

# St. Ann Center's seasons of Life

People of all ages and abilities spend the day at St. Ann Center because of your support. You made these stories of our joyful intergenerational community possible.



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**2021**  
**Annual Report**

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## Dear Friend,

People often talk about how warm and accepting our staff is. (I do, too – it's a joy to hear our staff joke with, encourage and comfort our adults and children each day!)

But what caught my ear recently is how warm and accepting our adult clients and children are. It's such a blessing to be among those who accept you for who you are.

For example, recently some adult clients were listening to a story, when one, Danny, grabbed a clean adult diaper. Waving it overhead, he signaled it was time for the bathroom. No one batted an eye – no teasing, no faces, no giggling. "That's just Danny" was their attitude.

I've heard that "everyone wants to change the world, but nobody wants to help Mom do the dishes." Most of us will never have a chance to run into a burning building to save a child but we all can make things better for everyone in our world, every day. Your kind word or smile may be enough to change that person's world, that day. That's so powerful!

When I see children coloring at a table with adult clients, unfazed by the help those adults need, or hear a young adult with cognitive disabilities tell her friend, "Good job, Tenesha!" I see what a lesson they have to teach us.

I wish for you, too, to receive and share that blessing of acceptance.

## On Our Wishlist

### Aquatic Center

- New pool wheelchairs with seat belts to help clients feel more secure during pool entry and exit, and increase accessibility to more clients.
- Hoyer lifts to assist clients with pool egress in emergencies



### Dental Clinic

- System B Endodontic Heat Source for root canal procedures

### Overnight Respite

- Sheet sets, any color, all sizes
- 20 pillowcases • 20 pillows (soft or medium, new in original packaging)

### Adult Care - Shepherd House

- Travel, music, stories – DVDs or CDs
- Piano keyboard
- Puzzles – 35 pieces or fewer
- Old computer key-boards (non-working OK)



### Adult Care - Senior Wellness

- Bingo prizes – fun or practical items like small stuffed animals, ceramics, card games, socks, coin purses
- Large bingo cards with open/shut windows
- Markers • Crayons
- Coloring books for adults • Jogging pants, M & XL



### Childcare

Find individual classroom requests at

**StAnnCenter.org/wishlist**





## *Connecting – Through Conversation and Creativity*

**Wednesday afternoons at the Stein campus, adult clients and children from the childcare classes gather to interact, move and create with Danceworks program leaders.**

One recent Wednesday, 20 children, ages 4-13, and about a dozen adults at the Stein Campus were all super-focused on Cedar, the Danceworks leader asking each about the superpower they most wanted.

Adults and children alike wished for flying, time travel, super speed. But some adult clients had dreams the children had never considered. One woman pantomimed that she would like the ability to speak. Another, with impaired vision, answered “supersonic hearing” (that made staffers assisting laugh--she already has it!) A third, who communicates by expression and rapping the tray on her wheelchair, knocked excitedly when asked if she wished she could form words with her knocking to make communication easier.

There was no time to dwell on differences, though! Because the next exercise required planning a move for an original dance the group would create, together. Cedar called on three and led the group through a combo of their ideas: waving arms, jumping and clapping, and rolling their heads as they were able. Next week, they’d add more moves.



**St. Ann Center's choreographers consider their next move.**

To cool down, adults and children sat together as everyone outlined their hands, then decorated their drawings in bright colors and shapes that spoke to their interests and hopes for 2022. It’s clear they already have a not-so-secret superpower –a kind of X-ray vision that lets them see past external differences to the friends within eager to share good times together.

## Outstanding Staffers: Halena Bohlman & Becca Felden

Meet our two newest Maggie Cary Award winners! Named for and judged by longtime volunteer and supporter Maggie Cary. This quarterly award recognizes exceptional staffers for positive qualities, relationship skills and practice of Franciscan values. Winners receive an ice cream social, \$100 cash and a chance to win more in a drawing the end of the year.

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**Halena Bohlman** | A calming, presence in the Ladybug Room, where she's the lead teacher -- Halena found her calling through a work-study program in high school to try different types of jobs while accumulating volunteer hours. Once she'd worked in the child day care center, Halena knew what she wanted to do with her life.

She graduated from MATC with an associate degree in early childhood education and began work at the Stein Campus in September 2020, working with our very youngest people. The Ladybugs range from 6 weeks to a year old.

"They're so dependent on you -- they need you so much for everything," she said, as

she soothed a baby to sleep on her shoulder while patting his back. It was the second baby in minutes she'd calmed.

It's clear her tiny charges are in good hands, and that their parents' trust in Halena is well-placed.



**Becca Felden** | Few employees have worked with every age group here... but Becca Felden has. Whether creating a mural for an infant room, putting together a holiday photo shoot for adult clients, assisting 2-year-olds with snacks or posting to Facebook, she's acquired an impressive breadth of experience in six years.

Becca did a week of volunteer service here in high school, then worked as an activities aide throughout college vacations, interning in the Fund Development and Marketing department for good measure. After graduating from UW-

Parkside with a graphic design degree, she joined the staff full time.

Most days, Becca wears her Fund Development & Marketing hat -- taking photos, creating flyers, and managing social media. On Fridays, she's busy with clients, helping them decorate T-shirts, working photo shoots or serving them custom hot chocolate that lets her get to know them as individuals, her favorite part of the job.





# IN 2021, YOU FREED ST. ANN CENTER FROM DEBT!

COVID-19 thwarted our plan to repay the final \$3 million on our Bucyrus Campus construction debt by December 31, as we'd been on track to do. By August, it appeared we'd be forced to restructure the debt, at higher interest rates for years to come.

The Bucyrus Foundation offered to match up to \$1.5 million all donations made by year's end. You met that challenge in less than four months, so we could finish repaying our \$25 million debt on time.

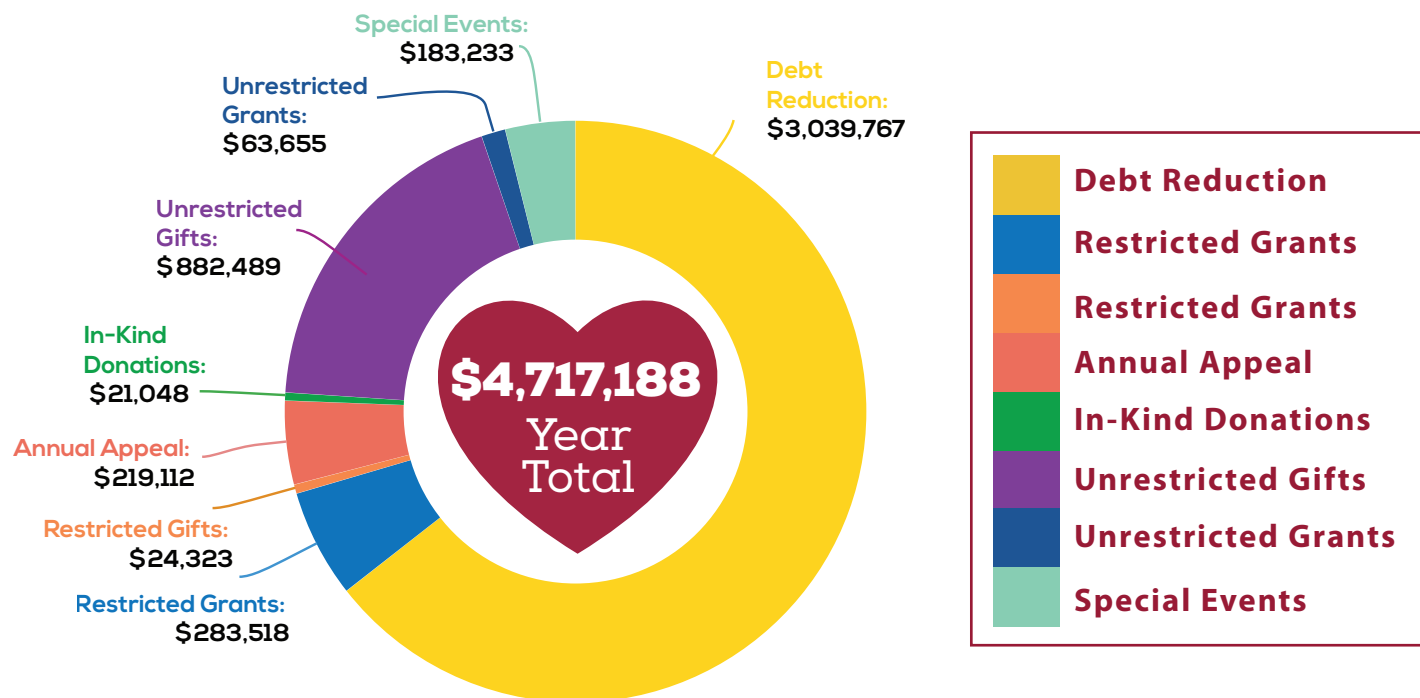
That frees us to spend nearly \$20,000 more per month to strengthen our adult and childcare services, expand our special needs Dental Clinic, and grow our endowment to support those areas so we can provide those services for generations to come.



**2021 ANNUAL  
REPORT**  
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# BECAUSE OF *your generous* SUPPORT...



## Which helped **COVER**

- Intergenerational Play Garden
- Raised Garden Beds
- The Indaba Bandshell
- Eliminated all existing debt remaining on our Bucyrus Campus
- Expanded use of our Dental Clinic
- Daily Activities for our client support groups as well as keeping our children and adult clients safe during the pandemic.

## Debt Reduction *Angels*

In addition to individual donations, St. Ann Center's Fiscal Year 2021 was supported by the following foundations and organizations to eliminate our mortgage:



Anonymous  
Pick Foundation  
Tim and Vivian Sullivan



Greater Mke Foundation  
Judith Gardetto Trust  
Ted and Mary Kellner



Sen. Herb Kohl Foundation  
Elaine Burke  
David Herro and Jay Franke





# SERVICES YOU *helped* PROVIDE..

## Our Mission

St. Ann Center provides intergenerational, community-based health and educational services for children, adults, frail elders and people with disabilities, and serves as a resource for their caregivers.



Four Franciscan values are emphasized by our staff, volunteers, clients and benefactors, recognizing the human dignity of each person:

***Creating a Caring Community***

***Showing Compassion***

***Reverencing All Creation***

***Making Peace***

## Childcare



**174**

Total children enrolled in day care

## Adult Day Services



**362**

Total adults enrolled in day care

**88%** of people who attend our adult day services cannot afford to pay out of pocket for the care that they need.

## Volunteers



**897**  
volunteers



**9202**  
hours

Frieda and William Hunt Memorial Trust

Nicholas Family Foundation

Bill Reilly

Maggie Cary

Baird Foundation

Jane Bradley Pettit Foundation

Carol Canon

John and Linda Mellowes

Carl and Karen Kitzinger

Craig Mackus

Darlene Pietrowiak

Salzwedel Family Fund

Roger and Cindy Schaus

Schmidt Family Charitable Fund

Marjorie Wrezic Charitable Lead Trust

Scott Haag

Phil Rose

Jan Lennon

Michael and Julie Graverson

Martin Schreiber

Wayne Lueders

The Testwuide Family Charitable Fund

Audrey Strnad

# 2021 HIGHLIGHTS



The Gala returns in a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual guests.

Re-opening of the **Indaba Bandshell**.



**STU's Golf Outing** returns with the largest amount ever raised during this years event



Grand opening of the **Intergenerational Play Garden** in August with raised garden beds

**Pumpkin Palooza** is a hit and celebrates the community with free pumpkins and a pumpkin carving event on site



COVID-19 Vaccination Awareness made possible from a grant from Wisconsin DHS allows us to partner with the community to raise awareness



Green Bay Packers sponsor a matching grant for the Dental Center

Pools and aquatic programs **reopen**



Recap all the great memories from 2021 by visiting our blog: **[StAnnCenter.org/blog](https://StAnnCenter.org/blog)**



# Growing Excitement At the Bucyrus Campus

While the outdoor garden beds at the Bucyrus Campus were covered in snow, two indoor Flex Farms hydroponic units inside its Green Corridor were hard at work on food production well ahead of the traditional planting season.

The new system, set up in late February, is growing greens, herbs and other plants for the kitchens at both campuses to use in meal preparation.

It's the same system in use at Northcott Neighborhood House, which provides up to 25 pounds of salad greens every four weeks.

Once seeds, planted in seed trays in a separate grow light unit, reach proper size, the seedlings are transplanted into the root chambers of the units' 6-foot grow walls. They receive nutrients and water pumped through the walls. An LED light tower stands in for the sun, providing a steady source of photo energy.

The Flex Farms system was created by Alex Tyink of Green Bay. Unlike most hydroponics systems, its vertical grow-walls close around the light tower, to maximize the amount of photo energy the plants receive, notes Katherine Keller. As manager of the new playgarden, Katherine oversees the Flex Farms system as well as the outdoor garden beds, and conducts lessons for the childcare classrooms to teach children where food comes from.

The grow walls will be opened only for planting, harvesting, and in between, for viewing the plants' progress, regulating the water's mineral content and pH level.

The Green Corridor is an interior hallway with windows looking out over the playgarden outside to the east. Windows along the hall's other side look into the art room. Both children and adult clients will have plenty of opportunities to see where some of the fresh food for their lunches is grown... and to remind them of the daily miracle involved in food production.



**The grow walls close around the LED light tower.**



**Seeds are started in a separate unit, then get transplanted into root chambers.**







**Bucyrus adults and children celebrate Black History Month with an intergenerational dance.**



**Taking a breather from an impromptu game of tag in the Stein atrium.**



**Gabe makes a new friend, courtesy of the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center.**



**Who's the leader of the club that's made for you and me? Sr. Edna meets a bunch of characters at Stein's Disney Day.**

**Tiny tots, with their eyes all a-glow, shared holiday wishes with Santa.**



**Nothing feels as good as a dip in the warm-water, indoor pool in late winter!**



# You're invited...



## ST. ANN CENTER'S 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Friday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022

For an evening of great fun to make a difference in the lives of children, frail elders and adults with disabilities – the generations who spend their day together at St. Ann Center.

**Join us at the  
Wisconsin Club,  
900 W. Wisconsin Ave.,  
for:**

- An outstanding dinner
- Live music
- Sr. Edna's Jewelry Creations
- Silent & live auctions and raffles with exciting prizes
- Moving stories about the adults and children whose lives you change when you support St. Ann Center.

**\$150/Ticket**

Tables and sponsorship opportunities available

**RSVP:** Chris Fabbri, (414) 369-9024.  
cfabbri@StAnnCenter.org

Or visit **StAnnCenter.org/gala**



### Join Us for Indaba Nights!

Bring the whole family to a **free** entertainment series for all ages held at the Indaba Band Shell, located at St. Ann Center's Bucyrus Campus, 2450 W. North Ave. Indaba Nights take place on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 25<sup>th</sup>.

For updates on summer events, visit **FB.com/indababandshell**.

### Performers Wanted!

Do you know an entertainer in need of a stage?

The Indaba Band Shell is looking for talented performers and groups for our summer concert series, Indaba Nights.

Acts must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages. We're looking for musicians, singers, dancers, poets, comedians, magicians and more.

Performers are invited to submit a video of their talent (three to five minutes long). Post it on your **Facebook page and make it "public" or on your Instagram account, and send a link to Gloria Miller at gmiller@stanncenter.org.**

Contact Gloria with additional questions at (414) 210-2428.



### Stu's 20<sup>th</sup> Benefit Golf Outing

**Saturday, September 10**  
at Western Lakes Golf Club

**All proceeds benefit St. Ann Center's children and adult clients.**

# What will your legacy be?

**Your support has helped St. Ann Center grow to two joyful campuses serving local families. Have you considered a planned giving approach for long-term support?**

Remembering St. Ann Center in your will or estate plan helps ensure its intergenerational programs remain strong here for generations to come. Your gift supports this unique resource for families of children, adults with disabilities and frail elders or those with dementia, keeping alive the campuses where they gather for daytime care and camaraderie.

You can create a legacy of love in one or more ways, as suits your needs. We can also accept donations of stocks and securities as an alternate to cash donations – which may also have a tax benefit.

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CENTER  
*for Intergenerational Care*

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St. Francis  
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## CHOOSE THE GIFT PLAN WITH THE BENEFITS TO MATCH YOUR CURRENT OR ESTATE PLANNING GOALS

YOUR GIFT	YOUR GOAL	YOUR STEPS *	YOUR BENEFITS
<b>Gift in Your Will/Trust</b>	Defer a gift until after your lifetime.	Name <b>St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care</b> in your will or living trust and designate gift.	→ Gift exempt from federal estate tax. Lifetime control over asset.
<b>Gift of Life Insurance</b>	Make a large gift with little cost to yourself.	Contribute a life insurance policy that you no longer need.	→ Current income tax deductions.
<b>Gift of Retirement Assets</b>	Eliminate the twofold taxation on IRAs or other retirement plans.	Name <b>St. Ann Center</b> as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your retirement assets.	→ Exempt from federal estate taxes & free of federal and state income taxes.

\*When updating your documents, use our legal name: **St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care & our federal tax ID: 39-1757756.**

Questions? Let's meet! If you'd like to learn more about creating your legacy of love, our Vice President of Development would be happy to have a confidential conversation with you. Please call Chris Fabbri at (414) 977-5062 or email him at [cfabbri@stanncenter.org](mailto:cfabbri@stanncenter.org).