

Our JOURNEY T O G E T H E R

| Winter 2017



Dates to Remember...

December 2, 2017

Annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Boutique
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve – 7:00 p.m.
Christmas Day – 10:30 a.m.

March 4, 2018

St. Patrick's Day Mass

March 17, 2018

St. Patrick's Day
Sweepstakes Drawing

May 21, 2018

St. Patrick's Annual
Benefit Golf Outing
(Stonebridge Country Club)

Seasons of Love: Reflecting On A Year of Gratitude



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Our Blessings

Dear Friends of St. Patrick's,

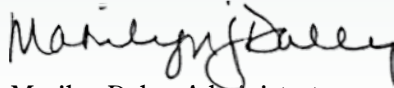
It's fall again! The Life Enrichment Department enjoyed a day on the Naperville Riverwalk with residents and their families, prompting memories of covered bridges, fountains and ice cream cones along the DuPage River. The residents are delighted by the weather and beautiful colors.

We have a number of capital projects in progress which cannot be mentioned without sharing our gratitude to all of our donors. Take a look at some of the projects you have enabled on page 3.

- All five bath/shower rooms are now complete. The east-end rooms await final inspection.
- We are 50% done with our new roof and anticipate completion before it snows.
- Replacement of the 2 East garden door is funded and in progress.
- The equipment for the new server room has been ordered.
- We hope to enhance resident rooms and nursing units on the 2nd & 3rd floors.

Again this year, we seek your support for our staff in-service education program. You have generously donated to this purpose since our first request in 2014. The table below represents a sampling of how the education fund supports our staff. Your contributions through the Christmas Giving Envelope enable us to provide professional development and training opportunities. We simply do not generate enough revenue to fund this purpose in our operating budget. Yet the need for education continues to climb as acuity rises, science advances and regulatory requirements intensify. While St. Patrick's Residence faces difficult financial circumstances, we still aspire to do great things for our residents. Your generosity has funded very important work that we couldn't otherwise afford.

Grateful for your spirit and devotion to our Mission,



Marilyn Daley, Administrator



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Snapshot of 2017 Staff Education and In-Service Activity

| SEMINAR/TRAINING | DEPARTMENT |
|---|--|
| HIPPA and E- Communication Update | All Staff and Departments |
| Leading Age of Illinois Conference at Navy Pier | 11 Leadership Staff and the Medical Director |
| Infection Control Certification | 2 Nursing Leadership Staff |
| OHSA Update | |
| HVAC and Refrigeration Seminar | 2 Maintenance Staff |
| Active Shooter Training | |
| Emergency Preparedness Seminar | Department Heads |
| 2017 Federal Final Rule Seminar | 6 Leadership Staff |
| Wound Care Update | Wound Care Nurse |
| Life Enrichment Conference | 2 Life Enrichment Staff |
| IV Certification Class | 4 Nurses |

14th Annual Gold Key Gala...Sky's the Limit!

Over 220 people attended The Gold Key Gala held on Thursday, September 21st at Cress Creek Country Club. We treasure the friendships that we've made through the years and appreciate the effort each of our guests makes to share their evening with us.

New this year, we created a Leadership Circle Sponsorship to help close the gap St. Patrick's is experiencing between the State of Illinois financial situation and the greater ratio of residents in our care who are in need of financial assistance. We were humbled by the generosity of the Leadership Circle Sponsors, Gold Key Sponsors and Contributors, which allowed us to raise \$225,000 in net proceeds! These funds will assist St. Patrick's Residence to continue to lovingly work every day to care for those who need our help, despite their economic circumstances.

Thank you to the support, hard work and guidance of the 2017 Gold Key Gala Committee: Ray Jones, Pat and Polly Benton, Heidi Kapovich and Regina Millington. In addition, thank you to Mike Lake for capturing the evening in photos, Audrey Kapovich from Taz's Tasty Treats for the cake pops and First Community Financial Bank-Busey Bank for sponsoring the "Pot O'Gold" prize.



We've been blessed to co-sponsor the Gold Key Gala with The Guild of St. Patrick's for 14 years. The proceeds from the Gold Key Gala play a critical role in allowing St. Patrick's Residence to enhance our services and make facility improvements.



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- 2004 Refurnish Resident Sitting Rooms
- 2005 "Wheels of Love" (Equipment)
- 2006 New Flooring
- 2007 New Wheelchair Accessible Bus
- 2008 Refurnish 3 East Resident Rooms
- 2009 Medical and Nursing Equipment
- 2010 Therapeutic Rooftop Garden
- 2011 Installation of E-Charting Technology Kiosks
- 2012 Renovation of 2 East and 2 West Sitting and Dining Rooms
- 2013 Medical and Rehabilitation Equipment
- 2014 New Private, Short-Term Rehabilitation Suites
- 2015 Renovation of All Five Shower Rooms
- 2016 New EZ Lifts and EZ Stands

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Seasons of Love: Reflecting on a Year of Gratitude

The year has been full of reconnecting with friends from our days in Joliet and witnessing the bonds of family and friendship. As the holidays approach, we are reminded of the love so many bring into our home each day. We thank each of you for your commitment to St. Patrick's Residence, the Carmelite Sisters and to our residents. We wish you a holiday season full of memories to cherish and a New Year filled with blessings.



We have been blessed with a community that has been so generous to St. Patrick's, and now it's our turn to give back. St. Patrick's Gives Back provides an opportunity for staff, residents, volunteers and families to show their appreciation to the community that has supported St. Patrick's for over 50 years. To learn how to join us in Giving Back in 2018 visit www.stpatrickresidence.org.



"Let's Read" Puts Books in Children's Hands Celebrating 10,000 Books!

Since the ribbon cutting of the Let's Read Library in February 2012, the Miller Family has found loving homes for 10,000 gently used children's books. The purpose of Let's Read is to place books in the hands of children to encourage reading. The Let's Read children's library is open twice a month for our staff and resident families to choose books for the children in their lives at no cost. The books are most appropriate for preschool through junior high school reading levels. These books do not need to be returned; however, the Miller Family's only request is to continue Mary Jane's legacy by sharing these books and the love of reading.

We have great news! The Miller family is also expanding the library to make it easier for 3rd shift employees to receive books. "Your Children's Bookshelf" program will be piloted this winter to mail books directly to the employees' homes.

Mary Jane Miller was an author of children's books. She loved children and believed in the power of reading. Mary Jane was also a resident at St. Patrick's. When she passed away in September 2011, her husband, Joe, and their children dedicated a children's library in Mary Jane's memory as their way to say thank you to the staff of St. Patrick's for the loving care Mary Jane received during her stay with us. Please visit our website to view the Let's Read Library hours of operation.



Grandchildren and great-grandchildren attending the Grandparent's Day Celebration enjoyed Let's Read Books too!



The staff of St. Patrick's wishes to thank the Miller Family for their gift to us and to the children in our lives.

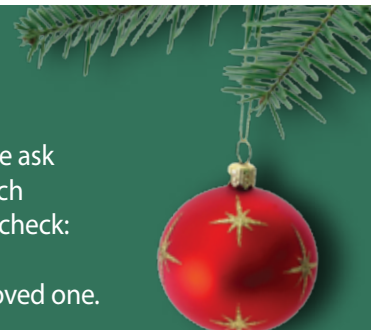


Poinsettias for Sale

To help decorate Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Chapel for Christmas in honor or in memory of a loved one, poinsettias may be purchased for \$15 in the front lobby until December 20th.

'Tis the Season for Giving

If you wish to show your appreciation to all of our staff this holiday season, we ask that you make a contribution to St. Patrick's for the Staff Christmas Party, which includes an extra bonus from you. (Please indicate on the memo line of your check: Staff Christmas Party.) By doing this, your donation will benefit the staff in all departments and on all shifts, as each of them has a role in the care of your loved one.





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The Guild of St. Patrick's Residence Annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Boutique

On Saturday, December 2nd, The Guild of St. Patrick's will host its Annual Christmas Cookie Walk & Boutique from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You may purchase the cookies pre-packaged or stroll among the tables to select your own holiday assortment. Back by popular demand will be a limited supply of the ever-favorite English Toffee made by the Carmelite Sisters of St. Patrick's. Cookies and Toffee will be sold by the weight.

Do you have a talent for baking cookies? We are looking for cookie bakers to share your favorite holiday cookies with us. We would appreciate five to six dozen holiday-themed cookies delivered to the St. Patrick's Volunteer Office in disposable containers or trays by Friday, December 1st between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. It's a wonderful family or group project.

If you have any questions regarding the Cookie Walk, please contact Jill Whitledge at ext. 1528, or email her at jwhitledge@stpatricksresidence.org.

