

St. Ann Center's seasons of Life

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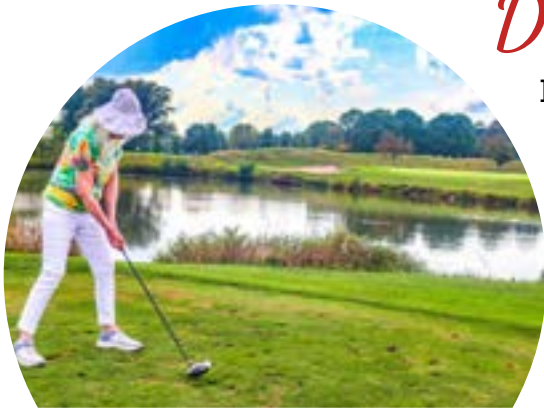


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This bird's eye view of the lively Bucyrus Campus, taken during a bandshell concert, highlights its transformation from a brownfield.

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Golfing for the first time at our golf outing!

Dear Friend,

Maybe it's the signs of fall, maybe it's the Phoenix Award our Bucyrus Campus recently won... but I've been thinking a lot lately about change.

We often talk around here about how St. Ann Center changes lives. It's a process that may be apparent immediately, or it may happen more gradually.

Sometimes, our staff has to help a child or new client fit in, introducing them to new friends or assigning them tasks. But I'm struck by how creatively so many of our clients carve out their own purpose and sense of identity.

Nicole, for instance, arrives early every day and welcomes everyone who comes in after her. Marilyn's larger-than-life personality has made her a natural for calling out bingo numbers; and Andy took it upon himself to set out the cards. Natalie is an artist, and regularly donates original paintings for the auction at our Gala. Gabe uses his phone to help out with karaoke.

Having a sense of purpose – a reason to get out of bed in the morning – is so incredibly powerful for everyone's health and well-being. Without it, we fall prey to depression and will fail to thrive. Older people and those with disabilities are especially prone to questioning their purpose. It's absolutely crucial that we value them and their contributions... and help them find that reason to get up and ready for a new day.

Every day here, I am privileged to see people re-discover and reaffirm their sense of purpose. And each day, I give thanks for you – our donors -- and the change at St. Ann Center that you make possible.

Natalie displays the vibrant original Not-So-Secret Garden painting she donated as a silent auction prize for the 2022 Generations Together Gala.



HALL OF FRIENDS 2022

Judy Stankewicz, Sr. Diane Oman and Kristen Kriegbaum are outstanding friends of St. Ann Center; the three were officially welcomed into our **Hall of Friends** for their years of hard work and service.



Campers enjoy a day at Lake Oconomowoc

“I’ve never been on a boat before—is this gonna be like the Titanic?” asked a wide-eyed 10-year-old as she boarded one of two pontoon boats taking 16 children from the Bucyrus Campus summer camp program around Oconomowoc Lake. As the boat sped along, she visibly relaxed, even dangling an arm over the side to feel the spray from the sparkling lake.

The children enjoyed the entire day at the Oconomowoc Lake Club: digging for coins buried in the sand, splashing each other in the shallow swimming area...even donning the child-sized life vests. Near lunchtime, they were entranced by several mallards begging for a bit of hot dog or French fries, or maybe even some ice cream.

The ducks were out of luck; the children were not. The last surprise before they boarded the bus back? A small bag of fresh-popped popcorn and a chocolate bar for each child.

Thanks to the club and donor Al Bathrick, the day will remain bright in young memories long past summer’s end.



Girls Trip with a Twist



Three good friends who take an annual girls trip this year decided to add community service to make this trip special.

Two hail from Illinois and one from northern Wisconsin; they met in Milwaukee to see what opportunities awaited. At the recommendation of their Air BNB host, the group came knocking at the Stein Campus to offer a half-day of assistance.

By late afternoon, they were grooving with the children and the adults on the sunny back patio, applauding the children singing and taking their turn at the karaoke microphone.

It was their first look at intergenerational care, Cassie said, and they quickly became fans. Judging by the applause after their performance of “Hit Me With Your Best Shot,” Cassie, Bernadette and Juliette left with a few new fans of their own.

Campus site transformation receives national award



St. Ann Center this summer received a national award for the stunning transformation of the 7.5 acres of land that's now the site of its Bucyrus Campus on the north side of Milwaukee.

Named for the mythical bird that was reborn out of ashes, the Phoenix Award for Brownfields Excellence, presented at the Brownfields 2022 Training Conference in Oklahoma City, celebrates sites that have brought new life to these previously developed sites that have potentially been compromised by harmful substances. The Bucyrus Campus received the award as the best project in EPA Region 5, which includes Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio.

Thousands of projects have been developed on brownfields in that region.

Brownfields are common across the country, particularly in urban areas. The Bucyrus



site at 24th and North had been vacant for more than 50 years, but once held blocks of homes and businesses razed in the 1950s and '60s for a freeway spur that was never built. Left behind was exposed soil contaminated with petroleum-based pollutants, lead and other heavy metals and pollutants.

St. Ann Center was one of the first nonprofits in the nation to receive U.S. Environmental Protection Brownfields Cleanup Grants to remediate the soil, said Chris Jackson, the organization's Chief Development Officer, Facilities and Construction.

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David Holmes,
a principal at Stantec
Consulting Services,

The \$400,000 in EPA grants, along with grants from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, allowed the 2017 excavation and removal of more than 3,800 cubic yards of contaminated soil, as well as moving another 2,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil into a hill and capping it with 3,800 cubic yards of imported clean clay and topsoil. That brought the property into compliance with federal and state requirements and allowed

St. Ann Center to safely use the outdoor spaces for the frail elders, adults with disabilities and children who spend their day in care there.

One side of that created hill became a viewing area for audiences at the new Indaba Band Shell at the back of the property; the other side



formed a children's sliding area. St. Ann Center also added more than 30 raised garden beds on the landscaped grounds to grow fresh produce for the clients and children, as well as an intergenerational playgarden for adults and children to interact.

"The project was extraordinarily challenging due to its scale, scope and status as a first-time brownfield project for a small nonprofit organization," noted David Holmes, a principal at Stantec Consulting Services, which partnered with St. Ann Center for the project. **Key environmental concerns such as contaminated fill materials used in initial development dating to the late 1800s, as well as debris buried in 40 or more former basement areas of buildings demolished in the 1900s,** hadn't been fully identified during due diligence, and were only uncovered once construction of the building was already underway, he said.



Holmes said this is only the second Phoenix Award to be given in Milwaukee, and called the Bucyrus Campus project "one of the most impactful completed in Milwaukee's northside neighborhoods."

The remediation and completion of the project made it possible for St. Ann Center to provide an



Check out these shots taken this past year around the vibrant Bucyrus Campus. What a change from desolate brownfield of 10 years ago (below)!

array of services addressing neighborhood residents' social, educational, health and employment needs.

St. Ann Center's mission is primarily about caring for people. But President Sr. Edna Lonergan observed that "one of our Franciscan principles is to take care of the Earth" and that this soil cleanup has allowed St. Ann Center to provide better care and more opportunities for people, both for the children and clients it serves and the neighborhood.

The summer's free weekly bandshell concerts attracted sometimes as many as 300 community members, she said, and the space has also been used by churches and other community groups for events. In addition, St. Ann Center has offered free outdoor activities like Pumpkin Palooza and an Easter Egg Hunt for neighborhood families.



Outstanding Staffers:

Meet our three newest Maggie Cary Award winners. This contest, judged by longtime volunteer Maggie Cary, each quarter recognizes exceptional staffers. Winners get an ice cream social, \$100 cash and entry to a drawing for a cash prize at the end of the year. This quarter, we had three winners.



Matthew Roberts

Above and beyond is the way Matthew Roberts operates at the Bucyrus Campus. Always going out of his way to help others, his kindness cannot be overstated.

Trustworthy and reliable, his consistently high standards allow St. Ann Center to continue to be a safe, clean and caring environment for our children, clients, and staff. His cheerful presence at the summer's Indaba Nights entertainment series ensures that the show runs as smoothly as possible.

Matt shares the mission and exhibits it daily as a member of the St. Ann Center family.

Laura Ortiz

Laura Ortiz is not only present in the building – her attendance is excellent – but she's clearly well-established in the hearts of Stein Campus parents and children.

This longtime employee has been instrumental in training new staff, catching up on the new software, organizing her classroom, and welcoming Mr. Tom, a volunteer, as a valued contributor.

Miss Laura's kind and loving interactions with the children brighten the classroom and playground every day, the Fransican way, at St. Ann Center.



Natasha Crawley

Originally a lead CNA in Stein's Senior Wellness unit, Natasha Crawley quickly became the Day Program Intake Coordinator due to her incredible ability to adapt and learn quickly to help clients and their caretakers.

She continues to assist in all units and feeds clients daily along with her office duties. She's a welcoming spirit to all who walk through the doors at St. Ann Center and never fails to cheer up a client.

Natasha's compassion is felt throughout St. Ann Center, truly embodying the Fransican values.





Clients and children at the Stein spend a day Somewhere Over the Rainbow.



Horses from the MPD Mounted Patrol Unit visited the Stein Campus, thrilling the clients and children who went nose to nose with them.



Games and fun from the Summer Carnival.



The STU's Flooring Golf Outing was blessed with beautiful weather! Thank you, golfers - you're all winners in our eyes!



Our **2022 Generations Together Gala fundraiser** brought about 300 of our good friends to The Wisconsin Club for an elegant and laughter-filled evening of auctions, music, photos, and stories.. Doesn't everybody look great?

Indaba Ball -- Early Birds Get the Bargain!

Does February feel far off? Trust us, the holidays will go by in the blink of an eye. That's why now is the time to ensure your spot at the 2023 Indaba African Ball on February 4. The price for this can't-miss event will go up on December 1.



Our 4th annual Ball kicks off Black History Month with verve! The musical stylings of saxophonist Christopher Pipkins, leader of Christopher's Project, combined with the smooth vocals of the Soul Trio's Joe Jordan will be the perfect accompaniment for dancing the night away at the gorgeous Bucyrus Campus.

You'll savor elegant African- and Caribbean-flavored cuisine, and get a chance to be a star as you show off your African or Afrocentric attire in our guests' fashion show and our photo booth! We'll honor our local history-makers, give away some fun prizes and let you shop an African marketplace and Sr. Edna's Jewelry Creations.

Your attendance helps provide an entire summer of free, family-friendly entertainment at our bandshell, paying for artists like Christopher's Project, Joe Jordan & The Soul Trio and others who bring the community together for evenings of fun and food with friends.

New-- St. Ann Center T-shirts!



Christmas is coming - here's the perfect gift! Soft T-shirts in fun colors, and every purchase benefits St. Ann Center.

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