

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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Dear Friend,

If you're a gardener, you'll know exactly what I mean when I say our Bucyrus Campus gardens are seeing "explosive" growth! Only weeks ago, the strong, leafy plants were tiny seedlings...and before that, seeds.

It's been a joy to see our new nature-based curriculum sprout and grow this year. **Children as young as 2 have marveled as their seeds grew into plants to be watered and weeded before those tiny green beans become big enough to harvest.**

Although I'm looking forward to that harvest and how the fresh, healthy produce will be used in our kitchens to nourish our children and adults, I have a confession to make. My very favorite garden isn't as much about growing food as it is about growing *people*.

Our new outdoor Intergenerational Playgarden features whimsical structures with serious purpose. As the children play, they learn vital skills for success—things like leadership, social skills, tenacity and imagination. And they have opportunities to practice those skills with their adult friends, because the playgarden's paved pathways and doorways accommodate the wheelchairs and walkers so many of our adult clients use. At the same time, the playgarden reinforces the adults' sense of purpose that contributes to their own overall health and well-being as they interact with the children.

It reminds me that whether we're growing people, relationships or yes, even food – growth is a fundamental part of life here at St. Ann Center. We're so blessed to have donors like you tending to our growth and well-being. May your favorite garden also see explosive growth this season!



2 Easy Ways You Can Help

1. Do you shop at Amazon.com?

Please consider making St. Ann Center your designated AmazonSmile charity. We'll get a small donation with every purchase, at no extra cost to you. Those donations can really add up, particularly when multiple people are taking part.

Here's how: either go to smile.amazon.com to begin shopping, OR use the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned ON within the app Settings. Don't forget to select *St Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, Inc* as your charity on your AmazonSmile impact page.

2. Donate some items on our Wish List

Our full list is posted at StAnnCenter.org/wishlist. Here are a few ideas:

Shepherd House

- Travel & Music DVDs, Stories on CDs
- Electronic musical keyboard
- Puzzles (up to 13 pieces)

Nature-Based Curriculum

- Birdbaths for the Bucyrus Campus. Non-plastic; with intact bowls and pedestal bases so the unit stands without support.



Capping off their Mother's Day

Bucyrus Campus clients were styling in time for Mother's Day, thanks to a timely donation from Milwaukee native Barbara Pleasant.

Barbara's mother, Audry Pleasant-Gaynor, a one-time respite client, had amassed a large collection of fashionable hats. Donating them to the clients of St. Ann Center, Barbara said, was **"an exercise in love"** that honored her mother's longstanding tradition of giving and her love for senior citizens. A registered dietitian and a site supervisor for the Elderly Nutrition Program for about 40 years, Audry truly cared for Milwaukee's older population, ensuring they had at least one nutritious meal daily.

Clients were thrilled to choose a chapeau from the colorful collection to take home... and to everyone's delight, modeled them with true "hattitude".



The hats were a big hit among the clients.

A Partnership for Better Health

Health and well-being – of our clients, our children and our staff – has always been a priority at St. Ann Center, and when we expanded to Milwaukee's north side with our Bucyrus Campus, we saw the need to prioritize the health of our neighbors, too.

All of Us
RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Future of Health Begins With You

That led us to partner with the University of Wisconsin to promote the All of Us Research Program, a national program begun under the Obama administration. All of Us aims to build a diverse, representative health database – by getting a million participants of all backgrounds. Researchers will use the data to learn how our biology, lifestyle, and environment affect our health.

The hope is that this will lead to ways to better treat and prevent a variety of diseases.

Want more information? Visit **AllofUs.wisc.edu** -- or stop by the All of Us table on Wednesdays at Indaba Nights at the Bucyrus Campus.



Outstanding Staffers: William Kleeba and Cassandra Clark

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.



William Kleeba | William Kleeba is known around the Bucyrus Campus as a true team player who genuinely displays all our Franciscan values on a daily basis.

He doesn't just excel at his maintenance job duties, though. Will is always ready to help and fill in where needed, whether it's assisting with moving clients to and from their units, helping feed them if staffing is short, or donning a Santa or Easter Bunny suit to make them smile. He's also a familiar presence at Indaba Nights.

Almost always the very first to enter the building and the last to leave, he is positive during all encounters, with great problem-solving skills. Will truly makes St. Ann Center a better place.



Cassandra Clark | Technically, Cassandra Clark is the Respite Care intake worker at the Stein Campus. But with her positive attitude and teamwork approach, she often puts her skills to use in many other situations as well.

Many days, she's pitching in to feed Northwest Unit clients; and it's not at all unusual for her to pinch-hit to do direct client care in Respite when there are last-minute staff shortages.

Her ready smile and general willingness to help make her a favorite with co-workers, clients and everyone at St. Ann Center.



A Rawring Good Time at the Stein

Dinosaurs again walked the earth, or at least, the Stein Campus, at a recent event that delighted children and adults alike. Along with staffers, St. Francis Mayor Ken Tutaj and State Rep. Christine Sinicki donned dino gear for greetings, games and photos.

Toddlers' eyes were wide when they first encountered large, colorful beasts, but initial hesitation soon disappeared when they saw familiar staffers "riding" the inflatable dinos, and their adult friends laughing and smiling at the dinosaurs' antics.



The kids admire an adult friend's unique dinosaur hat.



These dinos had everyone smiling.



Many of the children and clients wore dinosaur-themed clothing. They had a blast creating Jurassic art and playing games together.

The morning's journey back through time was such a success that the Bucyrus Campus staff is already planning to have a dinosaur invasion there as well.

***Find more photos on our blog at [StAnnCenter.org/Blog!](https://StAnnCenter.org/Blog)**



Underwater Fun



Upcycle Fashion Show



Booking with NextDoor Mobile Library at the Bucyrus Campus



Let's Go to the Hop!



Indaba Ball 2022



HEAR Wisconsin Tests Hearing at the Stein



Superhero Day!



A Staffer Takes a Spin With the Kids

ST. ANN CENTER'S 18TH ANNUAL GENERATIONS TOGETHER



Friday, Aug. 12th
The Wisconsin Club
5:30 p.m.

Got your ticket? We'll gather together for what promises to be our best event ever, a gala for the ages! **We're gathering at The Wisconsin Club to make a real difference in the lives of children, frail elders and adults with disabilities. Our goal: \$250,000.**

This year's promises to be our best ever, at the iconic Wisconsin Club, famous for its history (once home to World War I hero Gen. Billy Mitchell), sumptuous décor and legendary gourmet fare. **Join us (free valet parking!) for:**

- Signature cocktails
- Tempting hors d'oeuvres & an unforgettable dinner
- Live music from The Carolyn Wehner Trio
- Sr. Edna's Art in Jewels
- Raffles + live and silent auctions with exciting prizes
- Compelling stories about the lives YOU change

Tickets, tables and sponsorship opportunities available!

Visit: StAnnCenter.org/Gala

Questions? Call Chris Fabbri at (414) 369-9024.



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BENEFIT GOLF OUTING
Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2022
W287 N1963 Oakton Rd., Pewaukee WI

Help us achieve our goal of \$16,000 by supporting us.
All proceeds benefit St. Ann Center.

11:30 AM Check-in, lunch & raffles

12:30 PM Tee off

\$125 per person (\$130 day of)

Sponsor opportunities available!

Individuals and foursomes welcome!

Enjoy:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch & dinner
- Raffles & prizes

To register: Call (414) 744-9400 or visit StAnnCenter.org/Golf

\$250,000
Charity **Cash Raffle**

St. Ann Center's Charity Cash Raffle #2 begins on July 21st. The prize drawing takes place on **Saturday, Oct. 22nd.**

The raffle supports people of all ages and abilities who spend their day at St. Ann Center. **For details on how to purchase tickets, visit: StAnnCenter.org/charity-cash-raffle.**



Indaba Nights Shine On

Back for its second full season, the Indaba Nights summer series at the Indaba Band Shell is getting rave reviews from friends and neighbors pleased to have free family-friendly entertainment right in the Bucyrus Campus neighborhood.

With a mix of established favorites, up-and-coming talent and local cultural icons, the series runs each Wednesday through Sept. 7, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. With free parking in the lots, food vendors, theme nights, partners offering information about vital services and giveaways, it's a perfect way for families – and people of all ages and abilities -- to enjoy a summer evening and connect and have fun with others.

Haven't checked out Indaba Nights yet this season? Mark your calendar, bring a blanket or lawn chair...and don't forget your dancing shoes!

Date	Starting at 6:30pm
July 27th	• Milwaukee Ballet Company/UPAF Connect
August 3rd	• Rockin' Johnnies! *Blues Night*
August 10th	• Black Arts MKE/Youth & Family Night
August 17th	• Adekola Adedapo
August 24th	• The New 25 Band *70s/80s Night*
August 31st	• Christopher's Project Band
September 7th	• Holiday Revue feat. Jennie Holiday *Blues Night*

Building Community

St. Ann Center created the series to promote community in the neighborhood. Indaba Nights relies on sponsorships and funds raised at the annual Indaba African Ball to bring quality performances to the neighborhood at no cost to the audience. [See photos from the 2022 Ball on our blog!]

Follow the band shell on Facebook @IndabaBandShell

A Salute to a Veteran & Friend



Frederick Krause – Fritz, to his friends – was known as a raconteur in his year at the Stein Campus, particularly when it came to fishing stories. He'd share them with his fellow veterans and even staffer Rosemarie Alloway's daughter whenever she visited the Veranda unit.

When Rosemarie shared news of Fritz's passing in February at age 97, his fellow veterans wanted to send him off with a final salute. **"We did everything together – cards, bingo, all the activities,"** his friend Mary said. But Fritz's funeral was mid-day, miles away in Pewaukee.

Sr. Edna was sympathetic. On March 16, a group of veterans and three staffers piled into two St. Ann Center vans for the visitation, and were warmly welcomed.

Staffer Yolanda Jones treated the group to lunch afterward. Before returning, they stopped for frozen custard at Leon's, a nod to Fritz and their friendship.



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