



Chicago Irish Brotherhood NEWS

C.I.B. RECORD BREAKING FR. FLANAGAN SPIRIT AWARD

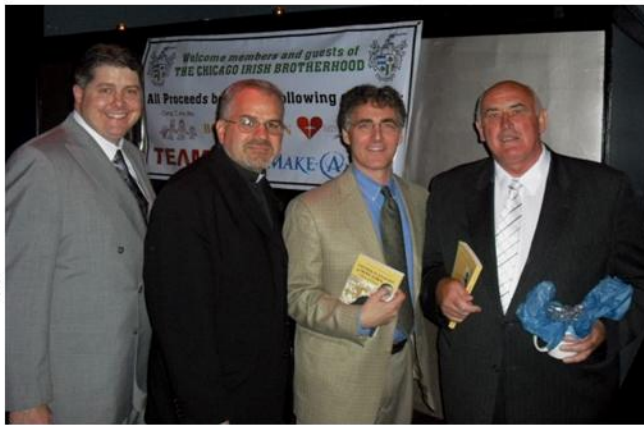
The Chicago Irish Brotherhood hosted the first ever Fr. Flanagan Spirit Award on Saturday, April 27 to benefit Boys Town of Chicago and the festive evening shattered all records of fun and fundraising.

And helping Boys Town of Chicago will come in the form of a C.I.B. check for \$21,000 to help fund much needed programs provided by the Boys Town satellite program in Chicago's Back of the Yards Neighborhood.



Tim Egan & Sheriff Tom Dart on the front lines of child abuse, gang activity, drug use and violence.

The night was highlighted by the contributions of Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, who just days before the event was named one of TIME Magazine's 100 Most



C.I.B. Chairman Tim Egan, Boys Town of Chicago Exec. Dir. Fr. Bruce Wellems, Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart, Fr. Flanagan Spirit Award Winner Mr. Billy Lawless.

Influential People in the World. Sheriff Dart was there from the beginning of the planning of this important gala by agreeing to be the Honorary Chairman. Cook County's hard working and heroic Sheriff has taken a stand against immoral evictions and has gracefully shouldered the burden of running one of the United States' largest jails.

The C.I.B. is honored to have Sheriff Dart associated with our mission of "Helping others through friendship."

The evening kicked off with a blessing by Boys Town of Chicago's Fr. Bruce Wellems and was capped off by a

humbling speech by the first ever Fr. Flanagan Spirit Award winner Mr. Billy Lawless. Mr. Lawless is a tireless champion of immigration rights and a successful Chicago restaurateur.

Boys Town of Chicago began operations in 2007 with generous support of Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley and the Archdiocese of Chicago. Programs are provided for kids

The star studded night included attendance by Irish Counsel General Martin Rouine, Boys Town Board Chairman Paul Lopez, and the event was Co-chaired by Chicago Police Department Commander Hector Rodriguez.

A "Thank You" and sponsorship list is available on the C.I.B. website: www.theCIB.org.



Andrea Bielski, Sue Rodriguez, Spirit Award Co-Chairman CPD Commander Hector Rodriguez and Adalbert Bielski.

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