

# Enriching Lives

SPRING 2023

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium On Aging engages more than 250 community and resident attendees.** (See pages 4&5)



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Photo Upper Left: President & CEO, Renée Anderson and resident, Kent Mayfield (r), thank Bishop Rudolph McKissick Jr. (l) for his inspiring closing session.

Photo Right: Residents and community members were welcomed during the opening session of our two-day Symposium.

Photo Lower Left: Resident, Marva Pattillo and exhibitor, Don Pannell from Bronzeville Arts Ensemble visit at the Community Connections.

*Enrich the Present, Enhance the Future*

# A Culture of Philanthropy

## REPORT ON 2022 GIVING

A combined total of \$908,696 was contributed to the Foundation's Endowed Funds and to Saint John's Communities' operations. The 2022 Annual Reports published in early May will give a full accounting on these accomplishments. At year-end, Saint John's Foundation reported net assets of \$8.6 Million – demonstrating the significant results realized from gifts both large and small. The Employee Holiday Fund achieved a record \$307,501 – illustrating the deep gratitude and appreciation from residents, families and board members for "Service Excellence" from staff.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 1 Annual Meeting** of the Board and Residents of Saint John's On The Lake followed by a Reception.
- **May 10 Saint John's Communities Foundation Annual Campaign Kick-Off** inviting your charitable giving to Saint John's in ways that are important to you. 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.



Please join us in congratulating the **2023 Spring Semester Employee Scholarship Award Recipients**



**Marcus Kartes**  
Dining  
Business Administration  
UW-Milwaukee



**Kayla Soto**  
Dining  
Criminal Justice  
UW-Milwaukee



**Maricela Westemeier**  
Nursing  
Occupational Therapy  
UW-Milwaukee

Employee Scholarship Awards have transitioned to a semester-based distribution to increase the number of Saint John's employees eligible for an award. Spring and Fall Semester recipients will be recognized at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Awards Program on August 9.

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



Cathy Carr



Amy Sugent

## MAKE AN IMPACT ON TOMORROW

You have heard this message from Saint John's Office of Philanthropy, "Enrich the Present and Enhance the Future." In this issue, you will read about the success of our 2022 Annual Campaigns and the impact Legacy gifts, both new and recently realized, have on validating this message.

We have been blessed with the generosity of our many donors who know the importance of planning with intention to make a difference in Saint John's future.

With gratitude,  
*Cathy and Amy*

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# Sharing the Love

- Our thanks to **Paul & Gloria Halverson** for sponsoring the upcoming performance by Vintage Mix, an award winning acapella group consisting of quadruplets, who bridge generations through harmony.
- Residents gather regularly for refreshments and engaging discussion, facilitated by resident **Kent Mayfield** at Food For Thought, a series sponsored by the Foundation's **Jean B. Tyler Fund**. Recent speakers include Ricardo Diaz, retired Executive Director, United Community Center and Vincent Noth, Executive Director, Kinship Community Food Center. Join us for upcoming sessions to feature Dennis Conta, former Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, in April; and Mike Nichols, President of the Badger Institute, in May.

## SAINT JOHN'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH INITIATIVES



Thanks to all who contributed to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. food and personal hygiene drive to benefit **Kinship Community Food Center**. Kinship is also

the beneficiary of this year's Chapel Lenten Collection. With food prices continuing to escalate and shortages in donations city-wide, donations from Saint John's are much needed and appreciated.

**EARTH DAY** is a national recognition of the need to care for this planet.

Join us **Friday, April 21, 1-3 p.m.** for an Eastside neighborhood clean-up. Register on Touchtown or contact Cathy Carr to sign-up by April 17.



**Save a Life! Versati Blood Center of Wisconsin** will be at Saint John's for a campus-wide blood drive **Tuesday, May 16, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

Contact Keshia Exum-Pryor, Chief People Officer, at [KExum-Pryor@SaintJohnsMilw.org](mailto:KExum-Pryor@SaintJohnsMilw.org) by May 1 to reserve a time for your donation.



All are welcome!



**Pictured (l to r): Resident, Steve Byer with Bryant D. Perkins, Milwaukee Rescue Mission**

Spring Cleaning? Consider donating gently used clothing and toiletries by placing them in the donation bin located in the South Tower Valet Closet. Residents **Jim Ballard, Steve Byer** and **Barbara Larkin** continue to deliver donations to benefit organizations serving the homeless.

# Saint John's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

## 2023 SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON RESILIENCE, INTENTION AND HOPE

Saint John's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium On Aging was held March 9-10. The signature event, led by nationally recognized faculty and published authors, offered an opportunity to share ideas, research outcomes and lessons learned to strengthen resilience and celebrate aging.

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, practicums and cultural experiences. The Symposium was underwritten by the Foundation's Community Impact Fund, corporate sponsors and individual donors, and was offered at no-charge to all attendees. It was a full house!



*“Inspiring and informative - will continue to inspire my own reflections on what it means to age well.”*

– Carolyn Sweers, Saint John's Resident



# Symposium On Aging



*“Thank you so much for this effort and outreach to include the community.”*

– Dr. Judith Miller, Community Participant



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The Community Impact Fund's purpose is to build capacity of organizations in the wider Milwaukee community 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 vision and seed money contributed by **Donna Spars**, retired Saint John's Vice President, and matched by **Kent Mayfield**, in 2022 to ensure Saint John's commitment to the greater Milwaukee community in perpetuity.

**We look forward to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium On Aging in 2024!**

# Leaving a Legacy



Nici and Bill Teweles

**Nici Teweles** opened the **Bill & Nicole Teweles Entertainment Fund** in memory of her beloved spouse, Bill. As a dedicated civic leader and passionate supporter of the arts and theater, Nici was focused on funding “Wow” events and she funded many, most notably the MKE Filmfest and ensuing lively discussions on Saint John’s campus. We are grateful to Nici for dedicating her support to LifeStreams to deepen and broaden our cultural programming. She was loved, and is dearly missed, by many!

**Bill & Char Johnson** opened the **Bill & Char Johnson Music Fund** to honor the memory of their good friend, Ab Nicholas and to support semi-classical concerts by professional musicians. In Bill’s words, “semi-classical music lifts one’s spirits and nourishes the soul.” Thank you, Bill and Char for your commitment to lifting our spirits!



Char and Bill Johnson



## 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. Our most recent Legacy Society Member is a person who, while requesting **Anonymity**, is quite purposeful in their financial stewardship designating 100% of their Saint John’s Entrance Fee refund to support the **Community Impact, Garden & Nature and General Funds**. This future legacy gift 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 that a planned gift makes on Saint John’s ability to be an unrivaled leader 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.

**It is exciting to report that Saint John’s future legacy gifts total \$1.7 million!**



# Spotlight on Donors

We are humbled by the charitable bequests recently received:



Ellen Debbink

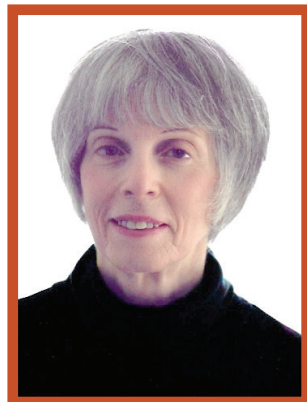
Several years ago, **Ellen Debbink** named the Foundation as a beneficiary of her trust. At her passing, her gift was designated to the **Directors Fund for Charitable Care** and to the **Scholarship Fund** – a testament to Ellen’s genuine concern for others and commitment and dedication to education.



In 2014, **Bela and Julie Maroti** became the first residents to assign a portion of their Entrance Fee refund as a charitable gift to the Foundation. For the past nine years, the performances of the Florentine Opera held on Saint John’s campus have been funded through Bela’s generosity. With Bela’s passing in December 2022, their legacy gift to fund the **Bela and Julie Maroti Opera Fund** will now support future performances of the Florentine Opera. It brings comfort knowing that they are together again taking in beautiful operatic sounds and dancing across the ballroom.



Julie and Bela Maroti



Marcia Slater Johnston

**Marcia Slater Johnston** assigned a gift through a bequest designated to the **LifeStreams Endowment Fund**. For more than 26 years, Marcia was the advisor to the Harry G. and Charlotte H. Slater Family Fund of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, which provides grants to support programs improving the quality of life for older adults in the Greater Milwaukee area. Marcia’s forethought led her to the role of Founder, and Convener, of Make Room@ The Table, an affinity group of people engaged in the aging field with a mission to identify, share and develop strategies to alleviate social isolation and loneliness among older people. We thank Marcia for her friendship and generosity in truly leaving an impact on the lives of others, accomplished through her life’s passion.

## INVITATION 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](http://www.saintjohnsmilw.org/culture-of-philanthropy/joyful-giving)

# Notes for You

## WELCOME EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES

The staff of Eastside Senior Services (ESS) moved into their new space in the Central Tower, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. They will call Saint John's "home" for the interim while their office space at St. Mark's Episcopal Church embarks on a renovation project. ESS has a mission to help older adults live independently and stay meaningfully connected to their community – a mission we truly embrace.



Pictured:(l to r) Elena Castro, Intern; Melissa Meier, Executive Director and Kelly Glostott, Service Coordinator

## FIND THAT SURPRISE GIFT

Did you know Surprising Findings also has an Etsy site? When we receive donations that are

vintage, antique and of higher value, we market them to a wider audience through Etsy. A sampling of items is on display in the case outside of our shop on the Ground Level of the Central Tower.



The items have been researched by an amazing team of resident volunteers who have special knowledge or interest in learning about the history of the items.

All proceeds from Surprising Findings go towards Saint John's Community Impact Initiatives. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of others through your generous donations and for shopping!

## FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

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

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## 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.*

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