

St. Ann Center's seasons of Life

People of all ages & abilities spend their day at St. Ann Center, thanks to your support. Here's your window into our joyful intergenerational community.



**Culinary artists. Photo
Gallery, pages 6 & 7**



**The Strictly Elvis Show
rocked the Stein!**

Dear Friend,

As we begin a new year, I've been thinking a lot about transformation.

Forty years ago in January 1983, we excitedly opened St. Ann Adult Day Care—one of the first such providers in Milwaukee—with a grand total of four clients!



Our growth through the years means we've now served thousands of clients. In the process, we've moved to new spaces, built a new one and transformed into one of the world's first intergenerational day centers, providing child care as well as adult care. We then added overnight respite care...and took on a new challenge of opening a second, larger campus on Milwaukee's near north side. We've seen child care children grow, and eventually we welcomed their children to our original campus.

After so many changes, you might think we've mastered the art of transformation.

But I never want to think we've arrived. Oh, no—we are barely getting started!

I've been reading "The Inner Work of Transformation," and highly recommend this 2021 book by Ted Dunn. He makes a wonderful point: transformation is the way to walk through to new life.

To be here, and to have the privilege of being a leader here, is to accept God's invitation to constantly see what's before you. To reflect on the children, the new life and the joy they bring, and to reflect on the older adults, constantly challenging themselves as they age, and looking for their sense of purpose.

This is what fuels our transformation to change with our community and continue to respond to its changing needs. It's why we so value our faithful donors, who make this possible.

Happy New Year!

J. Edna





New Maggie Cary Award Winners!

This contest, judged by longtime volunteer Maggie Cary, each quarter recognizes an outstanding staffer from each campus. Winners get \$100 cash, an ice cream social and entry to a year-end drawing for another cash prize.



Kae Wiberg
Stein Campus

Activities Coordinator (recently promoted to Director) Kae Wiberg is beloved by Stein Campus clients and staffers alike for regularly going the extra mile.

There's rarely a dull moment-- her enthusiasm and imagination fuel engaging clubs, games, contests and other activities packed into each month's calendar, not to mention the exciting entertainment she regularly books to perform. Even her dog, Millie, gets in on the act, visiting every Monday.

Her passion for St. Ann Center's mission and her compassion for others are evident in the fun and caring relationships she fosters, while respecting every client's dignity along the way.



Valerie Turner
Bucyrus Campus

Valerie Turner spends her days helping the one-year-olds in the Chameleon Classroom at the Bucyrus Campus discover and learn to navigate the exciting world around them, indoors and out.

As an assistant teacher, she is both engaged and exemplary. Her students respond to her devotion with love and respect as she introduces new concepts and guides them into developing skills at their own pace.

Toddlers have a longstanding reputation for testing caregivers as they learn boundaries! Ms. Valerie tirelessly and gently reigns them in to more acceptable behaviors. Her caring and guidance now set her children up for future success as they grow.

On Our Wish List

Your support makes it possible for St. Ann Center to better serve our community! Giving guidelines, and our complete lists by department, are posted <https://stanncenter.org/donate/> under "Donate Items".

- **New Toothbrushes, adults/children** for Dental Clinic
- **Pool Noodles** for Aquatic Center
- **New Hypoallergenic Pillows** (standard size, soft) for Respite



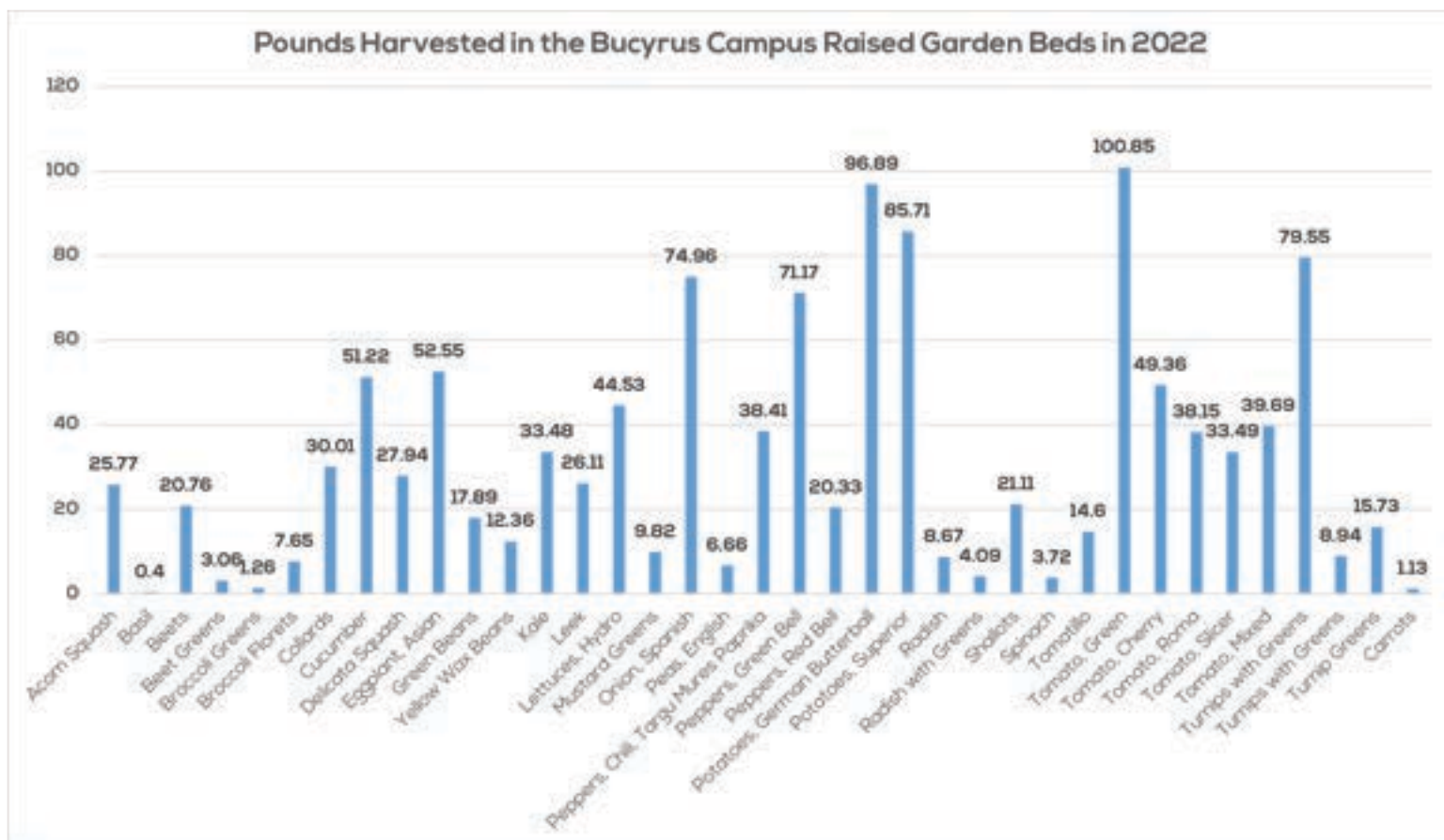
- **Bedding Sets- all sizes** (plain color, not white) for Respite
- **Costume/Vintage Jewelry** for Retail
- **Card Games** for Adult Day and Respite



How Did Our Gardens Grow?

The raised garden beds are enjoying a well-earned rest at the Bucyrus Campus, after a highly productive 2022 growing season. Not only were they a source of fresh, nutritious ingredients for our kitchens, they also provided ongoing hands-on opportunities in the sunshine for our adult clients and childcare classes to work together and learn about how food grows.

Katherine Keller, who manages the more than 30 beds, shared a list showing the extensive variety of veggies harvested – more than 1,000 pounds!



Wellness Shop Opens at Bucyrus

If 2023 is your year to practice self-care, check out **Scintillating Soul, the new shop at the Bucyrus Campus**. Milwaukee native Savannah McKay creates and sells a variety of **hand-blended herbal teas, and other all-natural wellness products**.

"I want the world to be well," Savannah says, and changing the world starts with changing your own world, to help you calm and de-stress. She sells her fragrant teas, oils, candles, bath products



and more as single items or in collections of wellness boxes "to help you love yourself."

Prices range from \$5 to \$65, and she always offers a sample of her "Tea of the Day" to enjoy in the store, with a cookie. You can also purchase a cup of tea to go, or buy the blend to make at home yourself.



Herbal teas and more await!

Scintillating Soul is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. See more of her products and specials on Instagram @_scintillatingsoul.

A Super-Easy Way to Support St. Ann Center



If you're like many people who shop online on Amazon, **please consider making St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care your designated AmazonSmile charity**. St. Ann Center will get a small donation with every purchase you make, at no extra cost to you! Whether you're buying gifts for others or household necessities, AmazonSmile automatically donates a portion of the purchase price to St. Ann Center.

Those small donations can really add up over time, particularly as more people join in.

It takes less than a minute to get set up on your web browser or using the Amazon app on your mobile device. Scan this QR code with your smartphone to get to the AmazonSmile instructions, and follow the steps!





Disney Day
at the Stein



Farm Day



State Rep. Kalan
Haywood, Sr. Edna,
& Milwaukee Mayor
Cavalir Johnson at
the Bucyrus



K9 Bane, retired police
dog, & St. Francis
Police Det. Holly McManus
visit the Stein



New Years Party at
the Bucyrus



PJ Day at the
Bucyrus





Fun in the pool!



Intergenerational friendships that better our lives.



Sourest Day



Argh!
It's Pirate
Day, mateys!



Staff Fear Factor



Christmastime
at the Stein
and Bucryus



Intergenerational
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Kick off Black History Month with us! 4th Annual Indaba African Ball Saturday, Feb. 4: 5:30 p.m.

Dress in African-inspired attire for an evening featuring:

- Music by Christopher's Project, featuring Joe Jordan
- African/Caribbean hors d'oeuvres – Events by Day
- Guest-led fashion show
- Honoring local history makers
- Photo booth, dancing & more!

This event supports community-building events at our Indaba Band Shell. **Don't miss out! Register online today at**

StAnnCenter.org/IndabaBall



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