

THE MIRACLE



St. Edmond's Home
FOR CHILDREN

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Where Miracles Happen Every Day

February 2020

A letter from our Administrator

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and that your New Year is filled with many blessings! I write this letter to you after our 80th Annual Gala hosted by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Edmond's Home. This year, the recipient of the Cup was Mr. Robert Shields. On that evening, as I said a few words to guests, I shared a quote by Denzel Washington that I would like to share with you:

"At the end, it is not about what you have or even what you've accomplished, it is about who you've lifted up and who you've made feel better. It is about what you have given back."

This quote resonated with me, as there are so many of you who have lifted us up on many occasions over the years, like the Women's Auxiliary, the Henry Quinn Foundation, the Charles & Anne Genuardi Foundation, the Wolstenholme Foundation, the Lovenworth family, the Rioboli family, and the Braithwaite family, to name a few. We certainly are blessed by so many who truly **live** this quote. So, at the start of a new year, a year filled with hope, I share my deep gratitude for your Agape love.

Sincerely,

Denise Clofine



Denise with Alice & Velma
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CHRISTMAS IN THE AIR



Staff Christmas Party

Our staff celebrated Christmas in style on December 6th! DJ Drew returned to St. Edmond's to spin some records, including a few festive hits. The dancefloor was full of dancing and laughter as our hardworking staff had a chance to cut loose. Gary Clofine ran the bar, which even included some homemade drinks, such as James Hargrove's special egg nog. Thank you to the Auxiliary for funding the caterer and to the Lovenworth family for \$2,500.00 in door prizes. The party raged on for hours as everyone ate, talked, and enjoyed themselves to the fullest! Now we are counting down until next year's Christmas party...



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- ♦ Go to smile.amazon.com
- ♦ Sign into your Amazon account or create one
- ♦ Type in St. Edmond's Home for Children in the search bar and click search
- ♦ Select Women's Auxiliary of St. Edmond's Home
- ♦ Begin your shopping and AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the price of all eligible purchases to St. Edmond's Home!

Women's Auxiliary Christmas Party

Our precious residents were treated once again to a Christmas Party organized by the Women's Auxiliary on December 12th. The members of the Auxiliary wrapped a gift for each child, which was then given to the child by Santa Claus himself! The Bryn Mawr Fire Company, as in past years, attended the party and one kind soul played the part of Santa. What a special experience! Thank you to the Women's Auxiliary and to Bryn Mawr Fire Company for making the party so fun—this year and every year.



Community Donors

This holiday season, we received an astounding number of gifts from our community members, including monetary donations, winter clothing, games, and toys. A shout-out goes to Radnor Police and Township employees (pictured), who brought us a large volume of Christmas presents! We would like to give a special acknowledgment to the Henry A. Quinn Charitable Foundation, whose grant of \$100,000.00 will go a very long way in helping us meet our goals. Thank you!

If you want to buy us a gift, you can also view our Amazon Wish List!

- ♦ Go to <http://a.co/8UsKvp1>
- ♦ Browse our 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 either ship it to yourself and drop it off in person, or you can use the preset shipping address to ship it directly to us!

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY DAY 2019



On Thursday, November 7th, 2019, St. Edmond's Home hosted its 4th annual Global Solidarity Day event. Our staff, as well as residents who were not in school, had a blast celebrating their diverse cultures and teaching everyone else why they are so proud of their heritage!

Our staff represented nations such as Jamaica, Ireland, Scotland, Sierra Leone, Trinidad and Tobago, Liberia, and of course America. Each nation had a team who competed together in three categories: best traditional attire, best cuisine, and best historical presentation. Participants danced and sang along to their nation's anthems as each played over the speaker, smiling all the while. There was plenty of delicious and lovingly cooked food to sample and enjoy.



Tennie wins Best Attire

Every team did an excellent job showcasing their cultural pride, so choosing winners was difficult! In the food category, Paulette and Charmaine from team Jamaica and Augusta from team Sierra Leone were rewarded. For best attire, Tennie from team Liberia took home the prize. Finally, for best historical presentation, Beverly from team Trinidad & Tobago and William from team Liberia claimed victory. Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who participated, and thank you for sharing your culture with us!



Team Jamaica



NEW HORIZONS

ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD SYSTEM



“The new Electronic Health Record provides an online data base to store, access and use our individuals information. The amount of information that is now available to us is incredible and the more information we have, the better we can care for our individuals. We’re able to individualize care and services depending on each individual’s personal preferences and that information is automatically disseminated for all staff. It also allows our nursing staff to have quick easy access to all medical/medication information and will help them to lower any instances of error.”
- Meredith Nothstein

SuperUsers Meredith Nothstein, Alex Peslak, Erik Walker, and Kirsten Riley

PROMOTIONS



In the fall and winter of 2019, we welcomed Ebony Brister as our new Dietary Supervisor, as well as Mary Robinson as our new Director of Nursing! We are confident that they will do an incredible job serving the children of St. Edmond’s Home in their new positions.

Congratulations!!

PARISH COLLABORATIONS

St. John Neumann Parish has chosen St. Edmond’s Home as a recipient for their Respect Life Bake Sale. St. John Vianney Church raised \$4,260.00 for St. Edmond’s by selling hand-sewn items at their annual Holiday Bazaar. St. Isidore Roman Catholic Church collected Christmastime donations from parishioners on our behalf, totaling \$3,632.00.

St. Patrick Church of Kennett Square continued its Christmas tradition of donating gifts for our children. Father Zingaro from St. John Cantius Parish has chosen St. Edmond’s as a recipient of their Christmas Giving Tree program for the past 5 years. St. Thomas of Villanova has chosen to continue funding our program collaboration with Walnut St. Theatre. Thank you to all of our donors, old and new!



KIDS' PAGE





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ESTABLISHED 1916

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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



EXCELLENCE

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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