

Enriching Lives

WINTER 2023

A HOLLY JOLLY WORLD TOUR

In this season of giving, we are humbled by the generous response to the 2023 Employee Holiday Fund Campaign. As a result of these contributions, our staff enjoyed a Holiday Party comprised of festive foods from around the globe, gifts, prizes and a holiday bonus presented to each employee. The demonstration of gratitude and appreciation to our staff for their high level of service provided year-round is overwhelming and brought much joy!



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Community Impact Initiative

Aging and the Habits of the Heart

March 7-8, 2024



Plans are underway for Saint John's 7th Annual Symposium On Aging: "Aging and Habits of the Heart". Today, when a pandemic and its legacy have changed our world and our lives, many of us – old and young – confront a lingering, pervasive sense of loss coupled with uncertainty in the face of social change and an erosion of traditions that have often bound us together.

We hope you will be able to join us for a combination of lectures, seminars, conversations and cultural insights, led by nationally known academics, medical professionals, authors and artists.

Community Registration opens January 8. Saint John's Resident Registration opens on TouchTown February 19.

Visit Saint John's website for up-to-date Symposium details.
www.SaintJohnsMilw.org

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SYMPOSIUM ON AGING

SPEAKERS and TOPICS

Lydia Dugdale, M.D., M.A.R., Professor of Medicine at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.
The Lost Art of Dying: Lessons from a Pandemic

Keisha Ray, Ph.D., Associate Professor at McGovern Center for Humanities & Ethics at UT Health, Houston.
Black Health and the Narrative of Health Equity

Lewis Richmond, Buddhist minister, meditation teacher and author of 5 books on Buddhist themes.
Aging as a Spiritual Practice

Rabbi Richard F. Address, D. Min., founder and director of Jewish Sacred Aging and host of Weekly Seekers podcast.
Passing Through The Gates of Holiness: Deuteronomy 30:19 as a Guide to Life's Third and Fourth Stages

Carla Dahl, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of Congregational and Community Care Leadership, Luther Seminary.
Here But Not Here: Tending to Ambiguous Losses in Uncertain Times

Martin Doblmeier, Founder/President of Journey Films.
The Prophetic Voice

Sandeep Jauhar, M.D., Ph.D., contributing opinion writer for the New York Times, cardiologist and author.
My Father's Brain

Rebecca D. Elon, M.D., MPH, CMD, internist, geriatrician and Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.
Caregivers seeking partners-in-care: Who are we? Who are they? What difference does it make?

Stephen Shields, Co-Founder and CEO Action Pact Holdings, LLC.
Revitalizing Rural Communities – Through Senior Living Redevelopment

Jason Flatt, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health, University of Nevada
LGBTQIA+ Populations and Risk for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

Fabrice Jotterand, Ph.D., Professor of Bioethics & Medical Humanities, Medical College of Wisconsin
Alzheimer's Disease, Neurotechnology, and "Our Technological Way of Being"

A Culture of Philanthropy

SPREADING CHEER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

On December 8, Saint John's hosted Eastside Senior Services' Holiday Celebration in the North Cultural Arts Center. (See photos below) The attendees enjoyed a delicious luncheon served by resident and employee volunteers who shared their warm hospitality. It was an honor to usher in the joy of the season with the clients and the volunteers of Eastside Senior Services, who selflessly spread cheer by helping older adults throughout the year.



We are excited to announce that while Saint John's has provided temporary office headquarters to Eastside Senior Services during 2023, Saint John's has offered, and Eastside Senior Services' Board of Directors and staff have gratefully accepted, a permanent relocation of their offices to Saint John's on the third floor of the Central Tower. It's our honor to partner with ESS as we embrace their mission of helping older adults live independently and stay connected to their community, aligning well with the purpose of the Community Impact Fund of Saint John's Foundation.

(Top right photo: Saint John's President Renée Anderson and Eastside Senior Services Executive Director Melissa Meier.)



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COMMUNITY IMPACT

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

Donor Spotlight



Alice "Lloyd" Phillips Lewis

LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

Anyone who had the honor of knowing Lloyd Lewis was touched by her naturally genuine and selfless ways. Lloyd and her husband, Sam became Saint John's residents in March 2004 and relocated to the South Tower when it opened in 2011. In 2013, Lloyd was nominated and presented to the Communities' Board as a candidate to serve on Saint John's Communities' Foundation Board.

At her first official meeting, the assets of the Foundation were \$3.5 million. During her tenure through year-end 2019, the assets grew to an amazing \$8.25 million.

After several years of membership on the Saint John's Resident Health Committee, Lloyd became increasingly interested in the high quality of resident health care which gives Saint John's its fine reputation. With thoughtful deliberation, she opened the Lloyd Lewis Fellowship Fund.

This endowment fund's objective is to support, deepen and broaden the educational opportunities for Saint John's licensed health care employees – to gain knowledge in best practices of resident care – to be attained through certification or completion of a training program. Education and the opportunity to gain skills were among Lloyd's favorite personal philanthropic pursuits.

It is she who seeded the Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2014 with \$1,000 – which has grown to an astonishing \$540,000!

Lloyd's vision and generosity helped to open three endowed funds: the Directors Fund for Charitable Care, the Scholarship Fund and the Lloyd Lewis Fellowship Fund which combined total \$1.1 million... and all of this confirms her significant role in strengthening the Foundation's successful history.

We also acknowledge Lloyd's most valuable contributions of gentle suggestions, quiet assurance and confident decisions as a long-term Director. Saint John's is forever grateful that Lloyd chose to give gifts of time, talent and treasure to our important work. Saint John's Communities and the Foundation were blessed as beneficiaries of Lloyd's inspiration and dedicated service resulting in a brighter future at Saint John's.

*"The adventure of life is to learn. The purpose of life is to grow.
The nature of life is to change. The challenge of life is to overcome.
The essence of life is to care. The opportunity of life is to serve.
The secret of life is to dare. The spice of life is to befriend.
The beauty of life is to give."*

~ William Arthur Ward

Sharing the Love



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. Legacy donors believe in the extraordinary impact that a planned gift makes on Saint John's ability to be an unrivaled provider of retirement living. When you make this decision, 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 or assigning a portion of your residency refund to the Foundation. 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.

November is our Legacy Society & Top Donor Appreciation Month. We give special thanks to all those individuals who advance the mission of Saint John's with the arrangement of a forward-thinking planned gift or through lifetime giving of \$10,000+.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IN PROGRESS

We extend thanks to those who have contributed to our **2023 Annual Campaign** and to **Suzy Brennan**, Foundation Director, Shore Holder and family member of a previous resident, for serving as this year's Campaign Chair. This year's campaign highlights the importance of the **Directors Fund for Charitable Care** in supporting Saint John's residents who have outlived their financial resources.

View the 2023 Campaign Video at
<https://www.saintjohnsmilw.org/foundation/joyful-giving/>

A gift to the Foundation offers many options to direct your donation to address aspects of Saint John's that are important to you. Our campaign is open through year-end.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

An impactful and tax-friendly way to support Saint John's is through a **qualified charitable distribution (QCD)**, also known as an IRA charitable rollover. Individuals at least 70 ½ years

of age may make a qualified charitable distribution directly from their IRA custodian to Saint John's Communities Foundation. Please consult with your tax advisor to determine how this may benefit your personal tax filing, satisfy your required minimum distribution and benefit a charitable organization ~ a win, win, win!

FOUNDATION BOARD NEWS

At the October meeting, the Foundation Board of Directors approved \$11,000 in grants from the **Fund for the Visually Impaired** to support the work of three area organizations. Each agency has a part of its mission to provide services to older adults with vision challenges. Congratulations to **Audio & Braille Literacy Enhancement (ABLE)**, the **Center for Deaf-Blind Persons** and **VisionFORWARD**. It is our privilege to partner yearly with these three organizations.



Happenings Around Saint John's

SAINT JOHN'S HONORED AT LSS ANNUAL HEROES CELEBRATION

"Saint John's was honored by Lutheran Social Services with their Group Caregiver Hero Award for demonstrating the LSS values of compassion and courage, recognizing how important our community was to **Bela Maroti**, Founder of the LSS Foundation, and residents who answered the call to provide safety and support to Afghan refugees served through LSS," remarks **Mara Duckens**, Chief Advancement Officer, Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. To accept the award, **Renée Anderson**, Saint John's President and CEO, was joined by seven members of Saint John's Nursing Team, representing the true Caregiver Heroes who tirelessly give of themselves each day to touch the lives of our residents.



Pictured: L to R: Vanessa Williams, Felicia Mitchel, Tanya Renfro, Sandra Shaw, Renée Anderson, LaToya Killebrew, Kim Carter and Jayla Brown.

- Residents took in the beautiful sounds of the Milwaukee Musaik Thanksgiving Concert. Formerly known as the Milwaukee Chamber Orchestra, Milwaukee Musaik is Milwaukee's only self-governing chamber orchestra consortium, and one of only 65 chamber orchestras in the nation. Since its founding in 1973 as the Milwaukee Chamber Music Society, it has earned a reputation as one of southeastern Wisconsin's finest professional performing arts groups. This concert was made possible by generous support from the **Phyllis Wagoner Chamber Music Fund**, the **Johnson Music Program Fund** and the **Fetter Music Program Fund**.
- Make the holidays brighter for those finding themselves in need of food this season. Place nonperishable items in the **Kinship Community Food Center** bin located in the Bistro and **Kent Mayfield** will transport your kind donations.



- Our very own **Knit Wits & Stitch Wits** sold their handmade goods at the November Holiday Marketplace – and donated all \$970 to the **Directors Fund for Charitable Care!**



- The **Chapel Committee's Advent Project** is raising funds for the **Milwaukee Diaper Mission**, a nonprofit organization, empowering families in need by providing a reliable source of free diapers and menstruation supplies. It's not too late to contribute.
- Yes, winter is around the corner! **Jim Ballard** is hopeful that you will consider donating gently-used coats, scarves, gloves and new packages of socks, undergarments and toiletries to the **Milwaukee Rescue Mission**. Place items in the bin at the South Tower Valet Closet.

Community Outreach

2ND ANNUAL PET SHOW TAKES A BOW-WOW! (AND A MEOW)

With over 47 pets calling Saint John's home, the early fall pet show has become a fan favorite for humans, canines and felines alike. Thanks to the generosity of our Pet Show Sponsor, Richard Quadracci and the Windhover Foundation, we were able to present a \$1,500 scholarship to the Wisconsin Humane Society to help provide the extra care needed for senior pets.

See the Pet Show Slideshow:
<https://vimeo.com/866899976?share=copy>



A TOMORROW TO REMEMBER

Residents, employees and family members dedicated a Sunday morning to participate in the 2023 Walk To End Alzheimer's. Thank you to those who battled the unpredictable weather to join us for a puddle jumping journey along the paths of Lakeshore State Park while raising \$2,500 to bring awareness to Alzheimer's Research.



IMPACT CHANGE IN HONOR OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had a vision of equality and human rights for African Americans, the economically disadvantaged and all victims of injustice. Join us the Week of January 15-19 as Saint John's holds a diaper and feminine hygiene supply drive to benefit the Milwaukee Diaper Mission in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday and to build on the impact from Saint John's 2023 Advent collection. Watch for more details the first week in January.



THE GIFT OF LIFE

We saved 150 lives through our spring and fall campus blood drives! Thank you to all of our donors ~ we hope to see you in May 2024 with a goal of doubling the number of lives saved.

Joyful Shopping

VISIT THE SHOP AND BRING HOLIDAY JOY!

Just take a left off the Central Tower elevator at the Ground Level...and you have arrived at Surprising Findings!

Hours of operation are Tuesday 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 1st Saturday of the Month (non-holiday weekends) 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Donations accepted during hours of operation.

Contact **Paulina Ruiz-Maki** for volunteer opportunities or for assistance with donations: 414.831.6875 or PRuizMaki@SaintJohnsMilw.org.

Surprising Findings' 2023 sales have reached over \$50,000 to support Saint John's Community Impact Initiatives. Thank you to all for making a difference in the lives of others through your generous donations and, of course, by shopping in our store!

Surprising Findings

Joyful Shopping @ **SAINT JOHN'S ON THE LAKE**




Shop our online Etsy store where you will find higher value vintage and antique items for sale. If you are interested in purchasing an Etsy item, contact **Paulina Ruiz-Maki** 414.831.6875 – as we offer 10% off on all local sales.

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