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LEARNING TO BE ALL WE CAN BE

St. Joseph's School for the Blind

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### ***A New School Year Begins***

*Students at SJSB said goodbye to summer and hello to a new school year and a new school facility.*

*The new two-story state of art school houses twenty large, well equipped classrooms arranged so that young students and those with physical disabilities are on the first floor and older students and those who are more mobile are located on the second floor.*

*Additional conference/meeting and multipurpose areas, music and art rooms allow our students to easily move around and explore their new surroundings.*

*The facility also includes some very exciting features. The Dorothy B. Hersh Therapy Pool is equipped with thermal heating and therapy jets. An assistive/adaptive ramp has been added so wheelchair bound students can safely and easily enter and exit the pool.*

*The Sharon and James D. Held Enrichment and Technology Center plays a key role in introducing our students to the benefits of adaptive and assistive technology. Computers, Closed Circuit Television (CCTV), special software, and other state-of-the-art equipment, including optical and non-optical low vision devices for reading and writing all open up exciting new opportunities for individual independence*

*A special Therapy Suite houses the school's Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Orientation and Mobility Programs which have all been specially designed to enhance learning. The Therapy Suite is also the home of the School Store and Lunch and Balloon Delivery Service where students as part of the Pre-Vocational Program learn and develop important job skills. These programs offer students work*

*experiences that are functional and realistic and serve to integrate and enhance academic skills, language arts, and orientation and mobility.*

*This new state of the art facility also provides a safe and efficient school environment for educating students with blindness and visual impairments and will be more appropriate for serving blind/visually impaired students who have multiple disabilities. The state of the art building was built with an eye towards the future. Extra classroom and multipurpose space was included for future program growth and expansion. Additional space has also been provided to create a comfortable environment for student's families to participate in their child's highly specialized education process.*

*The new facility will allow St. Joseph's School to continue its tradition of providing high quality programs and services where all students can Learn to Be All They Can Be!*



### ***SJSB Mourns the Loss of a Dear Friend***

*On August 13, 2007 St. Joseph's School for the Blind lost a Friend and Benefactor.*

*Baseball Hall of Famer and Yankee Legend, Phil Rizzuto, better known as the "Scooter".*

*The "Scooter" became involved with St. Joseph's School for the Blind over 55 years ago. He befriended a young man who was a student at the school named Ed Lucas. Their friendship lasted a lifetime, and for the past 17 years, the school has held an Annual Golf Tournament in Phil Rizzuto's name.*

*We thank the Phil Rizzuto for his continuous support and generosity over the years. Phil will always be remembered and never forgotten by St. Joseph's School for the Blind.*

***MAY YOU REST IN PEACE, "SCOOTER"***

## ***Art That Motivates People***

*Flanking the main wall in the lobby of SJSB, is a unique sculpture called the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree is an opportunity for friends, benefactors, visitors and local businesses to purchase a leaf, stone or acorn to remember a special occasion, honor someone, or memorialize a loved one. For those who have given, it is a lasting symbol. For us it is a source of pride.*

*Recent additions to our Giving Tree include:*

*Carmen & Marie Scialfa  
In Memory of Sister Mary Byrnes  
The Gorilowich Family Trust  
Fred C. Rummel Foundation  
Duff Family Foundation*

*If you would like more information about our Giving Tree, please call 201.876.5432 ext. 113.*



## ***SJSB in the News....Read All About It!***

*Articles about St. Joseph's School for the Blind have appeared in the following newspapers and publications:*

*El Semanario Del Hogar Hispano El Mund De  
Hoy Cambio  
Servicios a La Comunidad  
Jersey Journal  
El Semanario DelHogar Hispano  
Able News  
Palisades Magazine  
Reader's Digest Magazine*

Tonya S. Hall-Editor (Director of Development)  
Edward J. Lucas-Contributor (Director of Fundraising  
& Public Education)

Gerald Kitzhoffer-Chief School Administrator  
Judy Ortman-Assistant School Administrator

## ***SJSB and the NJ Lions: Together Again***

*For the 23<sup>rd</sup> year, SJSB staff attended the Annual NJ Lions State Convention in Cherry Hill, NJ on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.*



**Gerald Kitzhoffer at the Annual NJ Lions State Convention**

*The New Jersey Lions have been extremely supportive of our mission and our students.*

***Thanks NJ Lions!***

## ***Planned Giving***

*What is the secret to making a gift that will provide the greatest meaning to you and St. Joseph's School? Part of the answer lies in careful planning and good organization. The best plans are created by first, deciding what your goals are and second, determining how to accomplish your goals.*

*Gift plans create opportunities for both the St. Joseph's School and our donors. Determining what gift is right for you is just as important as making the gift. There are many options from which you can choose. The correct plan for you balances what you wish to accomplish for yourself, your family, and your charitable interests in your overall estate and financial plans.*

*To learn more about giving strategies that allow you to make a meaningful charitable gift while possibly enhancing your, and your family's, future financial well being, please feel free to contact us 201.876.5432 ext. 113.*