

# THE MIRACLE



St. Edmond's Home  
FOR CHILDREN

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

Where Miracles Happen Every Day

Christmas 2018

## A letter from our Administrator

Dear Family and Friends,

The spirit of Christmas continues at St. Edmond's Home, and we feel blessed to share this spirit with you. Thank you for the many Christmas gifts, donations and prayers that we received. Your generosity provides hope for us to continue our mission to care for God's precious children.

As always there is much to share. Our new community home is almost complete; renovations are wrapping up and the house is beginning to look like home! Our next newsletter will be dedicated to the new home.

Seven of our children recently returned from Disney World. Led by our Activities Coordinator, Julia Vivanco, and a dedicated team, the children were surrounded with love and enjoyed a once in a lifetime magical experience (see pictures of their joy throughout the newsletter). One of the parents, who traveled with their child, wrote, "I am on the flight back from Orlando having spent the last three days with your staff on the Disney adventure. I am moved beyond words at the outcome of my experience and the depth of the gratitude I have...What a gift they gave me."

Finally I wish our beloved Most Reverend Bishop Maginnis good health and happiness as he moves to a retirement village. It has truly been a privilege and honor to have Bishop reside at St. Edmond's Home. The Bishop was always warm and caring and generous of his time. He shouldered countless acts of support and service to the children, their families and the staff with unfailing good humor and grace. I know he will always hold a special place in his heart for St. Edmond's, and we will always hold a special place in our hearts for him—with boundless admiration and affection. Personally, I will miss him more than words can express.

May this new year bring all of us peace and good health.

Sincerely,

*Denise Clofine*



Led by Julia Vivanco, this year's happy participants pose for a group picture in the Magic Kingdom.

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## Bishop Robert Maginnis

Our very dear and respected friend, Bishop Maginnis, recently moved from St. Edmond's Home to the Villa St. Joseph, where he will fully retire.

Over the years, the Bishop has celebrated countless masses for the children and their families, for the staff and for the Women's Auxiliary. He has led us in prayer when we needed strength and hope, and lifted up our spirits with his thoughtful, spiritual and insightful prayers. Bishop Maginnis was also very generous to St. Edmond's Home and supported our mission in any way that he could.

We were very blessed to have Bishop's warm and kind presence in our home, and he is missed every single day.

In the coming days we will be planning a special Good-Bye Party for the Bishop. We hope to have him come back, so all of us have the opportunity to say good-bye and share our love and affection for the Bishop.



### A Joyful Tradition




On a brisk evening in December, with a multitude of children, staff and Auxiliary members looking on, Santa Claus arrived by Bryn Mawr Fire truck (maybe his sled was being fixed).

After eagerly following Santa into the Great Room the atmosphere was full of happy anticipation and gleeful sounds as each child went to see Santa, get their special gift selected by the elves, and then have their picture taken with Santa. There was plenty of excited present unwrapping—with the help of student volunteers from St. Katharine of Siena Parish. With the sounds of laughter and Christmas music tasty snacks were enjoyed by all.



Grace and Becca patiently wait for Santa Claus' arrival at St. Edmond's

Each year, for many years, the Women's Auxiliary has worked with the Bryn Mawr Fire Company to bring Santa to St. Edmond's Home. It is a tradition that is anticipated with joy by everyone involved! Our sincere thanks to Bryn Mawr Fire Company, the Women's Auxiliary and, of course, Santa Claus! (More pictures on the Kids Page)



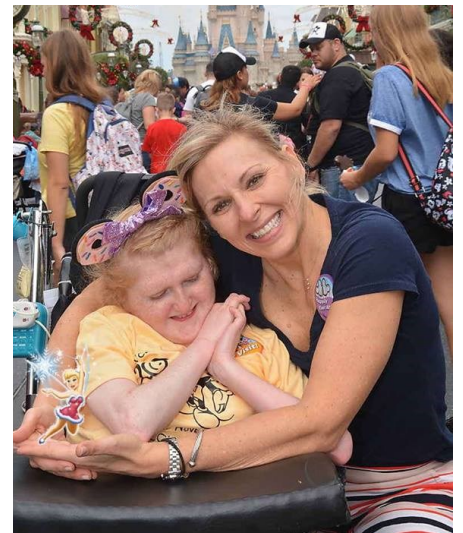
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2. Sign in to your Amazon account or create new one.
3. Type in St Edmonds Home for Children in the search bar and click search
4. Select Women's Auxiliary of St Edmonds Home.
5. Then start your Holiday (or anytime of the year) Shopping!



## So many smiles, so much joy

Although exhausted our young travelers returned from Disney World with big, happy smiles. Coordinated and led by the always energetic and spirited Activities Coordinator, Julia Vivanco, the lucky and hardworking staff, who accompanied the children reported that all the children were captivated by their encounters with Mickey Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy and a host of other characters. The children delighted in the musical parades and colorful light shows. They experienced amusement rides (both wet and dry) and enjoyed a special Christmas Show to kick off this year's Christmas Season. A sincere thanks to everyone who donated their time, talent or treasure to help make this year's trip to the Magic Kingdom possible.



## ...in the news



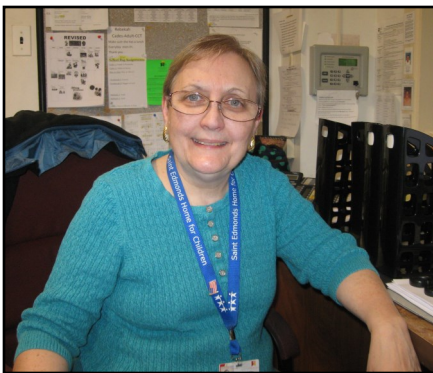
### Congratulations

Congratulations to Meredith Nothstein who was promoted to Director of Program Services. In this role she will oversee our new community home. Meredith will continue as the Director of Training and Incident Management. Meredith started her employment with St. Edmond's Home as a QIDP (Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional) in 2006. We wish Meredith success in her new role.



### Announcement

We are happy to announce that Corissa Brown accepted the position of QIDP. Corissa is currently training for this essential job with another QIDP, Alex Peslak, and other members of the multi-disciplinary team. Corissa began her employment with St. Edmond's Home in 2014 as a Direct Service Professional. We wish Corissa success in her new position.



### Farewell

Our wonderful receptionist, Loretta Ciarrocchi, will be retiring at the end of the year. She will be greatly missed by everyone. She has been a very reliable and helpful member of the St. Edmond's Family. Loretta wishes to spend more time with her family—especially her mother. We wish her well and sincerely thank her for years of outstanding service.



### Welcome

Clayonna Bennett will become our new receptionist in 2019! She joined St. Edmond's Home in 2015 as a camp counselor, and Clayonna continued her work with the children as a Direct Support Professional. We wish Clayonna well as she begins this new position.



Save the date...  
**Family Brunch  
with Frosty  
January 19  
11:30 am-1:00 pm**



Direct Support Professionals: Velma (L) and Jacqui (R) make friends with Goofy in the Magic Kingdom!



**Congratulations!**  
**New U.S. Citizens**

**Shaneka Williams:**

December 2018

**Jacqueline Salmon:**

June 2018

# Kids Page





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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.

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