

## January 2007 Events



The Villa's **Employee Giving Campaign** wrapped up in late 2006. Over 55% of the Villa's employees pledged almost \$20,000 (a 7% increase!) to support the Villa's mission of helping children with special needs.

Pictured: Flagler Family Services employees were treated to a special recognition breakfast in honor of their being the first service to reach 100% employee participation in the campaign.

Through a grant from ComputerTots, students in the Lewis Children's Center's after-school program began a **ten-week special computer class**. The ComputerTots program is more than 20 years old, and it has provided technology experiences to children in more than 2,000 schools. Thanks to local ComputerTots representative Kaustuv Das for making this program possible. For more information, please contact Mr. Das at 537-5577.

Pictured: ComputerTots teacher Tori Brooks works with students Kyle and LJ.



**Brian Montgomery**, Hollybrook resident and President of the Housing Corporation Boards (which oversees the Hollybrook Apartments at the Villa), was profiled in an article in STYLE Weekly on January 17. For the past five years, Brian has been working to get sidewalks built along Brook Road in front of the Villa, and in December, the Henrico Board of Supervisors approved putting \$1 million toward the project. When built, the sidewalks will allow Hollybrook residents to travel much more safely along Brook Road. You can read the full article at <http://www.styleweekly.com/article.asp?idarticle=13697>

Thank you, Brian, for your hard work on this important project!



Villa employees really "dished it out" on Monday, January 22, as the Villa held its **annual Chili Cookoff**. All in all, fifteen wonderful recipes were sampled (and sampled again!) by Villa employees.

Pictured: Drew Brown (left) and Gene Lee (right) taste some of the chili.

**TOPSoccer** began its Winter 2007 program at the Villa on January 28. The program pairs special needs children with “buddies” from area soccer clubs. During the winter, the athletes practice in the Villa’s gymnasium; this spring you will probably see them playing games on the fields around the Villa.



## Upcoming Events

**February 1 – 12 – Opening of The Playroom**, an indoor amusement center, at 9544 Woodman Road in the Laurel Hill Shopping Center. Admission is normally \$6 per child, but from February 1 through 12, admission is half price, if you bring in a donation of a new school supply for children at Lewis Children’s Center. For more information, please visit their web site at [www.the-playroom.com](http://www.the-playroom.com)

**February 8 – The support group for families with Asperger’s Syndrome** will meet at Brook Road Academy on the main Villa campus. The group meets the second Thursday of each month. This month’s speaker is Dr. Donald Oswald, Director of VCU’s Developmental Disabilities Clinic. The meeting will last from 4 until 5:30. For more information, please contact Nancy Toscano at 553-3267.

**February 8 - 11 – The Richmond Academy of Medicine Alliance** will hold its **2007 Benefit Antiques and Fine Arts Show** at the Science Museum. The show benefits several area charities, including the Villa’s summer camp for children with autism and other major disabilities. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.ramafantiqueshow.org](http://www.ramafantiqueshow.org)

**February 16 – Gallery opening at Crossroads Art Center** (2016 Staples Mill Road, just north of Broad Street) to benefit St. Joseph’s Villa. Come by, look at (and purchase or win!) some wonderful art and meet people from St. Joseph’s Villa. 6 – 9 pm.

**February 22 – A Love Affair with Jazz**, a night of dinner, dancing and jazz appreciation, featuring Hugo Jackson and the Sounds of Elegance, to raise money to support the music program at the Dooley School. 6-8 pm. For more information, please contact Kay Miles at 261-6030.

**March 21 – Open House at Sarah Dooley Center for Autism.** 3 pm and 7 pm. Learn about and tour the Sarah Dooley Center. Please call Bruce Cauthen at 553-3318 for more information.

**May 11 – 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoedown.** Join the Lonesome River Band for an evening of food, fun and music. Benefits Flagler Home. Call Katie Chandler at 261-6142 or email [kchandler@sjvmail.net](mailto:kchandler@sjvmail.net) for ticket information.

**May 14 – Genworth Foundation Golf Tournament.** PGA professional John Rollins and his friends from the Tour spend a day playing golf with area teams to raise money for St. Joseph’s Villa. At the Country Club of Virginia’s River and Creek Courses. Note: All teams have been sold, but there are a couple of sponsorships still available, and each sponsorship includes a team. Call Katie Chandler at 261-6142 or email [kchandler@sjvmail.net](mailto:kchandler@sjvmail.net) for more information.