



The PCI Portal

A Monthly Newsletter from Porto Charities, Inc.

At Porto Charities, Inc. our mission is to support children with special needs with the opportunity for an inclusive Catholic education, and young adults with special needs, assistance with meaningful employment in the Diocese of Arlington.

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From the Director's Desk...



Executive Director

Dear Friends,

No non-profit organization can be successful without a dedicated corps of volunteers; especially those who are willing to take on a leadership role.

Ever since we increased the size of our Board of Directors and our corps of volunteers this year, these unselfish and inspiring individuals have demonstrated an unbridled sense of enthusiasm and expertise as they lead our many programs & activities. We have been blessed at Porto Charities for their donation of time & talent and we hope that you will join us in keeping them in your thoughts and prayers as our work continues:

Larry Rzepka

PCI Executive Committee (led by Leo Alonso)

PCI Governance Committee (led by Bill Dalgetty)

PCI Development Committee (Led by Gerry Pelano)

PCI Employment Committee (led by Christine Fowler)

PCI Finance Committee (led by John Reidt)

PCI Grants Review Committee (led by Bill Mundy)

Mystery in Marrakesh Event (led by Mary Donovan)

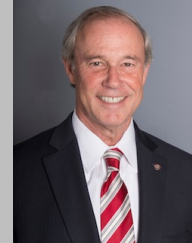
Annual Golf Tournament (led by Stew McHie)

PCI Parents Advisory Council (led by Steve and Sharon Storey)

Social Media and Website (led by Carmen Chiappetta and Lupita Williamson)

Inclusion Catalysts

Recognizing our Friends who have made a Significant Difference toward an Inclusive Community



St. Thomas More Cathedral School
Arlington, VA

Stew McHie
PCI Board of Directors

St. Thomas More (STM) Cathedral School continues to provide and expand inclusive education in accordance with the policies promoted by Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Arlington.

Stewart McHie spent 36 years with Exxon and ExxonMobil specializing in sales, marketing and strategic planning. He served in 16 assignments including overseas assignments in Australia and England. He retired in 2010 as the Global Brand Manager for the Fuels Marketing Company based in Fairfax, Virginia.

For more than 15 years, St. Thomas More Cathedral School has promoted differentiated instruction that meets the needs of varied learners.

Following his retirement, he launched a second career in academia at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Along with the Dean of the Business School, he founded, and served as Director of the Master of Science in Business Analysis program for 11 years before retiring from that role and serving the program as Assistant Adjunct Professor.

Students in Pre-K to 6th are assessed at the start of each school year to determine reading and comprehension skills. Student progress is assessed again at mid-year and in May of each school year. The data from these assessments is used to identify areas of need and strength which are incorporated into instructional plans for small group work. Students who do not meet bench marks are monitored for progress and early intervention can be successfully implemented based on the accumulated documentation.

Stew has two married daughters, one a marketing executive in NYC and the other an elementary and special ed teacher in Reston, Virginia. He has served on boards of The Fairfax County School District Marketing Committee, The Executive Board of The Advertising Council, and numerous youth sports organizations. He is passionate about education and providing opportunities for young people of all abilities.

This standard operating procedure became the springboard for establishing a full scale inclusion program in the 2019-2020 school year.

Save the Date!

ANYONE CAN BE A HERO! **14th Annual Porto Charities Golf Tournament**

Friday, October 7, 2022
Regency at Dominion Valley Golf Club
Haymarket, Va.

Registration Coming Soon!



Parents' Advisory Council Update

PAC News!

On June 8th and June 22nd, representatives from the Parents Advisory Council met with Diocesan COO Ward Jones and the Working Group for the strategic plan to discuss ways the Diocese can become more inclusive of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The representatives spoke on behalf of the PAC which has met throughout the spring to discuss these issues. The working group will present these proposals to the Bishop.



Save the Date!

1st Annual Porto Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 23, 2022.. Location TBD. Come and meet other Porto Families and learn more about how you can get involved in our inclusive efforts. Bring your lunch and we will provide popsicles and drinks! Watch your email for details!



Volunteer Opportunities

We Need You!

As we ramp up our programs and outreach efforts to support inclusive education and employment in our Arlington Diocese Catholic schools, our need for volunteers increases. We have a variety of activities on the horizon and could use your help on one of our many planning committees.

Whether your interests lie in education (*conferences, webinars, resource information, etc.*), employment, social activities (*picnics, golf, family fun nights, galas, etc.*) or as our liaison to your parish, we have a place for you!

Please contact us at execdirector@portocharities.org and let us know what area you might be interested in.

We would be deeply grateful for whatever time or talent you might be able to donate.



Thank You for Supporting Porto Charities, Inc.!

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