

Immacolata Manor

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Call for Donations

- We are looking for the temporary use of at least half a dozen USB Internet Cards which will enable laptop access to the internet for the purpose of registering riders on-line the morning of Janey's Ride (from 8-11am at the KC Downtown Airport).
- If you have tickets to Liberty/Kansas City sporting events or fine arts programs that you cannot use, please consider donating them to the Manor. Our residents enjoy exposure to a variety of surroundings.
- Please consider donating your unusable Royals tickets for any DAY game (1:10 PM) to the My Day program. We'll take any amount of tickets, on any given day.
- Committee Members for Janey's Ride are currently accepting donations for the Silent Auction. It's a great opportunity to advertise your business through the donation of an item or service. Remember the money raised through the auction directly benefits the women of Immacolata Manor. If you would like to donate, drop your item by Main House or give us a call. We would gladly pick the item up.
- Your gifts/donations make a difference! If you would like more information about how you can support the IM Endowment Fund, please call Dale Herrick at 816-781-4332, x224 or via email at dherrick@imanor.org.

Our Mission

The Manor is a not-for-profit agency providing habilitative services for persons with a developmental disability. Immacolata Manor focuses on the values and principles of community membership, self-determination, human rights, and basic needs, so that the persons will be supported and empowered to achieve their highest potential and to live their lives with dignity and respect.

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Manor Happenings & Future Highlights

May 16

Annual Manor
BALLOON LIFT &
LUNCHEON
11:30-1:30 • IM

May 25

IM Offices Closed
in observance of
Memorial Day

June 6

DAY OF CARING
9-1 • IM Outdoors

June 10

Liberty Area
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
AFTER HOURS
5-6:30 p.m. • IM

June 28

JANEY'S RIDE
8 a.m. Registration
11 a.m. Start
Downtown Airport

July 3

IM Offices Closed
in observance of
Independence Day

July 17

ROYAL'S NIGHT
AT THE K
7:10 p.m.

8th Annual Disability Rights Legislative Day

Highlights – On Wednesday, March 25, My Day participants Mary Jo, Viki, Rose, Liz, Sarah Jane, Tia, and Mary, along with IM staff, joined the rally for Disability Rights in Jefferson City at the Missouri State Capitol. At 8 a.m. we loaded a charter bus (arranged by the Metropolitan Council on Developmental Disabilities and shared with other area services and agencies) at the Independence Mall and headed for Jefferson City. Upon arrival we set out to find key State Legislators before the rally started. Almost immediately we ran into Representative Jerry Nolte (R – Gladstone) who greeted us warmly and was keenly interested in our legislative agenda which we hastily shared with him. As good fortune would have it, we found Representative Doug Ervin (R – Holt) at the door of his office. He invited us in, chatted for a while before running off to vote, returned to pose for a picture and discuss our legislative agenda items. The rest of the day was spent attending the rally, perusing the museums and art work, and visiting the offices of Senator Luann Ridgeway (R – Smithville), Representative Tim Flook (R – Liberty), and Representative Bob Nance (R – Excelsior Springs).



The Issues – The contingent from IM traveled to the Capitol with the goal of meeting with local legislators to share concerns with the impact of proposed House Budget Committee funding cuts as they related to the Department of Mental Health and Division of Developmental Disabilities (DD); specifically noting the failure to include the Division of DD in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 recommendations to include “cost-to-continue” for FY 2009 supplemental funding. If this does not occur, the Division of DD would not be able to continue providing residential and in-home services to new Medicaid eligible consumers beyond June 30. Furthermore, the Division of DD received no Caseload Growth or DD wait list funding during the regular FY 2009 budget process, exacerbating the crises for individuals on the DD wait list. DMH's Division of DD must receive its Medicaid Caseload Growth funding of \$5,816,008 GR and \$10,420,754 FED to have any chance of meeting the needs of individuals served.

The Results – While we were working the halls of the capital talking with Representative Ervin and Representative Nolte, Representative Allen Icet (R – Wildwood), Budget Chairman, offered an amendment to put back the \$5 million for DD Caseload Growth Cost-to-Continue within the FY2010 Budget. Representative Icet took the money from the Ethanol line item under HB 6. Many rural legislators voiced concern about cutting Ethanol by \$5 million. Representative Icet provided assurance that he would restore the cut to Ethanol within the Stimulus funding legislation he planned to introduce the following week. The reassurance gave rest to the concerned legislators and the amendment for DD Caseload



Growth passed!

This would not have happened without a lot of persistence, lobbying and grassroots efforts. Thank you to those affiliated with Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities (MARF) for making everyone aware of the issues. This is truly a testament of what legislators will do when they hear from their constituents.

We encourage you to contact your elected officials and share your thoughts on current events and government policy, especially as it relates to the developmentally disabled. Decisions on legislative issues are measured by the number of people that contact their Senators and Representatives and make their voice known as a voter. Since the people we support cannot advocate for themselves, they need you to do it for them...and their future. Please call or write, and encourage others to do the same. Thank you for taking the time to advocate on behalf of all persons with a developmental disability. You can go to: <http://www.imanor.org/links.html#elected> to find contact information (e-mail, postal addresses, and phone numbers) for key elected officials.

From the Executive Director

Remember back in the mid 90's when experts designated that the 21st Century would be known as the "Information Age." Certainly, with the advent of the internet, e-mail, cell phones, text messaging and now Twitter, we find ourselves being barraged with information about events as they happen. So it is as we send out this newsletter that we are able to insert a very exciting announcement about a gift from the Zona Rosa's Change for Charity program. On April 23, we received a donation gift to Immacolata Manor in the amount of \$9,017.72 which was a surprise in the total, even though we had applied for a grant to participate in this program. We sincerely hope that our readers will have opportunities when they visit Zona Rosa to express to the tenants and even to Rosemary Salerno, General Manager of Zona Rosa, how much we appreciate Immacolata Manor's selection to participate and receive this wonderful donation.

We would also like to thank each of you who were able to attend our Volunteer Recognition Garden Party held on Sunday, April 26, on the back patio of the Main House. Although many of our honorees were unable to attend, those who were here had an opportunity to see roses that were planted in our large circle garden in their honor and to be greeted by members of our Board of Directors, staff and most importantly residents, and thanked for their year of volunteering to Immacolata Manor.

We sincerely hope each of you know that your gifts of money made in donation or your personal time committed to the work of this organization is one of our most important assets and so valued by everyone associated with this agency.

Thank you for your support!

—Dale R. Herrick

Thrift Shop Promotions

Father's Day Sale

June 18–20 • "Manly Things"

Antiques • Sports Equipment
Wedding/Anniversary
Clothing with purple tags 25¢.

Janey's Over the Next Hill Ride Sale

June 29–July 3

Discounts on all store merchandise for anyone who participates in Janey's Ride. Proof of participation required to qualify for discount. Proof of participation would include your on-line preregistration confirmation, registration t-shirt, rider wrist band.

Christmas in July*

July 6–11

Some of our best Christmas ornaments, gifts & decorations will be for sale. **BOGO** on women's shorts & capri pants. Buy One Get One of equal or lesser value free.

Back 2 School Sale

August 3–8

Lots of school items on sale at our already low, low prices.

Summer Clearance Sale*

August 31–September 5

*25¢ minimum purchase price for any item.

**IMMACOLATA MANOR
THRIFT SHOP**

Simply striving to be the best!

931 Brown St. • Liberty, MO 64068 • 781-5472

From the IM Board President

As I write to you the Board is beginning the process of up-dating the Strategic Plan which will be our guide as we go into the next three to five years. By the time you get this newsletter the Plan will be complete and we will be communicating the guidelines to you in future newsletters and on our newly redesigned website at <http://www.imanor.org>. If you have access to a computer I encourage you to spend some time looking at the information that is there. We are very proud of it.

The Strategic Plan will be a "living" document in that we will be constantly reviewing and revising it as we see the need. As you well know, in this time of economic downturns, it is hard to predict what can be done. As much of our income is dependent on unpredictable State and Federal funding we must always be vigilant as we budget to meet the needs of the people we serve. Of course, their care and welfare are always our highest priority. Fortunately, we have a very dedicated and energetic staff who work around the clock to make the Manor the wonderful place it has always been. But, we also still depend so much on the generosity of those of you who support us with your donations.

If you haven't visited us lately please do; or consider joining us for Day of Caring on June 6, a community-wide service event, as we work on various outdoor maintenance projects. While here, you will be pleasantly surprised to see the many things that have occurred to make the Manor even more beautiful. Thanks to the Hallmark Community Assistance Program, nearly all of the buildings have been painted inside. Outside, IM staff and volunteers have planted and are caring for the beautiful gardens.

It's a very good time for the Manor.

—Anna Margaret McGuire

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Manor Thrift Shop for being published as top pick of local thrift stores by Liberty High School students. The Bell, a publication of the Liberty High School (March 27, 2009, Volume 85, Issue 8), released a recent article titled "Thrifty students have found their goldmine." The article promotes the benefits of shopping at thrift stores along with a top five thrift stores list. On this list Immacolata Manor is ranked as No. 1. Thrift Shop Manager, Carl Caylor, responds to news of the honor, "Wow! I am not totally surprised by this, but I am very pleased, for sure. We really do have a great place to shop. I have noticed a lot of Liberty students frequenting the shop with an increasing regularity. Now it's great to know they are doing so because we are their NUMBER 1 place to shop!"

We're on the Web!

• **Web Page Open House** – www.imanor.org has a fresh, new look, updated information, and easier navigation. Register for Janey's Ride, find career opportunities, get information on upcoming events, sign up for e-mail newsletters, and discover our most current needs. Come check us out and visit often.

• **Become a Fan of Immacolata Manor!** Are you on Facebook®? Join us! The Manor and Janey's Ride has created a presence on Facebook to share information and events with the Facebook community. You can use the Facebook site to publicly show your support for IM to your friends and contacts.

Head over to Facebook to check it out and meet other people who are joining Janey's Ride, raising money, or just interested in IM and the services we provide. We'll be posting updates, photos, events and discussions there. Come on over and write on our wall!

If the social networking revolution has so far passed you by, you can still join Facebook for free at www.facebook.com.

Join Us for a Night at the Royals! Fundraising Opportunity

Join Us For a Night at The K! IM is hosting the July 17 Royals game as they take on Tampa Bay, the 2008 American League Champions. This is the first game after the All-Star break and includes FREE fireworks after the game and Hall of Fame Classic by Willie Wilson.

Discount tickets will be available in the Field Box for \$23 (regularly \$33), Field Plaza for \$19 (regularly \$26), and View Box for \$13 (regularly \$18). ADA/impaired tickets are also available. Because this is a fundraiser, IM will receive proceeds from the tickets purchased through this special program. To purchase tickets visit the Manor web site at www.imanor.org, click on the Latest News & Events tab, scroll down to the Calendar of Events and click on Royals Night Fundraiser. This will take you to the official web site for the Kansas City Royals. Unfortunately MLB has not yet posted our event, so keep watching.

Don't care much for baseball or have a scheduling conflict? Consider purchasing a ticket for an IM resident to attend the game on your behalf. Many residents enjoy attending Royals games and would be happy to go in your place. IM is also looking into the possibility of running a shuttle from the Manor to the K to avoid the hassles that come with parking at the stadiums. If you are interested in this possibility please contact Stacie in the Development Office at 816-781-4332 ext. 226, or email at info@imanor.org.

United Way

Did you know when you make your United Way pledge, you can write in Immacolata Manor as the recipient of your United Way donation? On your pledge card, write in the amount of your pledge plus the name and address of Immacolata Manor (2135 Manor Way, Liberty, MO 64068) as the 501(c)(3) you want your pledge to go to. Add your name among those donors who designated over \$2,000 in funding to IM this past year.

Heartland Combined Federal Campaign – New for 2009, federal employees can now designate funds to Immacolata Manor through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC).

IMMACOLATA MANOR DONORS

Received from January 24, 2009 through April 29, 2009.

In Honor of

Susan Cox – Mr. & Mrs. Milton Mulligan

Rose Gram – American Century Investment Dollars for Donors Fund

Rose Kerr – Benedict Anch

Faith Kirkendoll – Faye Kirkendoll, BNSF Veterans Assoc. #29

Anna Margaret McGuire's Birthday – Christine Fuller

Beth Rawson – Theresa Rulle

Jane Salvador – Northland Festivals, Inc. Snake Saturday NKC BBQ

In Memory of

Lyle Bratcher – Ann Bratcher

Dante Gina Casali – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buzzella, Mr. & Mrs. AW Thedinga

Patty Henderson – Sandra Correu

Ray & Mary Kerr – Benedict Anch

Charles Kirkendoll – John Clapper, Fatima & Sinad Becir, BNSF Veterans Assoc. #29, The McDaris Family,

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Richard Johnson, John Linville, Barbara Guinn,

Susanna Vogt

Janey's Ride: Gerald Carpenter, Thomas McGee

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Thank You!

- **Harvest Ball Society** – on January 20, Immacolata Manor was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the members of the Harvest Ball Society. This marks a total of \$39,000 IM has received from the Society in recognition of our continued dedication to “stabilize, strengthen and enrich the lives of Northland residents.”
- **Tootsie Roll Drive Funders** – Members of the Knights of Columbus Councils in Gladstone, Independence, Kearney, and Parkville held their annual tootsie roll drives to assist the mentally and developmentally disabled in the Kansas City Metro Community, providing a total of \$3,482 to Immacolata Manor.
- **Meet Us At The Manor** – On February 18 and March 18 members of the IM Administration Team and Board of Directors had the honor of hosting several valued community stakeholders for lunch, offering them the opportunity to step inside The Manor by taking a tour of our historic campus. They witnessed firsthand how Immacolata Manor and the My Day program provide habilitative services for people with developmental disabilities and focuses on the values and principles of community membership, self-determination, human rights and basic needs. This educational program was attended by Jan Kauk, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; Gayle Potter, Liberty Chamber of Commerce; Nathan Meinert, Commerce Bank; Paul Twenter; Rob Hoffman, DDRB Board; Debbie Trimmer & Jim Allen, Our Lady of Mercy; Lynelle Melton, Pleasant Valley Baptist Church; Chris Fuller; Dianne Ferrell; and from the Manor Thrift Shop, Lynn Correa, Camille Wynn, and Ann Bratcher.
- **St. Patrick’s Day Party** – The women of Soroptimist International of Liberty hosted a St. Patrick’s Day party for IM residents on Tuesday, March 17. Everyone enjoyed cookies and punch, bingo and great prizes. At the conclusion of the party, residents and staff were pleased to receive a green carnation.
- **Spring Fever: Great Wine, Great Food, Big Fun** – The Liberty Sertoma Club hosted a wine tasting with a new twist on Friday, March 20. The event, which included a social and silent auction, was a smashing success raising \$9,000 to benefit five local Liberty charities, including Immacolata Manor. Thank you to the members of the Sertoma Club and the Wine Tasting Committee for including IM as a benefactor to your fundraising event.
- **Easter Party** – The youth of St. Andrew’s Catholic Church in Gladstone hosted an Easter celebration on Sunday afternoon, April 5, for all IM residents. This festive event included live musical entertainment, egg decorating, necklace beading, and an egg hunt of plastic eggs with stickers & trinkets inside. Creativity was abundant and all were delighted with their creations. The women especially appreciated the opportunity to work so closely with the 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students and their adult sponsors.

EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT:

Ryan Houghtaling, of Liberty, completed his Eagle Scout project to build two concrete pads, one at Bee House and one at Ashland House, on the grounds of Immacolata Manor, for the purpose of holding a patio swing and creating a safer environment for Manor residents. The proposed project consisted of:

- A reinforced concrete pad measuring 8’x 8’x 6” with a brushed finish located within the “triangle” between the front porch and garage of each house.
- Adding rock to landscape the remaining area within the triangle to improve aesthetics and to reduce/eliminate the need for extensive grounds keeping.

Ryan landed on his service project at Immacolata Manor after his dad, Dennis Houghtaling, spent several weeks volunteering at IM through the Hallmark Community Assistance Program. Ryan received project support from his Troop as well as other Hallmark supporters.

Thank you, Ryan, for your generous support of Immacolata Manor, and congratulations on the completion of your Eagle Scout Service Project.

Hallmark Volunteers

During the current fiscal year IM was blessed to receive extensive volunteer assistance from the Employees of the Hallmark Liberty Distribution Center through the Hallmark Community Assistance Program. During down time at the Distribution facility, when there’s not enough work for everyone, Hallmark employees can sign up for service projects in or near Liberty. The employees then get their regular compensation from the company. Three separate times IM had the good fortune to be chosen by Hallmark to have a team of volunteers working with us; (from July 21 thru August 29, a team of 14; from October 29 through November 14, a team of 18; and January 5 through March 6, a team of 14, plus four more team members at the Manor Thrift Shop). The Hallmark crew has completed an impressive list of chores...

Upon their return to the Manor on January 5, the Hallmark team was a non-stop painting machine hitting several administrative offices in Main House, all second floor bathrooms, all of third floor, all stair wells and spindles, and the dining room. All of Ashland House, Bee House, and Deer Run were painted and resident bedrooms were painted pastel colors chosen by each resident. The med room and living room at Cabana House was also painted.

Carpet was removed from the Main House third floor exposing beautiful cork flooring with quilt block patterns throughout. Work on the third floor was interrupted by raccoon trapping adventures the last two weeks in February, as they were living in the attic and we were invading their third floor playground. Puzzled that we might be catching the same ones, we decided to spray paint a line on the backs of the ones caught. Now we have raccoons with coats of many colors roaming around Clay County.

Bright, sunny and warm days allowed outside jobs to be completed – raking up pinecones, sweet gum pods, leaves and mulch off of flower beds. Rock, stone, pavers, and landscaping bricks were moved, hauled, transplanted and laid. Cold, bleak, snowy days brought snow removal, shoveling walks, and putting down sand and salt so our residents would be safe boarding vans for work and My Day.

Sue Manning, a very gifted Hallmarker, left her own hallmark in the Ashland house dining room by not only helping paint the house, but by giving the ladies the gift of a beautiful wall mural of the Eiffel Tower. It is a stunning rendition and adds something very special to our campus.

Hallmark Volunteers have transformed Immacolata Manor into a place of grace and beauty with dignity and pride. In total these three teams have given more than 6,195 volunteer hours to the benefit of Immacolata Manor and the persons we serve. **Thank you ALL for your gifts of time and talents!**

Garden Party Highlights

In recognition of community volunteerism and National Volunteer Week, the women of Immacolata Manor, the Board of Directors and Staff were pleased to host our annual Garden Party & Volunteer Recognition at Immacolata Manor on Sunday afternoon, April 26, 2009. This family friendly celebration provided a fun and casual setting for our Residents, Board Members and Staff to affirm and say, “Thank You!” to all of our volunteers and the opportunity to recognize the tremendous impact of volunteerism on Immacolata Manor.

The special accomplishments of the following selected honorees were presented:

- Hallmark Community Assistance Program Team Members, for Total Hours served, giving more than 6,195 volunteer hours assisting with grounds and maintenance projects to the benefit of Immacolata Manor and its residents.
- For Longevity in serving, the very dedicated volunteer staff at the Manor Thrift Shop (*founded in 1982 and one of IM’s top three funding sources*) was represented by:
 - Joe and Eileen Barry, founders of the Manor Thrift Shop
 - Barbara Guinn, a current Board Member and former volunteer, whose parents were also founders
 - Pauline Davis and Barbara Stratton who have the longest tenure as volunteers at the thrift shop
- For Individual Fundraising through Janey’s Ride, Ed Hale (*a longtime rider and pledge driver*) and Shawn Barber (*as supporting sponsor*) use their position and influence within the biking community to raise an average of \$4,000 each on an annual basis.
- Drs. Tinsley & Schultz, for Direct Impact on all IM residents through the provision of dental care on a consistent basis and without charge. Their care and concern for the residents as-well-as their dental work is unprecedented; believing that dental care is the root to all health care.

We are grateful for all of our volunteers, honorees, and community stakeholders for your dedication to Immacolata Manor. For their support of this event, we are also thankful to: *Family Tree Nursery, Starbucks Coffee, Hy-Vee, the Liberty High School Women’s Varsity Soccer Team, Deep Background Players Quartet, and Noodles the Clown, Miss. Agnes, and Railroad the Clown.*



Staff and Program Notes

• **Welcome to the Manor** – We are delighted to welcome the following direct-care support staff – **Devin Smith, Stephanie Collins, Bethany Turley, and Ashley Brown.** Due to the nature of supports provided by Immacolata Manor, the work performed by direct-care staff varies according to the needs of the people being supported.

• We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Amber Zimmerman** as the House Team Leader for Cabana as of May 1, 2009. Amber has served in direct-care at the Manor for the past year. She replaces Karla Nimmo who has taken short-term medical leave, but plans to return to the Manor as soon as possible. Karla will still be an important part of the Manor Direct-Care Staff when she is able to return!

• **Go Red For Women Day** – Too few people realize that heart disease is the #1 killer of women – and of men – but the good news is that heart disease can largely be prevented. Go Red For Women Day, organized by the American Heart Association, was Friday, February 6, 2009. To spread the message “*The Heart of Your Business Matters*” and to further raise awareness of heart disease and empowering women and workplaces to reduce their risk factors for heart disease, the Clay County Public Health Center asked all county businesses and organizations to show their support for Women’s Heart Health Awareness by joining them in wearing red to work on that day. In addition they requested that a snapshot be taken of employees/groups wearing red and submit them in an effort to fill an entire wall at the health center showing community support for prevention services. The “Women’s Heart Health Wall” was unveiled February 27 and can still be viewed in the lobby of the Clay County Public Health Center. As a service provider to 27 women with developmental disabilities, employer of 53 women, and recruiter of a female volunteer base of 100+, we felt it critically necessary to participate in this beneficial event. Not only as an employee wellness program to emphasize our care and concern for those who work for us, but also as a service agency through deliberate focus and enhancement of our health and wellness programs and services provided to our residents and My Day participants, and finally as a community partner who relies on valued community stakeholders to further our cause and image as a comprehensive service provider to persons with a developmental disability. As witnessed by the photos, consumers, staff, and volunteers alike turned out to Go Red for Women at Immacolata Manor and the Manor Thrift Shop.



• **Congratulations to Jane Salvador,** who on March 13 achieved her five year goal of taking first place at the North Kansas City Missouri State BBQ 13th Annual Charity Cook Off. Jane won third place back in 2004 after her first attempt as Chief Chef at the annual cook off. It was then that she mustered the determination to one day be Grand Champion. Jane said persistence wins, “*I was going to do this contest until I won!*” She has worked

hard to perfect her sauce and presentation, using a colorful array of fresh fruits and vegetables. The key, she says, is soaking and marinating the stake in her special sauce. Jane, assisted by Michelle Gibson, won 45 of the 54 total points; competing against 21 other entrants including a couple of professional chefs and several who regularly compete in the American Royal BBQ contest. How to cook the perfect medium-rare Kansas City strip steak? Sear for five minutes, turn, and cook for three more minutes!

• **Balloon Lift and Potluck** – Make plans now to join us at our 5th Annual Balloon Lift and Potluck on Saturday, May 16, from 11:30-1:30 p.m. This Manor family event is for residents, immediate family/guardians, staff and Board Members in memory of residents, staff and parents who have preceded us in death. The Balloon Lift is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. and the Potluck & Entertainment at Broadacres begins at 12:15 p.m. Entertainment is provided by The Paul Marchbanks Trio. *R.S.V.P. to Michelle Gibson 816-781-4332, ext. 225 or email info@imanol.org.*

Janey’s Ride, Over the Next Hill for Immacolata Manor

The 2009 Janey’s Ride is beginning to take shape with some great prizes and silent auction items, biker registration events, and wonderful sponsors. **Now all we need is YOU!**

RIDERS – Make plans now to join us on Sunday, June 28! Pre-registration is now available online at www.imanol.org or www.janeysride.com. Registration includes an Official 2009 Janey’s Ride T-shirt (*while supplies last*).

VOLUNTEERS – The ride wouldn’t be possible without the help of an army of volunteers who serve in various capacities. We are actively seeking more volunteers to fill critical roles the day of the ride. If you are interested in joining our volunteer team, contact Stacie at 816-781-4332, x226 or email info@imanol.org.

FUNDRAISER – Racking up pledges for Janey’s Ride is as easy as 1-2-3. *See below for more details.*

SPONSORS – Remaining visible is key in today’s economy; and Janey’s Ride can provide a unique venue for exposure of your business to a large and varying audience. *See bottom of page for more information.*

Special Event Pre-Registration Dates:

June 13 – at **Triple6Cycle**, Excelsior Springs

June 20 – at **Fathead & Braindeads Saloon**, Grandview

June 21 – Lathrop Motorcycle Show, 10-2 at **Lathrop Show Grounds**

June 24 – Pre-ride Party at **Stables**, Kearney

Gathering Pledges for Janey’s Ride:

Whether you are a rider or just an IM supporter, you can join us to raise pledges for Janey’s Ride. Firstgiving is the leading social platform for online fundraising for any nonprofit organization. Firstgiving offers everyday people tools and resources to raise money for causes that matter to them, bringing individual fundraising stories to life. Raising money online with Firstgiving is safe and easy. Here’s how:

1. Go to IMMACOLATA MANOR’s fundraising Start Page – <http://www.firstgiving.com/npo/23701>
2. Create a personal fundraising page with your own message of support for Janey’s Ride and Immacolata Manor by adding photos and telling your story, then email it to everyone you know.
3. Your friends, family, and colleagues respond to the personal appeal, make secure donations by credit card, and leave personal messages.
4. Firstgiving sends the donations directly to IM.

If you’re not comfortable setting up your own page, we’ll be happy to do it for you. Prizes will be awarded to the participants with the most pledges received and total dollars raised through the IM page on Firstgiving.

Thank you to our 2009 Ride Sponsors & Supporters:

- DST Systems
- Entercom Kansas City (The Rock 98.9FM)
- Farmland Foods Inc
- Jones Soda
- One Night Stand – the Band
- Thomas McGee, LC
- Liberty Cycle Center
- Kearney Commercial Bank
- Dunn Family Foundation
- Worth Harley-Davidson North
- Cat’s Typesetting & Printing
- G & L Printing
- Esssig Management Co.
- Triple6Cycle
- Stables Bar & Grill
- C.M. Mose & Son
- North Kansas City Beverage Co.

Today’s marketing professionals are pushing event sponsorships as one of the best secret weapons for marketing in a down economy. Janey’s Ride provides a well managed and established venue for promotional opportunities such as: coupons, advertising, flyers, branding, logo wear, face to face interaction, table top displays, samples, signage, silent auction items, and provision of ride day supplies.

You, too, can be a sponsor by providing one or more of the following: Financial gift of \$250+ • Volunteers Day of Ride • In-Kind Donation, such as: Tents, Signage, Food, Beverages, Ride Logo Wear, Promo Items, Silent Auction Item(s), Pledge Prize(s), Office Supplies, etc. *For more information on sponsor opportunities for Janey’s Ride please contact the Development Office at (816) 781-4332 .ext 226 or email sbratcher@imanol.org*



The Best Ride in the Northland!
Make plans now to join us!

Sunday, June 28, 2009

**Starts at Kansas City
Downtown Airport**

*Registration Opens at 8 a.m.
Ride Starts at 11 a.m.*

Chris Cakes Benefit Breakfast
Dice Roll • Silent Auction
Bike Show
Complimentary Lunch

Live Classic Rock
with One Night Stand at Finish
on Immacolata Manor Campus in Liberty, MO
Serving persons with developmental disabilities.

PRE-REGISTRATION:
Biker \$25 • Biker & Passenger \$40

DAY-OF REGISTRATION:
Biker \$30 • Biker & Passenger \$45

**Pre-Register Online at
www.imanol.org**

- Fathead & Braindeads Saloon
- Manor Thrift Shop