



A letter from our Administrator

Dear Family and Friends,

The season of spring has been filled with exciting proms and graduations, a lovely May Procession, successful fundraising events, and an important Health & Wellness Fair for staff.

Beautiful flowers and plants have blossomed amidst the grounds reminding us to be filled with gratitude for the gift of God's unconditional love. I see his love daily through acts of compassion and charity by a dedicated staff who serve individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities (and each other) with dignity, justice, and excellence. The dedication by our outstanding staff has helped me reach another strategic goal—to purchase a community home to serve our young adults. This community home will enable us to provide a true continuum of care for individuals with significant medical complexities to transition to adulthood.

This is certainly an exciting time for St. Edmond's Home! We made settlement before Christmas and hired an architect, Phil Jordan, PJA Architecture. Drawings were completed and renovations will ensure full accessibility consistent with regulations and the American Disabilities Act. Renovations include combining two existing bathrooms into one and installing a whirlpool tilt tub and overhead lift system, widening the existing doorways and hallway, replacing and raising a deck to provide an accessible threshold, converting windows at two locations to sliding doors that will provide an additional means of egress, creating a concrete ramp to the front door and installing a lift system from the garage to living area.

Once renovations at this home in Newtown Square are completed we excitedly look forward to hosting an Open House with you—our friends and supporters. And, before long beautiful flowers and plants will blossom there and remind us again of God's unconditional love.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the remarkable members of the Women's Auxiliary for making this dream possible! Sincere thanks also to James Amato, Secretary of Catholic Human Services for his support, and I thank God daily for all of you and your continued support.

Enjoy a beautiful summer!

Denise Ciofina

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Forever Loved—Jake's Mom and Dad Dedicate Staff Break Room

After much anticipation the new Staff Break Room officially opened in December. The new room was renovated and updated with an entirely new, up-to-date look. Brand new seating and tables, two microwaves, new stainless steel refrigerator/freezer, LED panel where St. Edmond's news and announcements are posted, a wall mounted 55" Smart television and an automatic coffee machine!



The Lovenworths dedicated this room to their son Jake who passed away in January 2017. They wanted to show their appreciation for the loving care that Jake received from staff over the 23 years that he lived at St. Edmond's.



Jake's brother Aaron, his sister Elyse, and parents Marc and Donna at the Dedication of the Staff Break Room in December.

Our Facebook page following has grown dramatically over the past year from 419 to 770! If you haven't "liked" & "shared" us yet, please do so at: facebook.com/stedmondshome. Keep informed of the latest news and events at St. Edmond's Home and of course a lot of pictures of the wonderful kids and our exciting summer camp! You will also find information on our donation needs and how you can help. Thank you to all of our Facebook friends!

Let's Get Healthy!



Filling out their raffle tickets and hoping to get lucky: Alex, Jessica and Tiffany.

Because the health and well being of our staff is so important to the health and well being of our children we offer an annual Staff Health & Wellness

Fair. Various representatives joined us on May 24 to provide information on subjects related to staying healthy. Representatives with information and handouts included: Delaware County Department of Health, Main Line Health, Verge Yoga, Experience Chiropractic, Aetna, and many others. To help fill the Raffle Baskets generous donations were received from Giant, Wegmans, Genuardi's Flowers, Curves/Folsom, and St. Jude Shop, as well as a Spa Raffle Basket donated by King of Prussia Pharmacy. Our interactive activities included: chair yoga, blood pressure readings, back/spinal assessments, aromatherapy, stress relief, and a healthy snacks table. Congratulations to lucky Raffle Basket winners: Monique P., Christine V., Frank C., Alex P., Katie K., Alice D., Julio H., & Jeannie K.

Christmas Blessings

Christmas seems so long ago, but our deep gratitude to everyone who blessed us is as heartfelt as ever. Although we are supported with generous gifts of time and treasure throughout the year, our blessings at Christmas are truly abundant. Highlights from this past Christmas included:

- Bryn Mawr Fire Company brought Santa Claus, the Women's Auxiliary provided Christmas presents and students from St. Katharine of Siena School brought their joy and kindness to share with the children at the annual Children's Christmas Party.
- Meredith Nothstein's father, Bill, dressed as Santa and brought toys for the children.
- Rev. Christopher Rogers and parishioners from St. Patrick Parish in Kennett Square donated toys.
- Rev. Joseph Zingaro and the parishioners of St. John Cantius donated toys, clothes, towels and other needed items.
- Radnor Township donated toys and items on our Wish List.
- Ashley McGettigan donated festive holiday pillow cases for each child.
- Gerry and Doreen Bowen and Parishioners from St. Vincent DePaul in Richboro arrived during the holidays to read and spend time with the children.



Last Christmas parishioners from St. Vincent DePaul Parish Richboro came to St. Edmond's to share the joy of the season with the children.



Rev. Joseph Zingaro, Terry Dombkoski, and Kathy Lisiewski deliver Christmas gifts from St. John Cantius Parish.



Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

St. Edmond's Home greatly appreciates all the hardworking and devoted staff who care for the needs of the children. So in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Denise, with a generous donation from the Women's Auxiliary, provided a meal on March 12 for all the staff to enjoy.

Pope Pius XII emphasized both Catholic devotion to Saint Joseph and the dignity of human labor when he created the celebration of Saint Joseph the Worker. St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus and a carpenter.

Fundraising Begins for Children's Trip to Disney World!

In January the first *St. Edmond's Home Painting Night* was organized and kicked off fundraising efforts for a children's trip to Disney World.

A large group of happy participants, young and old, were led by Katie Kinuthia (Administrative Assistant and Artist) in painting an adorable and joyful snowman. As the night progressed blank canvases came to life as each painter completed their artwork using colorful paint and wonderful imagination.

Katie, owner of *Spirit within the Studio*, used her talent to help raise over \$600 for the children's trip to Disney World! Our thanks to Katie and to all who participated.



Help Us Make a Dream Come True

We have created a **Go Fund Me** page for the 2018 Disney World trip to Orlando. Our Activities Coordinator, Julia Vivanco, is planning the fifth trip to Orlando. You can imagine the work and effort...and the costs to send six children and their caregivers and nursing team to Disney World. However, after the success of the first trip in 2004, we realized that this was an opportunity we wanted to offer the children if we could. Please help us reach our goal so six special children receive the trip of a lifetime. If you wish to help make this dream come true go to this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/disney-trip-for-special-needs-kids>. Our thanks to Jessica Fisher for creating this fundraiser and to the wonderful donors who have already made contributions toward this fund. If you would like more details about this upcoming trip, please visit our Facebook page.

The Great Room "Yard" Sale



On June 12, Julia and her great fundraising team raised over \$1200 for the November trip to Disney World. A broad range of generous donations were received for this sale. Also available for purchase were tickets for raffle baskets, as well as tasty snack items. This fundraiser requires a lot of work, so we congratulate Julia and all her hardworking helpers!

Basket BINGO

Friday, October 19th

Doors Open at 6:00pm Event Starts at 7pm

Please consider sponsoring this fun event! All sponsors will have their company name posted at each table and announced during the event. All sponsors will also be listed in our Newsletter and on our website. Please see our website for more information or contact Julia Vivanco at jvivanco@chs-adphila.org

Platinum— \$1,100— Sponsor a child full trip to Disney

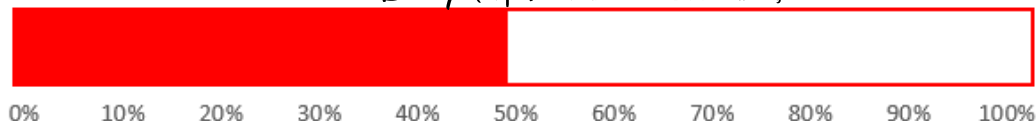
Gold— \$550— Sponsor 1/2 the cost for a child's trip

\$250— Sponsor a child's 3 day park admission

Silver— Donate a complete raffle basket (The list of themed baskets is available on our website: www.stedmondshome.org).

Bronze— Donate an item to be added to a raffle basket.

Disney Trip Fundraising Goal \$19,000



Kids Page



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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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