



Newsletter
April 2007

A Letter from Beth Truett, Executive Director

As Spring arrives, we see signs everywhere of renewal. Our days here at **Chicago Lights** are full of art, music and joy this season, as we offer hope and opportunity to neighbors who face the challenges of aging, poverty, access to education and healthcare.

To support this work, we are blessed with the renewal of foundation support from the *Lloyd A. Fry Foundation* and the *Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation*, and ever hopeful that the upcoming Chicago Lights Annual Fund: ***Changing Lives One at a Time*** will help us to meet our \$2.1 million budget. That's what it will take to fund our work in 2007. It is part of what being "a light in the city" is all about!

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The featured artwork is the culmination of the Center's Painting and Drawing Class, just one of the many continuing education mini-courses at the core of the CLL's mission to *welcome men and women over 60 seeking a place to explore new interests, pursue well-being, and continue to shape their lives and communities. We offer purpose, hope and meaning in the fullness of life's journey.*

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a festive celebration of art and learn more about the Center for Life and Learning's expansive offerings including vital education, health and fitness activities, and engaging cultural and social programs for men and women 60 years and older.

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The Center for Life and Learning
invites you to
The Festival of the Artful Spirit
Featuring art by CLL members
And a special program on outsider and folk art
Thursday, May 3, 2007



2:00 p.m.
Lecture:
Suzanne Craig

3:00 p.m.
Interactive
workshops with
David Philpot

4:00-7:00 p.m.
Art Opening
reception

Anderson Hall, Fourth Presbyterian Church

Advance reservation and a \$10 fee are required for the lecture and workshops; the reception is free and open to the public. For more information or to register, contact Mary Belcastro at 312.981.3386, or mbelcastro@fourthchurch.org.

Center for Life and Learning Hosts May 3 Festival of the Artful Spirit

The recently renamed Center for Life and Learning (CLL) continues to celebrate its new identity while broadening awareness of its dynamic programs and members. Building on the success of last year's Festival of the Artful Spirit, the CLL will host an expanded Festival this year. Showcasing the work of many talented Center for Life and Learning members, the complimentary reception will include live music and refreshments and the chance to purchase one-of-a-kind works of art.



John Zachari, a modern-day Monet, painted this butterfly and these flowers in the Center's Painting and Drawing Class.

**Fitness in Relationships:
To Your Good Health
National Women's Health Week
May 13-19, 2007**

Monday, May 14 12:00-1:00 p.m.

60 Good Minutes: Your Relationship with Food
No charge, box lunch available for purchase

Wednesday, May 16 12:00-1:00 p.m.

60 Good Minutes: Your Relationship with Your Body
No charge, box lunch available for purchase

Friday, May 18, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

60 Good Minutes: Prayerful Meditation as a Relationship
No charge, box lunch available for purchase

Saturday, May 19: 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Women's Health Brunch
*Nurturing Body, Mind, and Spirit:
Mindfulness and T'ai Chi*
Registration required, \$20.00

All events will be held in Anderson Hall at Fourth
Presbyterian Church, 126 E Chestnut Ave.

Our National Women's Health Week events are co-
sponsored by the Center for Whole Health and the Center
for Life and Learning, programs of Chicago Lights; by
Women@Fourth Connect and by Holy Name Cathedral's
Parish Health Ministries.

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**Festival of the Heart
May 23 and 24,
11:00 and 4:00
May 25, 10:30**

Unwritten
by Naima Dawson

*"No one else can speak the words on your lips...
Live your life with eyes wide open
Today is where your life begins
The rest is still unwritten..."*

Students in the Near North Magnet Cluster have been
working hard on their performance of *Unwritten*, a story
about making your own choices and writing your own
script. Come see their art, music and dance at the Near
North Magnet Career Academy, 1450 N. Larabee.

Diana Anton
Director, Near North Magnet Cluster
Arts & Literacy Initiative

**Tutoring and Scholarship
Dates to Remember:**

- High School Awareness Dinner – April 18th
- End of the 06-07 Tutoring Year – High School
Banquets – 5/14 & 15
- Job Training Internships - June 18th – August
9th (Internship Sites Needed)
- Job Training Celebration – August 9th

Chicago Lights Up the Runway

In March, Chicago Lights
hosted *Chicago Lights Up
the Runway*; a joyful cele-
bration of work of the
***Elam Davies Social
Service Center*** – help-
ing people who are home-
less or low-income to be-
come housed and meet
their basic needs.



Guests of the Social Service Center utilize the Share Shop, a free clothes closet full of attractive clothes in good condition, for interview or work clothing as well as everyday needs. The fashion show highlighted the Center and this important part of its outreach. Staff and volunteers strutted their stuff, including (pictured) Pastor John Buchanan, Associate Pastor Adam Fronczek and Guest Services Coordinator Trina Portillo.



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Recent Grants Awarded to Chicago Lights:

- Illinois Humanities Council for the Nancy B. Jefferson School: \$8,264
- Fry Foundation for the Tutoring & Scholarship Job Training & Career Development project: \$15,000
- Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation for the Center for Whole Health Healthy Heart Project: \$5,000

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