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St. Edmond's Home
FOR CHILDREN

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Where Miracles Happen Every Day

December 2021

A letter from our Administrator

Dear Family and Friends,

At this wonderful time of the year may God's peace, joy and goodwill be with you.

During this glorious season it is important to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Most of us, at some point or another, get lost in the frenetic activity of the season. St. John (3:16-17) writes, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son." We are reminded that the true meaning of Christmas is love. I know I say this often, but St. Edmond's is truly blessed to witness love daily in the interactions of our staff and in the enduring love from you, our families and friends. It is remarkable how God sends angels into our life. I thank our outstanding team and all of you for being our angels.

It has been another difficult year for all of us, but we know that if we love one another and anticipate the needs of each other with compassion and grace we will successfully meet the challenges we face.

As we end this year and look forward to the next it is my prayer that all the heavenly blessings fill your home this joyful season and in the new year.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas.

Denise Clofine



Ja'Nile celebrates his birthday with cake donated by Erin, owner "Forget Me Not Food" home bakery in New Hope. Erin can be reached at 215-801-8244 or by messaging Instagram at forgetmenotfood.



Medical Appointments Secretary, Catherine Klimczak, shares hugs and smiles with sweet Gabby—all dressed up for the holidays

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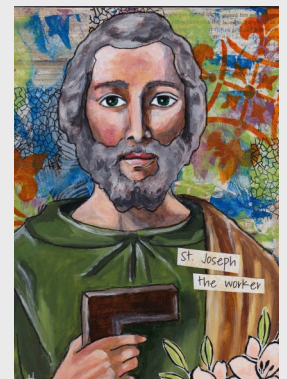
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Greetings from Ocean City!

St. Joseph
Patron Saint of Workers
Please pray for us

St. Edmond's Home is in need of additional employees! We have fulltime and part-time job openings. On our website there is a list of job opportunities.



St. Edmond's Home is a great place to work. We offer healthcare benefits, paid vacation and many other benefits and perks. Plus you will work with an outstanding team of kind, supportive and compassionate co-workers.

Our website:
www.stedmondshome.org

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS RECOGNITION WEEK

SEPTEMBER 12-18, 2021

Observed Statewide as Direct Support Professional Recognition Week. Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are the front-line employees at human services agencies that support people living with intellectual or developmental disabilities. St. Edmond's Home is blessed to have the finest team of Direct Support Professionals in the universe! Although it has been another challenging year both professionally and personally, our amazing staff continued the tradition of maintaining the highest gold standard of care for the precious children and young adults we support. Thank you DSPs for never giving up and continuing your amazing work. You are the HEROs—and we truly love you!

"The DCPs at St. Edmond's are some of the most caring and loving individuals I have ever met. They approach their work as if each child in their care is their own. They learn the nuances of each child, and are critical to their care and their well being. My daughter is always impeccably dressed with her hair carefully styled. I rely on her DCPs to let me know how she's doing and what she might need since I can't be there all the time. I don't know how St. Edmond's could provide such a loving, healthy, secure, and comfortable environment for my child without the talent and heart of the DCPs. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

~ Molly, Mother of Resident

"I wanted to reach out and give kudos to the DCP staff at St. Edmonds. The nurses are all spectacular but I wanted to share how great an impression the DCP staff has made on my students and myself. As they work taking care of the girls, they show kindness, gentleness and love to all of them. They are an amazing group. Kudos DCP staff."

Sue Houseman, Clinical Instructor
Eastern University
Student Nursing

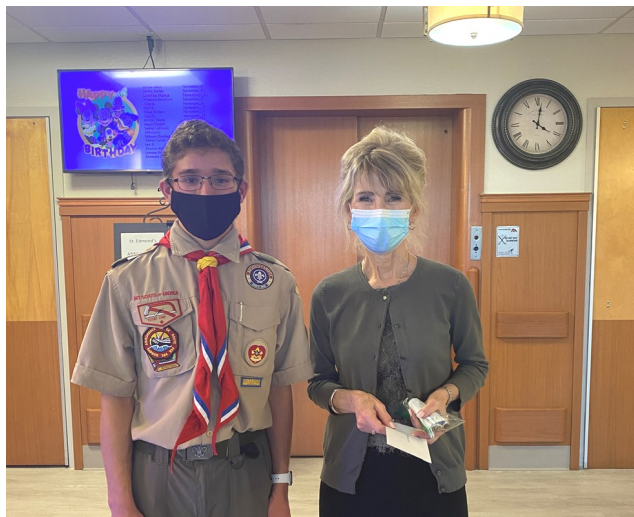


Direct Support Professional, Donna Jackson, stands in front of St. Edmond's Gift Table where t-shirts, tote bags and thermos coffee mugs were given away to every DSP. There was also a buffet lunch and Fall Basket Drawing. Later the Kona Ice Truck arrived and served a variety of snow cones.



On a beautiful fall day Direct Support Professional, Saneika McKenzie, and resident Zoe enjoy a healthy walk on the grounds of St. Philomena Cottage.

WAYNE FONTAINE, JR., RADNOR SCOUT TROUP 284, COMPLETES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR ST. EDMOND'S HOME



Wayne Fontaine, Jr. presents Administrator Denise Clofine with a generous donation at the completion of the Eagle Scout Project.



Wayne (standing on left) and some of the other Scouts from Radnor Scout Troup 284 preparing to install more benches around the large property on S. Roberts Road.

St. Edmond's Wish List on Amazon!

- ♦ Go to <http://a.co/8UsKvp1>
- ♦ Browse list of suggested items, requested by staff members who understand the needs and desires of our residents
- ♦ If you make a purchase from the list, you can ship it to yourself and drop it off in person, or you can use the preset shipping address to ship it directly to us!
- ♦ Additional wish list items can be found on our website.

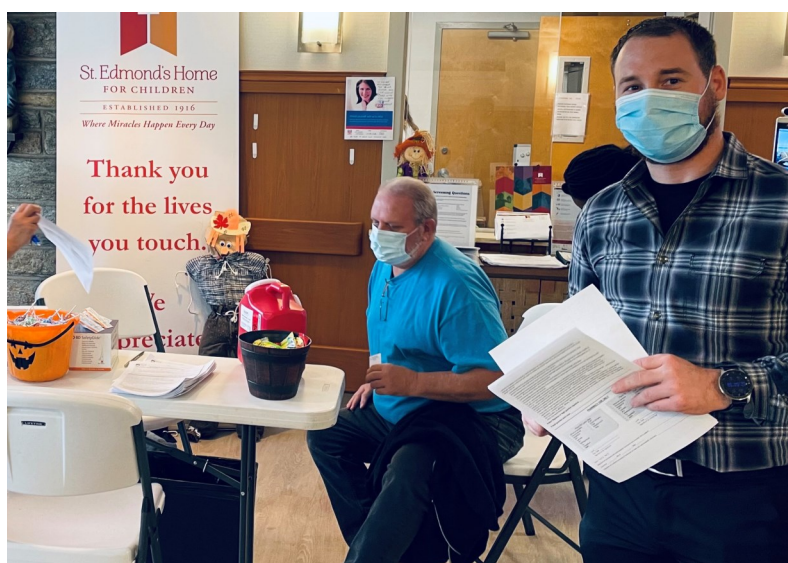
Wow! Thank you Wayne for literally “making us look better”. Following a very successful fundraising campaign, Wayne was able to purchase ten beautiful teakwood benches to place around our property. In addition, Wayne and his helpers, that included other scouts from Radnor Troup 284, power washed the playground equipment in the rear of the property and installed a rock garden with Boxwood plantings in a shady area by the front garage.

The beautiful garden benches are installed around the 16 acre property where family, friends and staff can enjoy being outdoors with the children. The benches are especially appreciated during this time of the pandemic.

Wayne's fundraising with his Troup was so successful that he was also able to give St. Edmond's Home a donation of over \$1500!

St. Edmond's Home was truly blessed to be the recipient of this wonderful and successful Eagle Scout Project.

Many thanks to everyone who shared in this endeavor, but especially to Wayne whose leadership and commitment made it happen.



Highlighting the importance of vaccinations, Director of Nursing, Jeff Di Guiseppe, oversees our on-site vaccination clinic. Mitch Furlong, Director of Maintenance receives his booster. Free Covid-19, booster and flu vaccinations were offered to all staff by St. Edmond's Home.

WELCOME JEFF DI GUISEPPE DIRECTOR OF NURSING



Jeff Di Guiseppe, MBA, MSN, RN

- ◆ Started in healthcare 18+ years ago as a combat medic in the military. Was deployed overseas and did emergency care, infection control, primary care, and minor surgical procedures. Due to injuries sustained while deployed in Iraq, had to then be medically discharged from the military and decided to become a nurse.
- ◆ Jeff's interest was working with special needs children and upon seeing an opening at Devereux chose to accept a position within their Autism program at CBHS. He was the primary nurse for several years and then promoted to infection control coordinator while remaining a floor nurse.
- ◆ Was then promoted to oversee all the school health services, to Infection Control Coordinator, and Nurse manager. Eventually, he was transferred to the CIDDS facility and promoted to Director of Nursing.
- ◆ His original degree was a BSN. After some time, he decided to continue on and get his MSN in Nursing Executive Leadership and then subsequently his Master's in Business Administration.

AMERICORP MEMBER

Americorp Member, Hallie LeMalefant, joined St. Edmond's for a year of service. After graduating from Clemson University and briefly teaching at a day care center we welcomed her to St. Edmond's Home. Her goal is to be an Activities Coordinator—so she has been working very closely with Julia Vivanco.



Making spirits bright Hallie helps decorate the hallways for Christmas at St. Edmond's Home



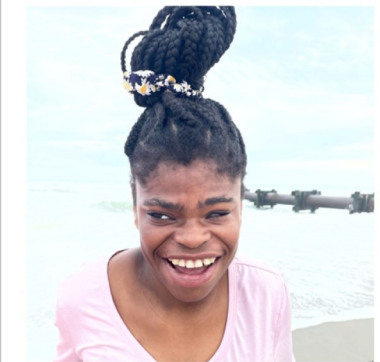
Artist Extraordinaire and Activities Coordinator, Julia Vivanco, shows off her colorful mural for the Family Area.

THANK YOU DONORS! STAFF COAT SALE

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who made this year's Staff Coat Sale such a big success. We especially thank the members of the Women's Auxiliary. Your donations were amazing, and the staff had an ample supply of quality items to choose from including coats, shoes, boots, purses, scarves, hat and gloves. Even James Hargrove from Maintenance got in on the action at the Coat Sale!



Greetings from
Ocean City!



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COMPASSION

Genuine Care and heartfelt concern for those we serve



DIGNITY

Respect for each person created in God's image, regardless of color, capacity, or age



CHARITY

Generosity toward all people in need, in gratitude for God's goodness to us



JUSTICE

Defense and advocacy for the rights of the poor and disadvantaged



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Professional competence and responsible stewardship of time and resources



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MISSION STATEMENT

Inspired by love and supporting the dignity and quality of life for each child, skilled professional staff at St Edmond's Home provide an exceptional holistic outcome oriented plan of care for children with intellectual and physical disabilities.

We offer a broad spectrum of medical/nursing and therapeutic services to assist each child in achieving their greatest intellectual, physical and social potential. The children of St Edmond's Home are a reflection of God's love and their lives are immeasurably enriched by the tender and compassionate care of all of our St Edmond's family.

Visit our website at:
www.stedmondshome.org

St. Edmond's Home
is a Program of
Catholic Social Services



Ways You Can Support St. Edmond's Home

Amazon Smile: Shop at smile.amazon.com, click on "select a Charitable Organization to Start Shopping" search for St. Edmond's Home for Children and select Women's Auxiliary of St. Edmond's Home

Bequest: Name St. Edmond's Home in your will or living trust. (What you bequeath to St. Edmond's Home is exempt from federal estate tax.)

Gift Retirement Assets: Name St. Edmond's Home as your beneficiary of your IRA or retirement account after your lifetime (Exempt from income and estate tax.)

Gift of Life Insurance: Change ownership on a policy you no longer need. (Receive a current income tax deduction, and possible future deductions for payment of future premiums.)

Charitable Remainder of Trust: Create a trust with St. Edmond's Home as the remainder beneficiary of principal. (Receive an immediate income tax deduction.)

Make an outright gift of: Cash, securities, personal property, retained life estate, real estate, charitable lead trust, or charitable gift annuity.

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