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Providing safety and care to society's most vulnerable children since 1897.  
Group Homes, Foster Care, Family Services, Day Care

## Donor Spotlight: Jeanne Gallo

*It's all about family!*



The Gallo family: in the middle, Jeanne and husband John; (clockwise from upper left) Tim, Matthew, Sarah, Jack

### What would you tell somebody who's thinking about getting involved with Hephzibah?

Hephzibah is such an easy place to become involved because the people there are so wonderful, generous and open. What they do for the children is incredible - not only for the youngsters living in the Group Homes, but through their Foster Care and Family Based program and after school programming for children in Oak Park. Hephzibah is so much more than a shelter. It's not just about kids who are in a triage situation – the agency impacts so many families in a myriad of circumstances.

### What impresses you about Hephzibah most?

I love the fact that they have maintained the quality of their care despite a weak economy and budget cuts, I also love personally seeing the kids grow up and contributing to our community; in a very tangible sense getting to witness the major influence that Hephzibah has had on so many lives. The return on the investment in these children is beyond measure.

### Has your involvement with Hephzibah impacted your family?

Two of my children who were volunteer mentors were inspired to pursue careers in education. Both are currently teaching children in underserved areas. Our older son Tim teaches in Englewood and our daughter Sarah is a teacher in Boston. I believe that seed was planted when they were part of the volunteer program at Hephzibah. Seventeen year old Jack, our youngest, volunteers as well. All I can say is we as individuals and as a family have met so many amazing people – both young and old – and we have received so much in return for the time we have spent at Hephzibah. I sincerely encourage all who are interested, to get to know this special organization – it will be time well spent. For our family it was a life changer!

*Read about Jeanne's "most memorable Hephzibah moment" when you visit the [Donor Spotlight](#) page on our website!*

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Our Mission: Hephzibah enhances the lives of children and families through a continuum of innovative programs including:  
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## Upcoming Events

### Volunteer Orientation Session

An introduction to Hephzibah, and information about available volunteer opportunities.

Monday, May 7, 2012

[Information and Registration](#)

### Hoof-it for Hephzibah

5K Fun Run/ Walk. Fun for the whole family! Glen Ellyn, IL.

Memorial Day, Monday May 28, 2012

[Information and Registration](#)

### 5th Annual Dodgeball Tournament for Hephzibah!

Awesome Saturday afternoon event at Chicago's North Avenue Beach! Get your team together or enjoy the excitement as a spectator. An event you don't want to miss!

Tentative date, Saturday July 28th

[Information and Registration](#)

### 11th Annual Charity Golf Classic - Proceeds to Benefit Hephzibah Children's Association

Cantigny Golf Range in Wheaton, IL  
\*\*rated 4 ½ stars in Golf Digest's 2004 "Best Places to Play"

Tuesday, September 18th, 2012

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## Sweet Water Foundation Seeds Educational Technology Program for the Group Homes!



Liz Condon, Grants Manager; Mary Anne Brown, Executive Director; Paula Andries, Education Coordinator; Pat Black, Sweet Water Foundation; Molly Philosophos, Development Director.

On Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, Hephzibah received inaugural funding from the Sweet Water Foundation, which allowed us to purchase five iPads for the children in our Group Homes.

Technological literacy is imperative for children to succeed academically today. Paula Andries, Hephzibah's Education Coordinator, has observed that children living in the Group Homes lag behind their peers in school in this important skill, which puts them at additional academic disadvantage. Andries notes, "iPads are becoming prevalent in schools even in the early grades."

The children will use iPads for homework assignments and to enhance their classroom studies – along with support and instruction from Homework Helper volunteers and staff.

The Group Homes will need at least ten iPads to best serve the educational objectives of the program. If you are interested in donating funds for additional iPads, please contact Liz Condon Grants Manager at 708.649.7156 or [lcondon@hephzibahhome.org](mailto:lcondon@hephzibahhome.org)

For information about the Sweet Water Foundation, visit:  
[www.wjbsweetwaterfoundation.org/page/page/8065868.htm](http://www.wjbsweetwaterfoundation.org/page/page/8065868.htm)

## Mother's Day is May 13th

There's still time to show your mother (or someone special) how much you care.

When you make a donation to Hephzibah in your mother's name, she will receive a card featuring the photo of a mural created by our Group Homes children, acknowledging your thoughtful gift in her honor.

Of course, you can add a personal message.



### Title: "I Believe I can Fly"

To order a card, contact Barb Krause at 708.649.7160 or [bkrause@hephzibahhome.org](mailto:bkrause@hephzibahhome.org)

## Hephzibah Day Care Program's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Talent Show



On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, the children from Hephzibah's Day Care program added a little green to the 36<sup>th</sup> annual show – which took place on a beautiful and sunny St. Patrick's Day. Accordingly, the theme of this year's production was "Hephzibah's Shamrock & Roll!" The children performed a range of acts that included singing, instrumentals, Irish dancing, and African Drumming for an appreciative audience of parents, friends and family.

Thank you to the Day Care Staff, children, parents and volunteers!

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