

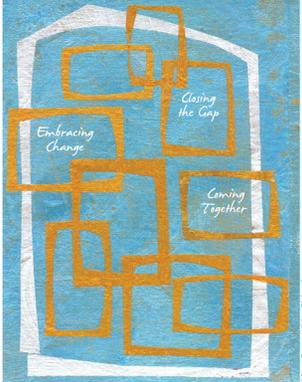
# Enriching Lives

SPRING 2022

## SYMPOSIUM ON AGING

Saint John's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium On Aging was held April 7-9. We are thankful restrictions imposed by the pandemic had been reduced in time for us to host an in-person gathering on our campus. The signature event was led by nationally recognized faculty and published authors who offered resourceful solutions to social isolation and loneliness on the journey of aging.

## CONNECTIONS



The Symposium represents Saint John's annual commitment to those professionals who work with older adults and to our residents' enrichment.

More than 250 attendees participated in lectures, workshops, table discussions and cultural experiences.

To learn more about the content of this year's event, go to [SymposiumOnAging.org](https://www.SaintJohnsMilw.org/SymposiumOnAging.org)



(pictured left to right) Saint John's President and CEO, Renée Anderson joined Visionary Volunteer, M. Kent Mayfield and Retired Vice President, Donna Spars at the Symposium to announce the opening of the Community Impact Fund.

The Symposium was underwritten by the Foundation, corporate sponsors and individual donors, and was offered at no-charge to all attendees. It was a full house!

## A NEW ENDOWMENT FUND was announced at the Symposium!

The COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND was opened in January as a legacy gesture to honor the accomplishments of **Donna Spars**, retired Vice President, and **Kent Mayfield**, our visionary volunteer. Their work with Saint John's initiative to invest in the well-being of Milwaukee's older adults began in 2018 with the Institute On Aging. The Fund's purpose is to build capacity of organizations in the wider Milwaukee community through grant awards supporting the creation of lasting solutions to the negative consequences of poverty, discrimination and chronic health conditions among older adults. We are deeply grateful for the seed money contributed by Donna and matched by Kent to ensure Saint John's commitment in perpetuity.

Visit [www.SaintJohnsMilw.org/Community-Impact/](https://www.SaintJohnsMilw.org/Community-Impact/) to learn more about the Community Impact Fund, see video of the Announcement and view the Saint John's Community Impact Report.

# A Culture of Philanthropy

## MY MESSAGE

Please note that this issue marks my written farewell. After 22 years in the Office of Philanthropy, I celebrate retirement. As I end my career, I acknowledge that it has been a blessing to work at Saint John's. Any accomplishments from this department were not made alone, but with encouragement, support and mentoring from others. For that I am profoundly grateful. The many experiences of personal connections, shared stories and deep relationships have woven a tapestry of lasting memories.



Sybil Bell



Cathy Carr

It is with honor I announce that an offer was extended to and accepted by Cathy Carr, Donor Relations Manager as my successor. Cathy's tenure at Saint John's was preceded by 20 years' experience in fund development in other senior living communities. Her commitment to serving older adults speaks with a kind voice and a gracious approach. Congratulations to her and all of us.

With gratitude and joy,

*Sybil*

**For information about any form of giving, contact:**

Director of Philanthropy  
Cathy Carr at 414.831.6905 ([CCarr@SaintJohnsMilw.org](mailto:CCarr@SaintJohnsMilw.org))

## REPORT ON 2021 GIVING

A combined total of \$890,907 was contributed to the Foundation's Endowed Funds and to Communities' operations. The 2021 Annual Reports published in early May will give a full accounting on these accomplishments. At year-end, Saint John's Foundation's portfolio reported an asset balance of \$10 Million. It was and is a big achievement—demonstrating the significant results realized from gifts both large and small. The Employee Holiday Fund totaled an amazing \$298,249 – illustrating appreciation from residents, families and board members for “service excellence” from staff in another most challenging year

## ONCE-A-YEAR ITEMS

The Annual Meeting of the Communities' Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, May 2. It is a look at the year-in-review in two separate published reports:

- 1) Saint John's Communities and
- 2) Saint John's Communities Foundation.

The Annual Campaign opens May 10 in a mailing which invites your charitable giving to Saint John's in ways that are important to you. We are placing a special emphasis on our newest fund, the COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND. See cover story for the announcement about its meaningful purpose.

The Campaign is open all year to receive your joyful contribution. We look forward to inquiries about charitable giving opportunities or membership in our Legacy Society.

*“Always Choose Joy!”  
~Sybil Bell*

# A Culture of Philanthropy

## LEGACY GIFTS RECEIVED – SPOTLIGHT ON DONORS

We are humbled by the charitable bequests recently received:



Dick Miller

**Dick Miller** assigned a gift through an IRA account designated to the Chaplaincy Endowment Fund which assures a full-time Episcopal Chaplain position on staff. Dick was an active member of the Foundation Board where his fund development skills and financial acumen helped advance the economic health of the Foundation.

**Bea Randall** arranged a gift from her residency contract refund to benefit the Foundation's General Fund which supports operational needs of Saint John's. Bea was also a contributor of her time in our former Thrift Shoppe.



Bea Randall

Our gratitude abounds for their generosity

## PLANNED GIFTS CREATE YOUR PERSONAL LEGACY



Our Legacy Society Members know the importance of planning with intention to make a difference in Saint John's future. We give thanks and welcome our new members!

- **Tom and Sally Basting** have assigned a gift through an IRA Account and
- **Susan Ploetz** has arranged a residency refund gift

These future contributions will support the work of the Foundation; a tangible expression of confidence in our commitment to aging well and lifelong learning.

Legacy donors are just ordinary people who believe in the extraordinary impact an intended gift makes on Saint John's ability to be an unrivaled provider of retirement living. Our legacy donors enjoy giving now, though the gift is realized later. There is no financial effect during your lifetime. We invite you to consider naming Saint John's as a beneficiary in your estate plans. Once the gift is committed, you are welcomed into the Legacy Society. If you have already made prior plans, please inform us so we can thank you.

## SURPRISING FINDINGS

As a favorite destination, Surprising Findings continues to be a flurry of merchandising, socializing and treasures. Its presence inspired the opening of the Scholarship Endowment Fund – a most popular fund – which has surpassed a portfolio balance of \$500,000! We are now able to fully fund current scholarship awards through the annual distributions. This success has prompted us to redirect Surprising Findings' revenue in support of the new Community Impact Endowment Fund – an initiative of worthy purpose. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others through your generous donations and for shopping.

## 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.

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

(non-holiday weekends)

Donations accepted during hours of operation  
or call 414.831.6905 to schedule pick-up.

# Notes for You

## SHARING THE LOVE

- **Paul & Gloria Halverson** sponsored a cello and piano concert with musicians James Waldo and Alyona Aksyonova Waldo as well as a piano concert for May with Stephanie Seefeldt.
- **Kathleen Kelly** has committed to a spring classical guitar performance with Rene Iszquierdo and his UWM students.
- **Jill Heavenrich** sponsored the In Tandem Theatre performance of *'Night, Mother* at the Symposium On Aging.
- In recognition of the Milwaukee Film Series, we extend deep gratitude for the generous sponsorship from the **Bill & Nicole Teweles Entertainment Fund**, an endowed program fund held in the Saint John's Communities Foundation.
- Resident **Holger Petersen** reports that in 2021, 643 pounds of food/supplies were collected from the bin in the Bistro and delivered to the Riverwest Food Pantry.
- Residents **Jim Ballard** and **Barbara Larkin** continue to deliver the clothing and toiletries to the Milwaukee Rescue Mission donated to the bin at the South Tower desk.
- Saint John's Library is in need of large print books. Do you have any to donate? Contact **Rita Rochte** at 414.332.5342 or [rrochte@gmail.com](mailto:rrochte@gmail.com).



Velvetta Hargrove, Human Resources, gathers the new and gently used coats donated by residents and staff.

## SAINT JOHN'S COMMUNITY IMPACT INITIATIVES

- Thanks to all who contributed to the MLK DAY COAT DRIVE (*pictured above*) sponsored by the Human Resource Department to benefit COA Youth & Family Centers.
- The Chapel's Lenten Collection will benefit The Gathering's partnership with Feeding America, Running Rebels and Walnut Way to provide fresh groceries to Lindsay Heights.
- EARTH DAY is national recognition of the need to care for this planet; join us **Friday, April 22** from 1-3 p.m. for the Eastside neighborhood clean-up. Register on Touchtown by April 18.



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