

Enriching Lives

AUTUMN 2021

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS MOVE DREAMS TO REALITY

On August 12, residents and staff celebrated the 37th Annual Scholarship Awards Program. Eight exceptional employees were honored for their academic efforts and were awarded educational scholarships with a combined total of \$18,000. We applaud the many dreams and ambitions of the awardees and wish them every success on their academic journey.

The Scholarship Program aligns with the goal to attract and retain the best talent to work at Saint John's. The program is funded by the revenue from Surprising Findings (Saint John's resale shop and online Etsy store) the apartment pop-up events, as well as distributions from the Foundation's Scholarship Endowment Fund.



"I am so honored and happy. This is the best news I've had in a long time. My family is very proud and appreciative of everything you do to support all of us who are in school."

- Montse Alvarez, Award Recipient

Photo left to right:

Amber McKinney

Nursing, Bryant & Stratton College

Stephanie Munguia

Elementary Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Ambria Morris

Nursing, Milwaukee Area Technical College

Casey Duzeski

Nursing, Bryant & Stratton College

Thien-Y Tran

Nursing, Milwaukee Area Technical College

Mari Westemeier

Psychology, University of New Mexico



Montse Alvarez (pictured on the left)
Elementary Education, Alverno College



Kate Mann (pictured on the right)
Art Therapy Registration (ATR)
& Professional Counseling License (LPC),
Bloom Center for Art & Integrated Therapies

A Culture of Philanthropy



Sybil Bell

OUR MESSAGE

With a lightness in step and a smile on each face, our campus welcomed visitors and program presenters for much of this summer. The gatherings, events, programs, parties and meetings – both indoors and outdoors – were joyfully attended, much like a family reunion, but better! Our hope is to keep our vibrancy front and center as we navigate the impact of the COVID variant.

Choose to spread joy,

Sybil & Cathy



Cathy Carr

For information about any form of giving, contact

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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS

Our once-a-year campaign is your invitation to support what is important to you. We have a menu of Foundation funds to choose from, below are just a few:

- **Garden Fund:** supports our outdoor projects which invest in beauty and curb appeal
- **Directors Fund for Charitable Care:** supports residents who have outlived their assets and are unable to fully pay for residency costs
- **Any Fund that gives you joy:** many worthy choices or just mark "Greatest Need."

We give deep thanks to the more than 100 donors who have already contributed. If you prefer year-end giving, we look forward to receiving your gift then.

WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS!

We know, we know... summer still lingers but Residents are ever ready to express their appreciation to our staff. Our mailing will go out in early October with an opportunity to participate in the Employee Holiday Fund. From contributions collected, each employee will receive a bonus at the annual holiday party. The overwhelming generosity each year is humbling and gratifying – and it's tax deductible.



IMPORTANT HAPPENINGS

- **Alzheimer's Walk:** Sunday, September 19 at Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds). It's not too late to join the Saint John's Sparklers Team! Contact Cathy Carr or CT Resident **Angie Kopf**, 414.305.9127 or akopf@msn.com



- **United Way:** this resident-sponsored campaign with Ambassadors, **Allen and Pat Rieselbach**, is underway and closes September 25.



- **Legacy Society and Top Donor Recognition:** each November we honor those who have named Saint John's in their estate plans or who have given lifetime gifts of \$10,000+. You are a blessing to Saint John's.

Spotlight on Generosity

SPONSORING THE MAGIC

Opera lover, **Bela Maroti**, is the proud sponsor of August's performance by the Florentine Opera Company. His goal as an annual sponsor is to foster appreciation for this style of music. Whether virtually, or in-person, the opera always draws a big crowd!



Resident Alice Kuramoto is enjoying the new Labyrinth Studio, "It looks and feels great here."

Photo taken by Juanita Mast, resident.

COMPLETED PROJECTS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE

LABYRINTH: The floor of the newly-opened Exercise Studio is a swirl-painted path with a pattern to lead you through the stillness of contemplation. The many donors whose gifts supported this project can be assured it offers an opportunity of renewal and growth.

CISSY & JACK BRYSON GARDEN: Through an inaugural grant from the Cissy Van Dyke Bryson Fund held by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, Cissy's children sponsored a rose garden at the entrance to the South Tower along with daffodils to be planted this fall. Together with the purchase of an additional bench, visits are welcomed while enjoying the colorful space.

LEGACY SOCIETY

Our legacy donors are ordinary people who believe in the extraordinary – the impact that a planned gift makes on Saint John's ability to be an unrivaled provider of premier retirement living. A legacy gift is pre-arranged from one's estate using various financial instruments like a residential contract refund, a will intention or a retirement fund. Would you like to explore the possibility of a planned gift?

Our recent Legacy Society Member is a person who, while requesting **Anonymity**, is quite intentional about financial stewardship – in her past, present and future. A beautiful end.

It is exciting to report that Saint John's combined legacy gifts total \$1.5 million!

SURPRISING FINDINGS RE-OPENS TO CUSTOMERS!

Following 18 long months of closure, Saint John's resale store finally re-opened its doors for business on September 2. Complete with a new name, re-designed interior and additional hours of operation. However, the mission of the shop remains the same; to provide a "green" opportunity to repurpose household items offered at affordable prices to Saint John's employees and residents. All proceeds benefit Saint John's Communities Foundation including the Annual Employee Scholarship Awards. A Win-Win-Win!

Interested in volunteering at Surprising Findings?
Contact Cathy Carr.

Surprising Findings

Joyful Shopping @ SAINT JOHN'S
ON THE LAKE

HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

1st Saturday of the Month 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

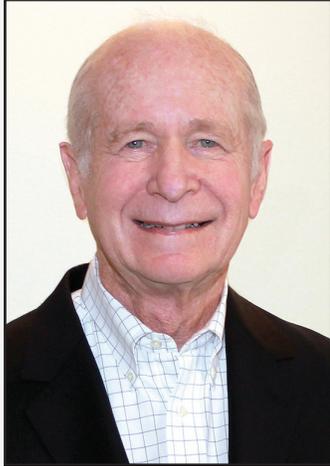
(non-holiday weekends)

Donations accepted during hours of operation.

Notes for You

FOUNDATION BOARD NEWS

Welcome to two new directors Anthony “Tony” Asmuth and Robinson “Boz” Bosworth III. Saint John’s is honored and grateful for their willingness to serve as ambassadors and stewards of the Foundation to advance our important work.



Tony Asmuth is a retired partner of Quarles & Brady Law Office who brings experience in both corporate and estate law.

Boz Bosworth retired from Robert W. Baird in 2004. During his tenure at Baird, Boz served as an advisor on a fund owned by Saint John’s. In 2005, he founded Red Granite, a financial advisory firm from which he retired in 2011.



FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

As stewards of the Foundation’s purpose, Board members look forward to hearing from you.

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“Attitude is a choice. Happiness is a choice. Optimism is a choice. Kindness is a choice. Giving is a choice. Respect is a choice. Whatever choice you make, makes you. Choose wisely.”

~ Roy T. Bennett

HOW TO GIVE

We encourage you to enjoy the gift of giving. Our office accepts cash, check, credit card or appreciated stock. All financial gifts to Saint John’s Communities and Saint John’s Communities Foundation qualify under Section 170(f)(8) as eligible for tax deduction. Credit card gifting is available through our office or through our website at:

www.saintjohnsmilw.org/culture-of-philanthropy/joyful-giving/

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