



Lending a Helping Hand:

The Junior Board of the Clarendon Hills Infant Welfare Society

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The Junior Board was created in 2020 as an opportunity for teens in the Clarendon Hills area to gain experience volunteering and to support the adult chapter of Clarendon Hills Infant Welfare Society. The Junior Board members are motivated to help others who need healthcare and related services. They raise money, learn about fundraising, and have fun. The mission of the Junior Board is to support the Angel Harvey Clinic, raise money for the AH Clinic, and gain leadership experience.

A few examples of some of their community outreach programs are the diaper box donations, the annual coat drive, and babysitting on the night of the Infant Welfare Society Silent Auction. The diaper box fundraiser places diaper boxes in the Spring on a homeowner's lawn. The family can choose to make a donation and then send the boxes on to a neighbor or friend's house. The Junior Board manages this fundraiser and moves the boxes from house to house. Last year, the fundraiser earned \$2000 for the clinic. In addition, they run an annual coat drive at the end of October. Watch for the signs in the community when the Fall season starts. And they provide babysitting services for those who will be attending the annual silent auction.

In summary, the Junior Board is a great way for teens to gain experience volunteering, support the adult chapter of Clarendon Hills Infant Welfare Society, and help others in the Chicagoland area who need healthcare and related services.

The Junior Board is a worthwhile way for students to get volunteer credit hours for organizations such as National Honor Society or service hours needed for graduation. The members of the Junior Board are passionate about helping others and are always looking for ways to make a difference in their community. Some members volunteer for other organizations such as National Honor Society and Mend a Heart Junior Board. The Junior Board members plan to continue their volunteer efforts and are always looking for new ways to help those in need.

If you're interested in joining the Junior Board, please reach out to any Junior Board member and start attending monthly meetings. You can email Elizabeth Laurence at Elizabeth_Laurence@icloud.com for more information or follow them on Instagram @ [infantwelfarechjr](https://www.instagram.com/infantwelfarechjr).