



2017 IPVI Members' Outing

"Literacy through Experience at Brookfield Zoo"

Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Brookfield Zoo

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Brookfield Zoo is BIG and the choices are many. **Plan to arrive at 9:30am, the Zoo opens at 10am.** Tons of activities are available throughout your day! Your IPVI T-Shirt will be your exclusive passport into all the action into the Zoo. Attendees receive free admission, free parking, free lunch and we include two events at no cost. This year's free events will be the **Tram Ride** and the **Dolphin Show— with exclusive after show event and preferential seating.** The show begins at 2:00 so be there by 1:45 at the latest. **IPVI members will receive tickets specifically for the 2:00 show.** There are many other attractions to see, plus animals galore. Some of these attractions are the Hamill Family Wild Encounters, the Hamill Family Play Zoo, the Carousel, and the latest addition, Dinos and Dragons. These are not paid for by IPVI, but would be a rewarding experience for your children. What a wonderful day!

Our luncheon, at the Discovery Ballroom, will include pizza, drinks, and a chance to meet other parents with children of all disabilities. There will be a raffle to win blind or visually impaired items.

Please see the other side of this page to read about our **speakers.**

Become an IPVI member! Dues paying members receive free admission and parking at our Members' Only Events — Zoo Outing, Holiday Parties, and a trip to a Pumpkin Farm — activities intended to provide social and literacy opportunities for children, parents, teachers, professionals and friends.

If you'd like more information on how to attend the 2017 IPVI Zoo Outing, or on how to become a member of the "IPVI Family Network", **call Mary Zabelski at (773) 882-1331.**

Mail Registration & Payment by June 30th to

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The Chicago Lighthouse
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Chicago, IL 60608





This year's speakers will be the Juan Vaglienty Family, Anna and Juan, their daughter Amelia who is 6 years old, and their son Maximilian who is 4 years old.

Amelia was born with a very rare genetic disorder (about 300 cases in the world, about 50 diagnosed cases in the United States) called Pallister Killian Syndrome. Amelia is legally blind due to Cortical Visual Impairment (CVI), non verbal and has physical and cognitive impairments.

Maximilian was born with Down's Syndrome. He was also born with a heart defect and underwent an open heart surgery at the age of 5 months. As a result of the surgery, he developed a multitude of medical problems related to his heart and lungs, and subsequently suffered multiple pneumonias and was hospitalized every 3-4 months.

Both Amelia and Maximilian were recipients of the Early Intervention (EI) services. They both received PT, OT, ST and DT.

Amelia additionally received vision services due to her CVI. That is how our connection with the Chicago Lighthouse and IPVI started. Oddly enough, around the same time that Amelia was diagnosed my husband met Rich Zabelski while volunteering at the Polish Legal Clinic called Amicus Poloniae. Juan and Rich started talking and discovered that they had quite a few things in common. They became friends and it has been a wonderful experience to have Mary and Rich Zabelski in our lives.

After aging out of EI, Amelia and Maxi have been receiving services through Chicago Public Schools (CPS). They both receive PT, OT, ST and Amelia also receives vision therapy from TVI.

Our children are also involved in outside activities. We are members of Lekotek- a toy lending library, as well as Misericordia Outreach Group. Both children attend swimming classes at Misericordia as well as monthly play groups.

Amelia also does hippotherapy (therapy with the horses) on weekly basis. Maximilian started attending sports activities through Chicago Park District (CPD) as of April of 2017. He was in a t-ball, basketball and all sports class. He attended those classes with typically developing peers, but did have a one on one aide. We hope that Maximilian will be able to take piano lessons one day as he really likes striking keys of a piano and enjoys music. Amelia does too.

Activities we do as a family include biking (we recently raised funds and got a Buddy bike for Amelia), going to a playground, library story time and reading as a family. Both Amelia and Maximilian love listening to us read books to them.



2017 BROOKFIELD ZOO - IPVI MEMBERS' ONLY OUTING

Saturday July 15th Registration & Payment Form

Attendance is restricted to current (paid) members of IPVI**. All attendees must pre-register, purchase a 2017 Zoo T-Shirt and show current identification at the Zoo. Attendees may be required to sign Release of Liability & Use of Photographs Form. Registration is limited to one family per IPVI family membership - parents and their children. **EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS AND TEACHERS ARE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE SEPARATE IPVI MEMBERSHIPS.**

Family Name: _____ IPVI Current Membership [y/n] _____

Address: _____ city/zip: _____

e-mail: _____ H () _____ - _____ C () _____ - _____

1) MEMBER: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt: (infant), (small), (med), (large), (X-lg)

2) SPOUSE: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt: (infant), (small), (med), (large), (X-lg)

3) CHILD: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt: (infant), (small), (med), (large), (X-lg)

4) CHILD: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt: (infant), (small), (med), (large), (X-lg)

5) CHILD: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt: (infant), (small), (med), (large), (X-lg)

6) CHILD: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt: (infant), (small), (med), (large), (X-lg)

Admission to the **"2017 IPVI Members' Only Event"** includes parking (enter far South lot), buffet lunch, admission into Zoo, Dolphin Show and The Tram. The T-Shirt is required and identifies your participation and assists Zoo personnel in providing

Membership Dues (\$15.00/year per family)	
Total Number of Zoo Admission T-Shirts @ \$12/person	
Additional Tax Deductible Donation to IPVI	
TOTAL MONEY INCLUDED - PAYABLE TO IPVI	

accommodations.

REGISTRATION CLOSSES ON JUNE 30th, 2017

**IPVI is funded from member dues, activity/event participation fees, & private and public donations. IPVI benefits are available to anyone who needs and applies for membership, regardless of their ability to pay. IPVI is an all volunteer organization. We sincerely welcome your participation, support and ideas. We focus on supporting families challenged by visual



*If you do not plan to attend the zoo, please fill out this form to renew your **IPVI** membership today!*

Check one:

Parent/Guardian Membership: \$15 per year.

Child(ren)'s Names: _____

Birthdate(s) of my blind/visually impaired child(ren):

My child(ren)'s eye condition: _____

I give my permission to release my name to other parents.

Group/Agency Membership: \$50 per year.

Extended Family/Friend Associate Membership: \$15 per year.

Medical Specialist: \$50 per year.

Scholarship Fund Donation: \$ _____ (tax deductible)

Other Donation(s): \$ _____ (tax deductible)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Please enclose this form along with your payment by check to:

IPVI ● P.O. Box 316634 ● Chicago, IL 60631

Have questions or need more information: Call us at 1-773-882-1331



We are gathering in the Discovery Center. We are to park in the Discovery Center Parking Lot. We need to enter at the SOUTH Entrance, not the main entrance. To get to the South Entrance, take 1st Avenue to Ridgewood Road (the first traffic light south of 31st street). Go west on Ridgewood to Golf Road. Turn right on Golf Road to the South Entrance Parking Booth (See map).

At the South Entrance Parking booth, say that you are with IPVI and you will not have to pay for parking. After the south parking booth, stay to the right and tell the next gate guard that you are with IPVI and they will let you on to the road leading to the Discovery Center parking lot. Come to the Discovery Center to check in and get your shirts and Zoo map. See you all there!

