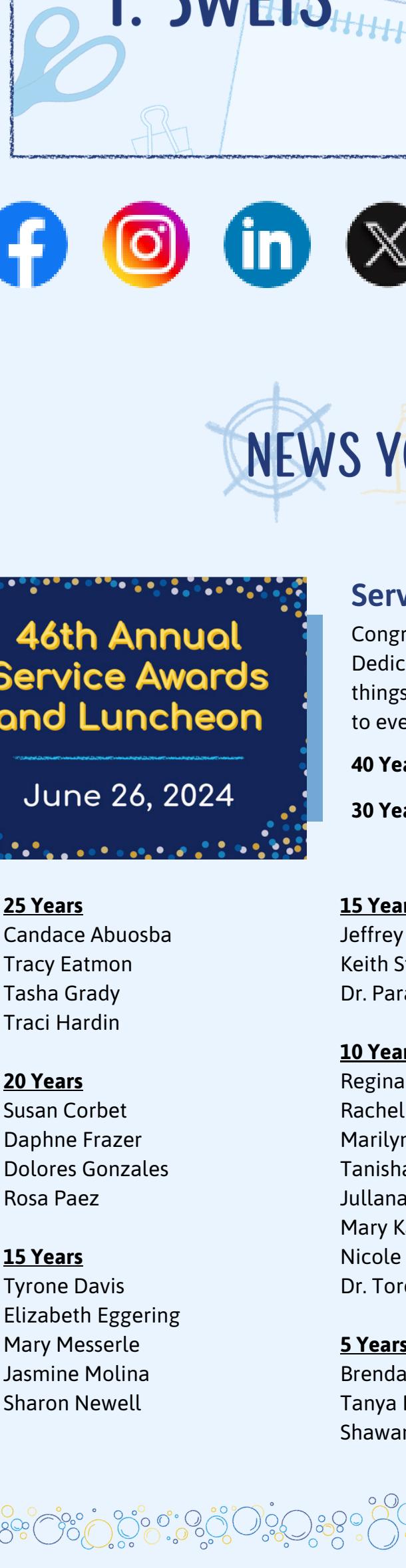


Making Waves

July 2024



Introducing Making Waves, our new internal newsletter! Filled with all the news and information you want and need to be a successful team member here. You'll receive this newsletter via email every month. The goal is to help keep everyone informed and engaged and provide a platform for us to share important information and celebrate our achievements. Hopefully Making Waves will be something you look forward to receiving, reading, and even saving for future reference.

Thank you to everyone who attended our town halls last month. I genuinely appreciate the warm welcome. Don't forget your homework! Follow, share, and invite others to our social channels!

As always, thank you for everything you do.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

Service Awards

Congratulations to our recent service awards honorees. Dedication to La Rábida and its mission is one of the things that sets our team apart from the rest. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to our mission.

40 Years - Sylvia Williams

35 Years - Denise Mosinski

30 Years - Jerry Antos

30 Years - Dr. Qamar

25 Years

Candace Abusoba
Tracy Eatmon
Tasha Grady
Traci Hardin

15 Years (cont.)

Jeffrey Peebles
Keith Stephens
Dr. Parag

5 Years (cont.)

Brenda Colunga
Andrew Cuisin
Monica Czajkowski
Jane Garcia
Domita Hayes
Tonie Houke
Patricia Johnson
Ashley Marshall
Dave McGee
Gabriela Munoz
Theresa Pharr
Nicholas Reynolds
Gabriela Rodriguez
Selen Rodriguez
Lorrie Sims
Susan Storiz
Catharine Thomann
Amy Traeflet

20 Years

Susan Corbet
Daphne Frazer
Dolores Gonzales
Rosa Paez

10 Years

Regina Arguellez
Rachel Beasley
Marilyn Calik
Tanisha Jones
Jullanar Muhammad
Mary Kate Ryan
Nicole Walton
Dr. Torero

15 Years

Tyrone Davis
Elizabeth Eggering
Mary Messerle
Jasmine Molina
Sharon Newell

5 Years

Brenda Arteaga Ruiz
Tanya Brown
Shawanna Chew

Diverse Learners Fund

Here's an opportunity for some of our patients with IEPs (Individualized Education Program). **The Diverse Learners Recovery Fund** is a collaboration between the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., dedicated to aiding families of students with disabilities affected by COVID-19. It operates as a lottery-style grant drawing, offering a one-time cash grant of \$500 to eligible K-12 students with disabilities. Up to 8,000 applicants will be selected through the lottery to receive the grant. Submitting an eligible application does not guarantee you will receive the funds.

Stronger Together: Building a More Equitable Behavioral Health System in Cook County Initiative

We are incredibly proud to share that La Rábida was awarded a grant as part of **Cook County Health's Stronger Together Initiative**, which aims to address behavioral health inequities across the region. With this grant, we will increase our efforts and wrap-around services to reduce disparity in services for children with behavioral, educational, and medical needs. This also allows us to hire a dedicated integrated school liaison within our outpatient care clinic that will work to empower families and help them self-advocate for their child's needs at school. La Rábida was one of 53 grants that were awarded, among 320 applicants.

Dr. Peddinti Appointment

Our very own Dr. Peddinti, who leads our Sickle Cell program, was recently appointed to the governor's **Advisory Council on Financing and Access to Sickle Cell Disease Treatment and Other High-Cost Drugs and Treatment** – that's a long name! Governor Pritzker signed an executive order at La Rábida earlier this year that established the council to provide leadership for and collaborate with those working to make sickle cell disease treatments and other high-cost drugs and treatments accessible. Dr. Peddinti will also help to advise the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services on the development of payment models and financing approaches for sickle cell disease treatment and other high-cost drugs and treatments that support equitable access and contribute to national efforts to formulate solutions. Congratulations Dr. Peddinti! Thank you for representing La Rábida!

NEED-TO-KNOW

La Rábida is joining the Hyde Park Fourth of July Parade!



Join Rolla and your fellow colleagues to walk in the **Hyde Park Fourth of July Parade!** A first for La Rábida, the day is sure to be tons of fun for you AND your family. So bring the kids, and come out in your finest La Rábida gear to celebrate the Fourth of July right in our own back yard.



PHOTO



FINISH

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