

# Enriching Lives

AUTUMN 2023

## Summer Smiles Abound at Saint John's



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LOOKING  
BACK ON  
**155**  
YEARS  
OF LOOKING  
FORWARD

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, Saint John's took full advantage of the Wisconsin weather through gatherings and celebrating Community.

*A Better View On Life*



# Making Dreams Come True



## EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

On August 9, residents and staff gathered to celebrate the Education Awards recognizing all three of the Foundation Funds supporting employee education: **Scholarship Fund, Lloyd Lewis Fellowship Fund and Angela Titus Scholarship Fund for Dementia Education.** The blessing of these funds will provide the support for Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care certification for two Saint John's team members and will offer Wound Care Certification to all Saint John's nurses allowing for a higher level of wound care management and prevention strategies. We have deep appreciation for the many individuals who make staff education at Saint John's a priority.



## Scholarship Awards

The **39th Annual Scholarship Awards** recognized the academic efforts of six Saint John's employees who were granted tuition assistance to earn future degrees and certifications. Over the last 21 academic years, 189 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$267,955. We applaud the many dreams and ambitions of our student employees and wish them every success on their academic journey.

### Spring Semester Award Recipients

#### **Marcus Kartes**

Business Administration, UW-Milwaukee

#### **Kayla Soto**

Criminal Justice, UW-Milwaukee

#### **Maricela Westemeier**

Occupational Therapy, UW-Milwaukee

### Fall Semester Award Recipients

#### **Alexys Brown**

Associate of Science,  
Milwaukee Area Technical College

#### **Jennifer Ezell**

Nursing, Milwaukee Area Technical College

#### **Dana Jackson**

Nursing, Milwaukee Area Technical College



Pictured (l-r): Spring Scholarship Award Recipients  
Alexys Brown, Jennifer Ezell and  
Dana Jackson

With appreciation to all of the supporters of the Foundation's Education Funds and the Scholarship Committee: Sara Aster, Virginia Chappell, Cathy Carr, Sandy Duffy, Keshia Exum-Pryor and Mary McAndrews.

# Community Outreach Initiatives

## Share Your View On A Better Life!

Saint John's Community Impact t-shirts are available for sale at Surprising Findings beginning September 19, or contact Cathy Carr.

\$20 each (\$25 for 2XL / 3XL)  
Proceeds support Saint John's Community Impact.



## SAINT JOHN'S ON THE LAKE COMMUNITY IMPACT

Helping seniors in Greater Milwaukee is at the heart of our Community Impact Initiatives.

Special thanks to artist Jean Wells at [www.JeansClayStudio.com](http://www.JeansClayStudio.com)

### It's Not Too Late To Join The Saint John's Sparklers Team!

Friends and Family Welcome

**Alzheimer's Walk**, Sunday, September 17  
at Henry Maier Festival Park (Summerfest Grounds).  
Transportation on the Saint John's bus is offered to residents who wish to participate.

To register, contact **Anne Luther**, 414.831.6875  
or [ALuther@SaintJohnsMilw.org](mailto:ALuther@SaintJohnsMilw.org) or Central Tower  
Resident, **Angie Kopf**, 414.305.9127 or [akopf@msn.com](mailto:akopf@msn.com).



To make an online Team donation:  
[act.alz.org/goto/SaintJohnsSparklers](http://act.alz.org/goto/SaintJohnsSparklers)

### Save a Life!



Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin will be at Saint John's for a campus-wide blood drive.

**Wednesday, October 18**  
from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

To register, contact  
**Keshia Exum-Pryor**,  
Chief People Officer, at  
[KExum-Pryor@SaintJohnsMilw.org](mailto:KExum-Pryor@SaintJohnsMilw.org)  
by September 29.

**All are welcome!**



In April, a volunteer team of residents and employees joined forces to tackle an Earth Day clean-up around Saint John's neighborhood. This event was in connection with Litter Free 2023 – a year-round effort of Keep Greater Milwaukee Beautiful to maintain cleaner, healthier neighborhoods and reduce litter.





## ARTWALK TO SHOWCASE SAINT JOHN'S COLLECTION

What do you get when you combine 155 years of art lovers, connoisseurs and aficionados? A significant collection of truly remarkable artwork! These generous individuals have shared their discerning appreciation of fine art and have been instrumental in the establishment of our impressive collection displayed on the Town Center.

Saint John's had a vision of creating a curated Artwalk to highlight and showcase Saint John's art collection to be completed in time for the Third Ward Association's Fall Gallery Night MKE scheduled for October 20-21. The undertaking of this project has included a full eight months of photography, research, appraisal and cataloging of over 619 works of art. Managed by Erin Burke, Saint John's Director of LifeStreams, the project is on target to meet the deadline. Erin notes, "Preserving and documenting Saint John's art portfolio and collection is very important. As we work through this project, we are gathering stories, historic documents and information that will live with us for generations to come. The Artwalk will offer a peek into the collection and celebrate the beauty and vibrancy that is Saint John's On The Lake. We honor the creativity and expression of the artist as they draw out emotions when you walk these halls." The archive will be a living document that will be updated with each new work donated and track the movement of art through our campus.

Each piece and/or collection has a unique QR code transporting the individual into Saint John's Artwork Archive which is searchable by artist and collection. The catalog will also guide the visitor to the location on Saint John's campus where the art is currently on display.

**Saint John's Artwork Archive:  
Scan this QR Code**



## gallery night **MKE**

Gallery Night MKE is Milwaukee's original gallery hop event ~ uniting the city through art. Saint John's Gallery Night will include an opportunity for attendees to join a guided Artwalk tour led by a Saint John's Docent.

Three tour options will be offered:

- 1) Town Center Art Collection
- 2) Outdoor Sculpture Walk  
(weather permitting)
- 3) Self-Guided Chapel Video Tour

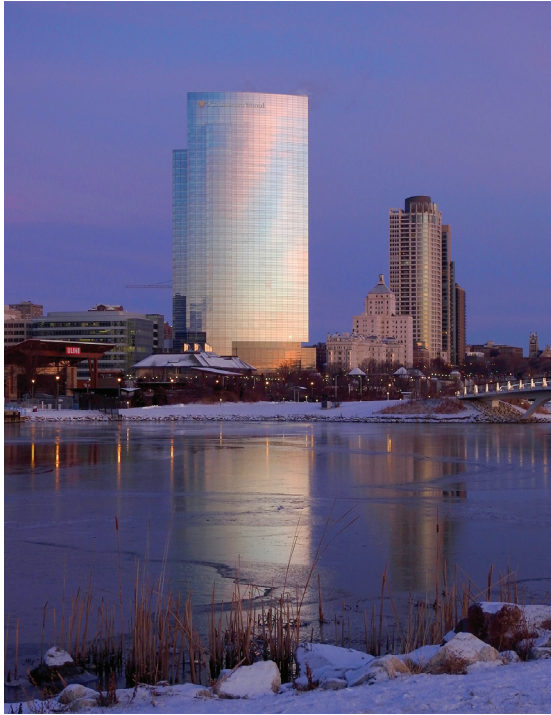
**Tours will be available:  
Friday, October 20, 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
and  
Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Visit [www.gallerynightmke.com](http://www.gallerynightmke.com) for a complete schedule of participating galleries.



**"Fantasy Forest I & II"  
David Schaefer – 2011  
Oil on Canvas  
Greets Visitors at the  
South Tower Reception Desk**

# of Art at Saint John's



**Lakeshore State Park**  
**January 20, 2021, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Kathy Smith**

photographers: Phyllis Bankier, Heather Ho, Diane Rychlinski and Kathy Smith, rose before dawn to photograph the Milwaukee County shoreline at sunrise. They had two goals: to (safely) maintain the precious human contact that they craved, and to capture another unique day emerging from the gloom.

The resulting photographs cover the Milwaukee shoreline from Doctor's Park to the north, to Bender Park in the south. Despite being a densely populated area, humans rarely appear, but their physical impact upon the ever-changing Milwaukee skyline looms large. This dearth of humans helps underscore the motivation of the project and the value of life and human connection at a time when both were in jeopardy. Ultimately the photographs possess a quietude rarely appreciated by most people, and also a timelessness – Lake Michigan was there long before humans existed and it will ultimately survive us all.

## **MOWA** **MUSEUM OF WISCONSIN ART ON THE LAKE**

**Gallery Night to Highlight MOWA Exhibit**

**Attendees may also enjoy the professionally curated exhibit of MOWA On The Lake, the satellite site of the Museum of Wisconsin Art, located in Saint John's Museum Gallery and open to the public daily from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**A Year by the Lake**  
**On exhibit: September 1 – December 3**

Metaphorically and literally they were dark days. A global pandemic brought untold misery to millions, and lockdowns and social distancing became ways of life. Physical contact was fraught with danger. Showing remarkable commitment and perseverance, every day from September 2020 to September 2021, four Milwaukee



**Bradford Beach**  
**June 8, 2021, 6:10 a.m.**  
**Phyllis Bankier**



# Spotlight On Generosity



## PLANNED GIFTS CREATE YOUR PERSONAL LEGACY

### Our Donor Spotlight

We are humbled by the charitable bequest recently received:

Several years ago, **Claire Greene** named the Foundation as a beneficiary of her trust. At her passing, her gift was designated to the **General Endowment Fund** demonstrating her appreciation and commitment to Saint John's mission.



Claire Greene

Our gratitude abounds for her generosity.

Legacy donors are just ordinary people who believe in the extraordinary impact that a planned gift makes on Saint John's ability to be an unrivaled provider of retirement living. Members of our Legacy Society know the importance of planning for the future. As a legacy donor, you have the satisfaction and the joy of giving now, while feeling no financial effect during your lifetime. Please 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 made prior plans, please inform us so we can thank you personally.

## 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:

- **Directors Fund for Charitable Care:** supports residents who have outlived their assets and are unable to fully pay for residency costs
- **Community Impact Fund:** supports Saint John's partnerships with nonprofit organizations to create lasting solutions to the negative consequences of poverty, discrimination and chronic health conditions among older adults in the wider Milwaukee community

**Or support any Fund that gives you joy!**

We give thanks to the more than 120 donors who have already contributed. If you prefer year-end giving, we look forward to receiving your gift then.

## LIVE UNITED

**Gerry & Elaine Mainman** will champion our 2023 United Way Campaign which kicks off September 18 and closes September 28.

Your generous contribution will provide resources to United Way to continue its broad reach to over 220 local nonprofit programs and community-wide initiatives. As a thriving member of the Milwaukee community, what happens around us matters.

**United we fight.  
United we win.  
Live UNITED.**



# Sharing the Love

FINE  
ARTS  
QUARTET

The Fine Arts Quartet recently performed for a full house in the North Cultural Arts Center. Our gratitude to **Betty Bostrom** for supporting two performances on Saint John's campus for all to enjoy.

Radio Plays: An Exploration of the Radio Drama Genre, is a 5-week series coming in October. Special thanks to an **Anonymous Donor** for supporting the direction of Marti Gobel as residents read, analyze and discuss the value of returning to the art of listening.

The Philomusica (philo = love of + musica = music) Quartet delighted an audience with jewels of string quartet repertoire. This performance was made possible through the **Bill & Char Johnson Music Fund** of the Foundation.

Music lovers, **Tony and Kathie Asmuth** and **Anne Hazelwood**, are sponsoring two upcoming performances of Early Music Now. The Asmuths are also supporting the Charles Sullivan Music Series being held October through March 2024.

An **Anonymous Donor** brought their love of Jazz to campus with the support of two jazz concerts. The Aaron Van Oudenallen Quartet performed this summer and we look forward to the Milwaukee Hot Club, a gypsy jazz band, performance in October.

**Frank and Kathleen Thometz** sponsored a Prometheus Trio concert in Saint John's Chapel in honor of their wedding anniversary. The Prometheus Trio, featuring Stefanie Jacob, Margot Schwartz and Scott Tisdell, performed their blend of classical chamber music that both challenges and excites the performers and audiences, creating an unforgettable experience for all.

Our appreciation to **Richard Quadracci** and the **Windhover Foundation** for underwriting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Back to School" Pet Show ~ don't miss this September 15<sup>th</sup> spotlight on our pet families!



## WE'RE THINKING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS!

We know, we know... summer still lingers but residents and families are ever ready to demonstrate their gratitude to our staff.

**The Employee Holiday Fund** is your opportunity to express your appreciation for our staff, some of whom you interact with regularly, as well as for those who work behind the scenes.

Please note that Saint John's policy does not permit employees to accept tips or gifts directly from individuals they serve. Our celebration in early December will feature a luncheon for our 250 staff members and a holiday bonus check that is commensurate with years of service and number of hours worked in 2023.

Your overwhelming generosity each year is humbling and so very greatly appreciated by our staff – and it's tax deductible.

**The Employee Holiday Fund campaign begins in early October and runs through November 20.**

# Notes for You

## Historic Milwaukee DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE

**DOORS OPEN Milwaukee**, was started by Historic Milwaukee, Inc. (HMI) in 2011, after an HMI volunteer attended a Doors Open event in another city and saw the potential for it in our fair city.

Doors Open Milwaukee is an opportunity for the public to tour and explore more than 100 buildings in Milwaukee.

**Saint John's will be offering  
Town Center tours:  
Saturday, September 23  
and Sunday, September 24  
from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

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Scan this code with your phone's camera to be linked to our Facebook page.

Follow us on Facebook to see Saint John's happenings and meet some of our incredible residents and team members.



Questions?  
Call Us: 414-831-6900.

**SAINT JOHN'S**  
ON THE LAKE

## Surprising Findings

Joyful Shopping @ SAINT JOHN'S ON THE LAKE



Visit **Surprising Findings** to find that perfect item that you didn't know you need! Just take a left off the Central Tower elevator at the Ground Level...and you have arrived!

### 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.*

*We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give.  
- Winston Churchill*

## Enrich the Present, Enhance the Future

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For information about any form of giving, contact:  
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