



A letter from our Administrator

Dear Family and Friends,

I write this at my desk hearing music therapy in the background, watching a teenager happily share time outside with her family, and I smile as the last school bus driver says good-bye for the summer. A sign that summer camp is about to begin!

I believe in the power of a smile—and summer at St. Edmond's is full of smiles. Mother Teresa said, "Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love."

As the season changes we are all looking forward to a much-needed carefree summer. A special time to listen to children giggle, a time for walks in our beautiful multi-sensory garden, and a time to participate in Camp Rainbow's exciting, fun-filled theme weeks. The next eight weeks will be teeming with many activities including arts and crafts, community trips, cooking classes and numerous musicals events including parades!

Enjoy our newsletter—and enjoy the love and smiles you will find throughout.

Denise Clofine

"If you see someone without a smile give them one of yours" ~ Unknown



(From the left) Lexis, Julie, Jovanie, Julia, Erin, Brianna, Isaiah and Kirsten serve tasty tacos and refreshing mocktails at our annual Cinco de Mayo party.

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Looking through many donated items from the Women's Auxiliary, James and Jackie also enjoy getting outside on a spectacular spring day for the staff yard sale.

Brr...It's never too cold for ice cream!

First in line to enjoy an ice cream treat in January were Charmain, Beverly, and Hallie. After that, just about everyone made their way outdoors to choose their favorite icy treat from the Scoops 'N' Smiles ice cream truck.



Outdoor Marketplace for Staff

On a gorgeous morning in May members of the Women's Auxiliary arrived with armloads of items for an outdoor staff yard sale. Items ranging from cookbooks to toys to clothing and jewelry were organized and put out at various tables for staff to peruse and purchase. Many wonderful bargains were there for staff to find. (How about fashionable tops from Zara with the tags still on them?) Linda Conn and Catherine Klimczak manned the numerous tables throughout the day. Thanks to our wonderful Women's Auxiliary for their very kind generosity!



It was Truly a Joyful Celebration!



Celebrated by staff with a surprise baby shower Alex was thrilled and delighted! Alex and his wife, Bianca, will welcome their first child (girl) in May. Alex was showered with food, gifts, and affection by the joyful staff.

UPDATE: A healthy baby girl, "Ruby", born May 19 at 10:05 pm.!

Introducing Our Two New Directors...

Gjuan Thomas Director of Residential Services

We welcomed Gjuan to the St. Edmond's Family in March. Gjuan started her career as a Direct Support Professional in 2005. She received a BS and then obtained a Masters in Health Administration from Phoenix University. Most recently, before joining us, Gjuan

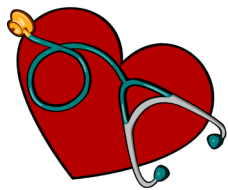


served as a Quality Management Manager and Coordinator with a focus on patient care. Gjuan's favorite quote is, "Always do what's right, even when no one is watching." With her easy going demeanor, profuse experience and an aim to always do the right thing, Gjuan is a great addition to St. Edmond's and will be leading

our team of Direct Support Professionals.

Katie Barbato Director of Social Services

Katie began her service with St. Edmond's as a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP) last summer. After obtaining her Masters in Social Work from Temple, it was kismet when an opening for a Director of Social Services at St. Edmond's Home became available. Like Gjuan, Katie has a wealth of experience in her chosen field including family counseling and hospice service. Katie is also an established musician and music therapist.



If you or someone you know is a nurse, St. Edmond's Home is a wonderful place to work! Our children and young adults are adorable and need your expertise and compassionate nursing skills. For more information, contact our Director of Nursing, Jeff Di Guisepppe, at 610/525-8800.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the donors who so graciously continue to bless us with their kind concern and generous support during these difficult times.

"Kindness is the language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see." ~ Mark Twain

A Note from Rachel's Family:

"Today is Rachel's 16th Birthday! As I look through pictures of Rachel and reflect on the time she has been a resident at St Edmond's, my heart overflows with so many good memories and much gratitude. I don't know where our family would be if it was not for this place.

St Edmond's has taken Rachel in and has provided the best quality of care for her needs. It gives us so much peace to know she is not only cared for, but also loved by everyone there.

Thank you. We are so grateful to have St Edmond's as a part of our family." (April, 2022)



In April, staff surprised Administrator Denise Clofine with a birthday cake, flowers and a very heartfelt round of Happy Birthday led by our talented musician Katie Barbato.

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Miss Elizabeth and Benson share a hug on her last day.

Elizabeth Powell Retires after 27 years.

At the end of April, Elizabeth Powell retired from St. Edmond’s Home after serving 27 years as a Direct Support Professional. “Miss Elizabeth” will be missed by all. She was quiet, kind and patient, and all of us loved her. Staff were invited for sandwiches and cake on her last day, and she received flowers and a gift from Denise—and quite a few hugs from her co-workers and children. *St. Edmond’s Home is very proud of the longevity of the staff who work here, and each year St. Edmond’s celebrates the milestones of staff with a luncheon and gift. This September, St. Edmond’s Home will honor 24 staff celebrating milestones of 5 to 35 years! The years of service by employees is not taken for granted—long time employees are recognized for their commitment, solid knowledge base, and reliability.*

St. Edmond’s Monthly Basket Give-Away ...and the winners are:

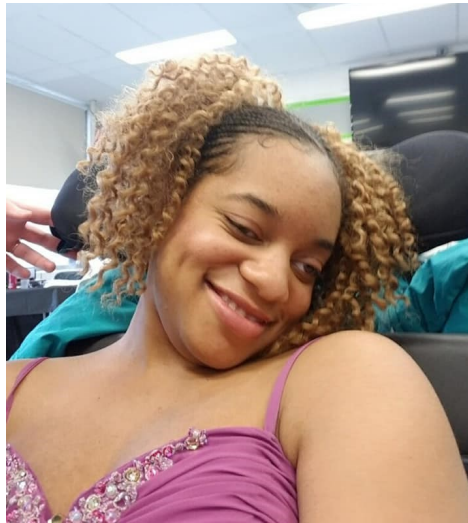
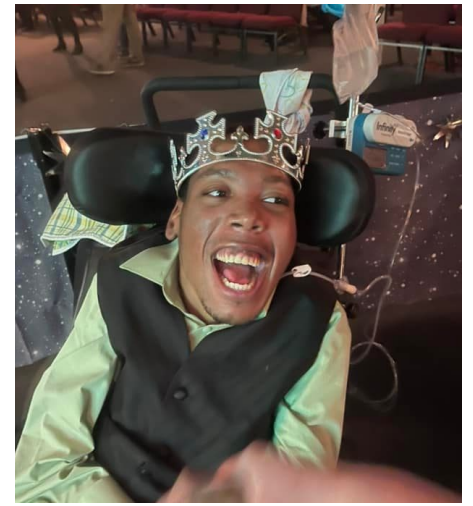
Lucky winners include (from left): Tiffany Thorne, Monique Parkin, Jessica Fisher, Jeff Williams & Hallie LeMalefant



Staff Health & Wellness Fair

This year’s fair was held outdoors, and reps from Harcum Dental College and Main Line Health provided information on topics related to healthy living. Linda Williams, a licensed massage therapist, gave chair massages. Ann Pederson, our dietician, offered Quong Qi exercises and made healthy snacks for attendees. Katie Barbato offered numerous handouts on the importance of self-care. Baskets filled with items related to healthy living were given away to lucky winners, and everyone who attended received a bag filled with handouts and healthy snacks. This year we were especially thankful to Dan Carden from C&V landscaping for the very generous donation of \$500 and to Acme Markets for a donation of \$50. It was a wonderful opportunity for staff to get some fresh air, chat with their co-workers and learn about the importance of healthy living for themselves, their families—and for the children.





A child's smile is one of life's greatest blessings.

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