes his words easy to understand and enjoyable to hear. He is a world-renowned commentator on Catholic issues, having



D'Ambrosio

appeared on Fox News' Geraldo Rivera At Large and The O'Reilly Factor. His book, *The Guide to the Passion, Answering 100 Questions About Mel Gibson's Film*, hit #6 on the New York Times best-sellers list with over a million copies sold. He appears frequently on a variety of Catholic TV and radio networks, where he is known as "Dr. Italy."

Nine years of graduate teaching and hundreds of published articles provide Marcellino with

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Christmas gifts collected from St. Aloysius and two other congregations as part of the annual Giving Tree campaign.

St. Aloysius supports Greater Baton Rouge Interfaith Federation

St. Aloysius serves as a member of the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge, providing support to the federation's programs including the Holy Grill, the Community Prayer Breakfast, Christmas gifts for children of Holy Grill families and opportunities to meet members of other congregations.

The Holy Grill is the oldest of the programs, providing a hot lunch Monday – Friday in Zion City in north Baton Rouge. St. Aloysius volunteers serve lunch one week in the spring and one in the fall. The next opportunity to volunteer to serve lunch is the week of April 27 to May 1. Watch the bulletin for more information in April from coordinator Elizabeth Walsh.

The annual Giving Tree outreach involves the greatest number of our parishioners in the Interfaith Federation. Gingerbread ornaments on the Giving Tree offered 42 opportunities this past Christmas season for parishioners to provide support to families who regularly eat at the Holy Grill. Each gingerbread ornament was tagged with a name,

The federation leads by building bridges of understanding and acting as a catalyst of change.

age, size and gift request. Arline Mistretta coordinates the Giving Tree annual undertaking, which this past year offered 700 gifting opportunities. She and Georgette Fontenot lead the work to wrap all the Interfaith Federation gifts and sort them by family groups using large gift bags.

The federation leads efforts to bring the hundreds of congregations of East Baton Rouge together by building bridges of understanding and acting as a catalyst of change.

For more information or to get involved in other interfaith efforts, visit www.ifedgbr.com or reach out to parish ministry contact Susan Hymel, sahymel@cox.net.

Share your Gifts in the Music Ministry at St. Aloysius

Our parish has many choirs and music groups for different ages, Mass times, and levels of commitment. We invite you to share your talent as a singer or musician in one of these groups. If you have questions or if you are not sure how to serve, please call Director of Worship, Ken Thevenet at 225-343-6657, ext. 3030

The Children's Choir

Young singers, from all schools, in grades 3-8. Sings one Sunday a month at 11 a.m. Mass. Weekly rehearsals are held on Wednesdays from 3 p.m.-4 p.m. in the Convent Choir Room. Contact: Shannan O' Dowd shannanodowd@gmail.com

5:30 Mass Music Ministry

High school & young adult musicians. Sings each Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Mass, with a rehearsal in the hour before Mass in the Convent. Contact: Erik Gudiel edgudi@gmail.com

The Festival Ringers

A hand bell choir for musicians with some

music reading experience. Plays for liturgy one Sunday a month. Weekly rehearsals on Mondays from 6 p.m.-7 p.m. in the Convent. Contact: Lenny Long lenny.long@cox.net

The Chorale

High school age & adult singers. Serves each Sunday for 9 a.m. Mass with a rehearsal held in the hour before the liturgy in the Convent. Contact: kthevenet@staloyusparish.com

The Renewal Singers

High school age & adult singers/musicians. Serves most Sundays for 11 a.m. Mass. Beginning Sept. 5, weekly rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in the Convent. Contact: kthevenet@staloyusparish.com

The Resurrection Choir

A funeral choir that serves as requested by those celebrating funerals and memorial liturgies at St. Aloysius. Rehearsal is held 30 minutes before the liturgy in the Convent. Contact: kthevenet@staloyusparish.com

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY

Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

HOLY DAYS

Schedule will be announced

DAILY MASSES

Monday & Wednesday, 6 a.m.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.

CONFESSIONS: Monday and Wednesday after 6:00 a.m. Mass; Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:00 a.m.; Saturday 3:30-4:00 p.m. (when the adjacent Mass is celebrated).

FUNERALS: Please contact the Parish Office prior to scheduling with the funeral home. If after hours, follow directions on voicemail.

PARISH SCHOOL: For information, phone 383-3871, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

NURSERY/CHILDCARE CENTER: For information, phone 343-1338, 7:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office during early months of pregnancy. Baptismal preparation is required.

SPONSORS: Baptism & Confirmation sponsors must be confirmed practicing Catholics in good standing in the Catholic Church, and if not St. Aloysius Parishioners, must provide a letter of good standing from the parish where they are registered.

MARRIAGE: Couples are asked to contact the priest at the beginning of the period of engagement at least six months prior to the projected date of the marriage.

CARE OF THE SICK: The Eucharist is brought to the sick weekly and hospital visits made weekly. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify the Parish Office.

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‘Rejoice in His Light’



The third annual Advent at Aloysius event, on Dec. 4, was a beautiful evening of celebration. This year, more than 500 St. Aloysius parishioners gathered in fellowship to “Celebrate the Coming of Jesus.” It is with sincere gratitude that we thank our donors, volunteers and parishioners for their gifts, talents and stewardship of ministry to make the event enjoyable for all.



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an uncommon wealth of knowledge on a variety of spiritual and theological topics. But his uncanny ability to make profound subjects understandable and relevant to everyday life makes him the perfect speaker for a wide range of events.

Marcellino laid his bass guitar aside and embarked on a road that led to a Ph.D. in historical theology from the Catholic University of America. His doctoral dissertation, written under the direction of the renowned Jesuit theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles, focused on one of the theological lights of the Second Vatican Council, Henri Cardinal de Lubac, and his recovery of biblical interpretation of the early Church fathers. His teaching has covered a broad range of subjects from historical, dogmatic and sacramental theology to evangelization, ecumenism and Vatican II. Yet throughout his academic career, he always remained deeply involved in pastoral work, especially teen evangelization and Hispanic ministry, assuring that his teaching remained relevant to the challenges of everyday life.

His writing has been published in the international journal *Communio*, Abingdon's Dictionary of Biblical Interpretation, the *Tablet*, *Catholic Digest*, *Our Sunday Visitor* and *Catholic News Service's* syndicated column "Faith Alive." His popular book *Exploring the Catholic Church* and video course by the same name (known as *Touching Jesus Through the Church*) have been used in hundreds of parishes throughout the English-speaking world.

Two of his most recently published works include *40 Days, 40 Ways: A New Look at Lent* and *When the Church was Young: Voices of the Early Fathers*. Marcellino has also collaborated with Jeff Cavins and Edward Sri on a newly released study series from Ascension Press, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*.

His talks for the Lenten Mission at St. Aloysius on March 9-10 will be "Getting More out of Mass" and "Personal Prayer: Pathway to Joy." Make plans now to participate in this opportunity for Lenten renewal and inspiration!

FIRST EUCHARIST NEWS

■ First Eucharist Afternoon of Reflection and Parent Meeting: From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 22, attended by parents and First Eucharist candidates. Meet in the church.

■ First Eucharist Weekend: May 2-3. First Eucharist will be celebrated during the 4:30 vigil Mass on Saturday, May 2 and during the 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Sunday, May 3.

For more information, please contact Tricia Greely at tgreely@staloyusparish.com or at 225 343-6657.

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objective, but the Church is the starting point. The journey isn't always easy, but our faith will keep us on the right path and give us the strength we need to reach our destination.

One of the most powerful ways to strengthen our faith is through stewardship. Not everyone is called to become a priest, a religious sister, or a missionary, but everyone is called to stewardship. This is one way that every man,

woman and child can participate and grow spiritually. A life that is strong in prayer, ministry and offering is a life that is moving in the right direction – toward heaven.

All phases of stewardship are equal, and it's important to have balance. We need to have a vibrant prayer life, a dynamic commitment to ministry and generosity in offering. For each phase, we need to be all in.

2020 is off to a great start in St. Aloysius Parish. We have over 100 ministries that are helping to build God's kingdom right here in our local faith community, as well as the greater community. We grow stronger as a faith community when we work together to achieve the important mission we have set for our parish.

The Stewardship of Offering Committee invites you to share the gift of faith by making a commitment to this year's stewardship of offering effort. Stewardship

of offering commitment weekend is Feb. 8-9. We ask you to complete the commitment card that was mailed to you and place it in the offertory basket, or return it to the parish office by mail.

By prayerfully considering your commitment to stewardship of offering, you can help us to advance our parish mission. We thank you for your past stewardship and for being such an important part of our St. Aloysius faith community. Thank you for being all in at St. Aloysius!

SAINT ALOYSIUS PARISH GOLF CLASSIC

The University Club
Monday, March 16, 2020

10:45am-11:45am Registration and Lunch
12:00pm Shotgun Start

Tournament Details:

4-Man Scramble Format
Gross & Net Prizes
Longest Drive (2 Holes)
Straightest Drive (2 Holes)
Closest to the Hole (4 Holes)
Putting Contest
Hole-in-One Cash Give Away



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One 4-man team, personal introduction and promo at awards banquet, special gift for each player, corporate name and logo on all printed materials, banner, hole sponsor sign (includes 2 Mulligans and Red Blast for each player)

Platinum Sponsor \$1,250

One 4-man team, personal introduction and promo at awards banquet, corporate name and logo on all printed materials, banner, hole sponsor sign (includes 2 Mulligans and Red Blast for each player)

Gold Sponsor \$1,000

One 4-man team and hole sponsor sign (includes 2 Mulligans and Red Blast for each player)

Team Sponsor \$700

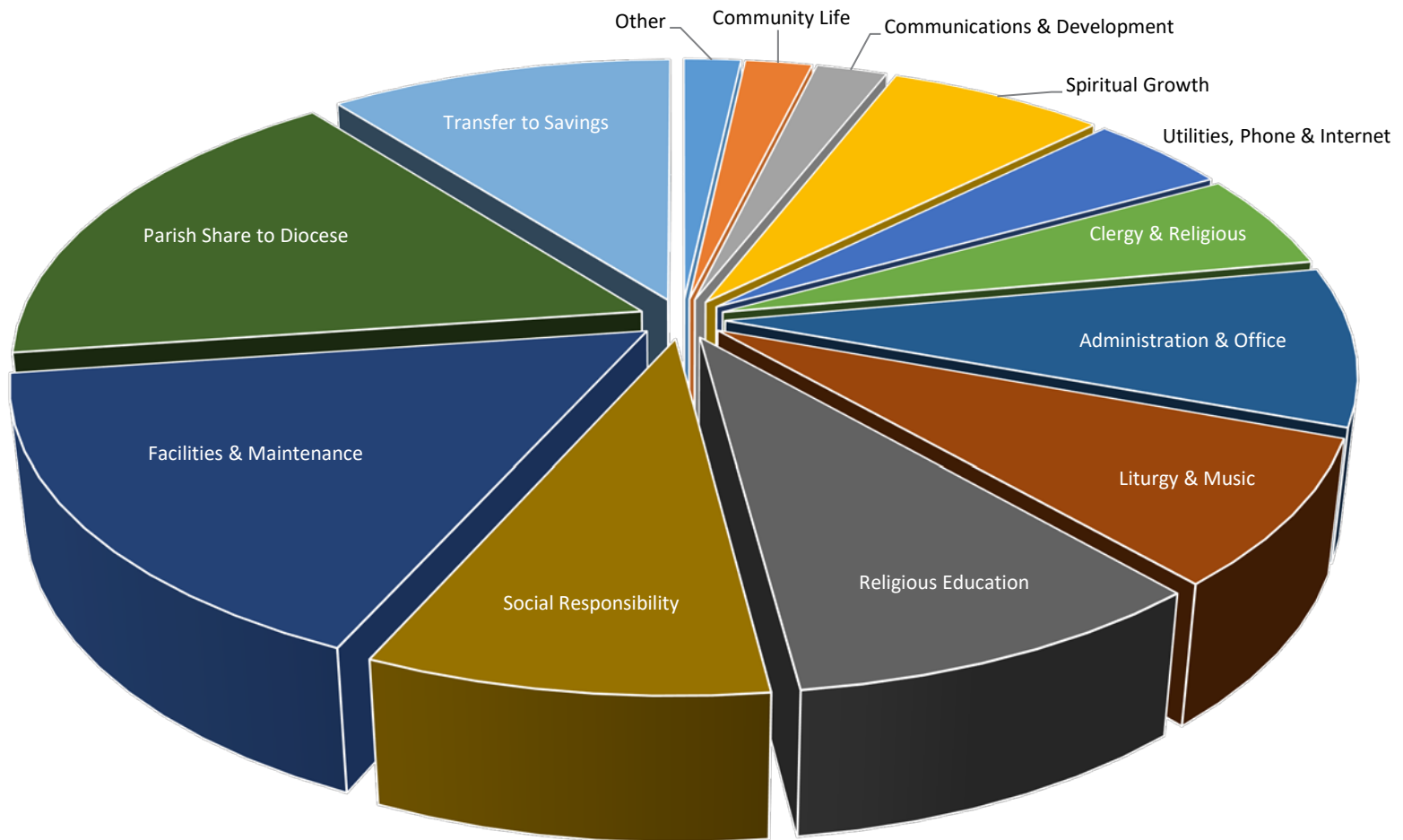
One 4-man team (No Mulligans or Red Blast)

Hole Sponsor \$250

Company name and logo on hole sign

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Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating Expenses



CHURCH INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE JULY 2018 - JUNE 2019 FISCAL YEAR

INCOME	FY 2018-19	PERCENT
Offertory - Stewardship of Offering	\$ 2,538,953	91.23% ¹
Reimbursements, Miscellaneous Income	243,959	8.77% ²
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,782,911.07	100.00%
EXPENSES	FY 2018-19	PERCENT
Liturgy & Music	\$ 220,909	7.94%
Clergy & Religious	144,336	5.19%
Religious Education	260,168	9.35%
Social Responsibility	242,332	8.71% ³
Spiritual Growth	184,698	6.64%
Community Life	56,756	2.04%
Communications & Development	60,031	2.16%
Facilities & Maintenance	447,442	16.08% ⁴
Utilities, Phone & Internet	120,283	4.32%
Administration & Office	239,263	8.60%
Other	48,329	1.74%
Parish Share to Diocese	466,597	16.77%
Transfer to Savings	291,768	10.48%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,782,911.07	100.00%

CHURCH INCOME - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS¹ FY 2018-19

Agency Collections	
Latin America	2,705
Home Missions	2,707
Bishop's Annual Appeal	275
Holy Land	1,747
Catholic Relief Services	3,111
Catholic Communications	2,363
Peter's Pence	1,501
Central & Eastern Europe	1,942
Catholic University	3,821
Human Development	2,585
Retirement Fund for Religious	150
Black & Indian Missions	3,337
Special Emergency Appeals	20,816
World Mission Sunday	2,965
Diocesan Priest Retirement	18,408
Total Agency Collections	68,433
Mission Collections	
Special Mission Appeals	8,881
Total Mission Collections	8,881
Disaster Recovery / Flood Relief	14,974
Total Special Collections	92,288

CHURCH SAVINGS 6/30/2019

Operating Savings ¹	\$ 679,744
Building Fund Savings ²	1,776,861
Parish Endowment	802,047

¹ Building, fundraising and special collection income and details are listed separately.

² Includes: Interest earnings, ACTS Retreat registrations and donations, Special offerings and assistance, Bulletin rebate

³ Parish tithe to Social Responsibility, based on net operating income, is 11.69%; Parish commits to 10%.

⁴ Church lighting project completed in FY 2018-19

¹ Operating Savings meets the goal of preserving three months of parish expenses.

² Building Fund Savings includes the parish's deductible for a named-storm should the parish suffer severe damage due to a hurricane or tropical storm.

Scenes from SACCC



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Santa then visited the center to gather all the supplies for delivery. Santa also visited with the children in the center, and took pictures with the older classes. Christmas festivities concluded with Christmas Pajama Day and classroom parties, where children

each received a special book from their friends.

In November, we welcomed our new assistant director, Ms. Yolonda Bethley. We are so excited to spend time with her and celebrate the arrival of her sweet bundle of joy very soon! She will rejoin us at the center in March.

Happy 2020 from the St. Aloysius Child Care Center! We look forward to making more fun memories this year!

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Save the Date

For the
St. Aloysius Child Care Center's

26th Annual Fish Fry

Friday March 20th, 2020 - SAS Cafeteria from 5 -8 pm

Tickets

Available beginning mid-February from
an SACCC family or online at www.sacccfishfry.org

**Entertainment &
50/50 Raffle Drawing**
in the Parish Hall



*Drive Thru starts at 4 pm
in front of the
SAS Administration Building

A spirit of thanks leads to giving

The students, faculty and staff of St. Aloysius School always strive to give thanks to God for all of our abundant blessings. This naturally leads to a desire to share our gifts and talents with those who are in need. This fall, the students and their families have shared generously with others.

Students and families in all grade levels participated in baking cookies, making place mats and sending encouraging messages to the participants in the Kairos retreat. This retreat was held in Angola State Penitentiary. The Kairos program has made a positive impact on the lives of many of the men in the prison.

Individual grade levels took the lead in various service opportunities. The 8th graders collected diapers for the diaper bank operated by the Junior League of Baton Rouge. This was a concrete way to express their support for mothers who chose to give life during "Respect Life Month." The second graders took the lead in a collection of toiletry products for

the St. Vincent de Paul shelters. The second-grade homerooms took turns sorting the items into boxes, which were then delivered to the shelters. The third graders created cards for the Red Cross to distribute to service men and women deployed overseas during the holidays.

The pre-school classes took the lead in collecting gently used clothing and toys for the Mildred S. Harris Elementary School in Bridge City, La. The school is named after the grandmother of our assistant principal, Sheri Harris Gillio. Mrs. Gillio had to recruit the help of her father in delivering two SUV loads of donated items to the school.

Our school mission is, "to educate the whole child in the Catholic tradition for a life of meaning and purpose." It is our hope that the spirit of giving is being kindled in the hearts of our St. Aloysius School students and that the Catholic tradition of serving others will be with them as they grow.



Dedicated 'Advent Crew' makes season brighter

Every morning of the Advent season, there is an Advent wreath sitting on its stand at the front of the gym. After morning prayer assembly, the wreath is safely stored away to protect it throughout all of the activity of classes and practices and games during the day. The next morning for assembly, the wreath appears once again.

Is it angels or elves who arrange this? No. It's the fourth-grade "Advent Crew" that makes sure the change occurs. This crew of fourth-grade volunteers took the responsibility to set up the wreath and make sure the appropriate number of electric candles were lit. This year's Advent Crew included Grant Smith, Caroline Stuckey, Jared Gonthier, Toby Nguyen, Margeruite Uzee, Addison Chustz and Mac Maranto.

We are grateful to these fourth graders for making our Advent Season brighter.



The SAS fourth-grade Advent Crew, from left, Mac Maranto, Toby Nguyen, Addison Chustz, Grant Smith, Caroline Stuckey and Jared Gonthier. (Not pictured: Margeruite Uzee)



St. Aloysius helps Louisiana school with family ties to assistant principal

The Mildred S. Harris Elementary School in Bridge City, La., shares a special bond with St. Aloysius School in Baton Rouge. The school is named in honor of its first principal, Mildred Harris, the grandmother of St. Aloysius School assistant principal Sheri Harris Gillio.

When the guidance counselor at Harris Elementary put out a plea for gently used toys and clothing, the St. Aloysius School community was happy to help.

The pre-kindergarten classes led the drive to collect these items. On Dec. 11, Sheri Gillio; her father, Howard Harris; and her brother, Stehle Harris, delivered two SUV loads of items to Harris Elementary School.

Members of the Harris family were also special guests for the "First Annual Tree Lighting and Literacy Night" hosted by the school. The family was honored to be invited. As Mrs. Gillio wrote, "My grandmother was the first principal of the school and always had a Christmas program, so I know she was smiling down on her school with great joy in having this tradition revived. The community has always struggled, and I can remember my grandmother telling stories about children coming to school with no shoes.

She worked tirelessly to provide not only an education but to try to meet all their needs. So I know this drive would have been special to her."



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