



Family Tree Trimming

Celebrating Christmas

A cherished tradition here at St. Joseph's Home is our Family Christmas Celebration. This event occurs the first Saturday after the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is always a delight to see our Residents and their families gathering to place a special ornament on the huge Christmas tree in the auditorium. It is this tree lighting that starts our Christmas season celebrations.

This year the Coronavirus has changed the way we are able to interact with each other. We take the safety and well being of our Residents as a top priority. How do you celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season in the midst of the COVID pandemic? ... You move it outside! This year we will be planting four live trees around the main building, just outside the Residents' windows. This will not only start a new tradition at Little

Sisters, it will provide luminating cheer for the entire season. We are inviting the families and friends of our Residents to join us by coming and hanging ornaments and decorations on the trees. Christmas carols will be playing both inside and out for everyone to enjoy with their hot chocolate. The trees will remain lit throughout the holiday season for the Residents' delight.

If you would like to share in this experience with our Residents, the event is planned for Saturday, December 12th at 2 p.m. If you would like to help with the cost of the live trees to be planted or the lights, please, visit our website www.LittleSistersofthePoorLouisville.org and click on the donate button.

Whether you are joining us in person or in spirit, our Residents and the Little Sisters want to wish you and yours a very blessed & Merry Christmas!



Jeanette Stevens



George Amback



Kathy Able



Bill Brewer

Nearly Three Quarters of a Century of Service

Jeanette Stephens (28 years) worked as Director of Nursing for both units at our Home. She was instrumental in designing a nursing program that set the bar with standards that far exceed State mandates for the Residents at St. Joseph's.

George Amback (29 years) has been the go-to person for anyone needing: something picked up, dropped off, or hauled to or from, as well as anything put away or set up. His official title was driver, but he did so much more.

Kathy Able (10 years) worked in medical records and Bill Brewer (6 years) worked as the Director of Human Resources.

2020 brings a new chapter for these four faithful employees as they retire from St. Joseph's and the Little Sisters. We will miss the gifts and talents of each one and wish them only joy and happiness in their retirement.

We have always celebrated special occasions with the Residents, whether it be a national holiday, Resident birthday, or other milestones. So although the pandemic does not allow us to give these dedicated staff members the rousing we would like, we will say a quieter, but no less fond farewell to each of them, using all the ingenuity we can find to make these occasions still so memorable in our St. Joseph Home memory book.

The Hair Salon is OPEN!

Chris Spalding comes to St. Joseph's with 24 years' experience as a cosmetologist. Along with sharing his talents with our Residents, Chris has his own business, "Hair or There?!!" where he goes to the clients as opposed to the clients coming to him. Among his many accomplishments, he is a 25-year retired member of the Army Reserves. Chris shares his life with his lovely wife, a surgical nurse, four children and seven grandchildren. Welcome, Chris!



Windows Project IS Funded!

A very special Thank you to all of you who donated and worked to make this campaign a success. The installation of the new windows will occur in the spring, barring any complications with the COVID virus.

Celebrating 30 years with New Refrigerators & Freezers

In 2021, St. Joseph's Home will celebrate thirty years since we reopened our doors in Louisville, Kentucky! This is an exciting time in the history of the Home. As enthusiastic as we are about turning 30 we are just as "unenthusiastic" about our thirty-year-old refrigerators and freezers. Yes, ALL of these units are original to the Home when we opened the doors in May of 1991. This project will consist of replacing 3 freezers and 4 walk-in refrigerators with a combined cost of \$210,000.

The main freezer experienced a major mechanical issue at the end of January 2020. The motor over-heated around 1:00 a.m., causing a sprinkler head to blow off, which resulted in major flooding in the kitchen, large dining rooms, all kitchen storage rooms, and receiving area on the main floor. The water leaked into the employee restroom/locker area and storage room on the lower floor causing damage to the ceiling. All of the items in the freezer had to be thrown out and we had to secure meals for the Residents until the kitchen could be cleaned and made safe for food preparation.

The Little Sisters were able to have the unit fixed in hopes of replacing it over the summer... and then COVID hit! We are hoping to be able to replace the units in 2021. This will only happen with the support of our friends like you.



Thank you to our Amazing Staff!

Someone once said that working at St. Joseph's Home was like hanging out with 77 of your favorite grandparents. The day-to-day care of each Resident offers for a close relationship with the staff. They know what each senior likes for breakfast, and who would rather sleep through it. They can tell you which lotion is their favorite, who likes sports, and who would rather read a book. The staff share their excitement when a new grandchild is born and they worry when someone is ill. When a Resident has to spend a night in the hospital, the concern is visible on their faces as the ambulance pulls away. When it comes time for a Resident to go Home to God they feel they have lost their loved one too.

We Little Sisters want to recognize and thank our staff for the love and dedication they have showered on the Residents this year. When St. Joseph's Home went on lockdown in early March and visitors, family members and the hairdresser were no longer allowed in the building, the staff upped their game to fill in the void. Our activities staff combed the internet and their imaginations to find ways of entertaining the Residents from their doorway and through their windows. Nursing staff added shampooing and rolling hair to their to-do list, and the rest of the staff tried to spend just a little more time in each Resident's room

— cleaning, delivering meals or completing maintenance projects so they could check in and chat awhile.

Our staff have been inspirational in leaving their families and worries at home so they can care for our Residents with heroic dedication. We wanted to give them a special "Thank You" with an outdoor luncheon. We see you...and you are amazing!



MOTHER'S MUSINGS

Dear Friends,

What a joy to send you our holiday greetings! Our wishes for you are of peace, happiness and great hope for good things to come! It is hard to believe that we began this year like every other, but that it so quickly became something else altogether. Many among us can enumerate the great challenges that 2020 has brought to all of us. All of us at St. Joseph's are committed to embracing the New Year with expectation and enthusiasm, knowing we are in the hands of a loving and caring God, who knows each one and loves each one beyond our imagining.

Our Christmas this year will be truly different and beautiful. Lighted Christmas trees will grace our courtyards, in full view of every Resident! There is so much beauty in nature and it will surely speak to us of God's love during these days when the daylight hours grow shorter and the nights seem longer.

Throughout 2020, our Residents have shown us the wisdom and grace of their many long years. Even more than that, they have shown us the resilience and determination to live through hard times, separation from loved ones and illness, which at times cannot be conquered. Yet, they have lived in hope, knowing that they are surrounded by people caring for them who love and respect them as their own family. Our Residents have carried their burdens with dignity and strength — they are living examples to us all.

In the name of all of us at St. Joseph's Home, I wish you all holy and holiday blessings. Our prayers are offered for you, our friends and benefactors, every day. We are grateful to you beyond words. May God reward you for all the many ways you show your love and care for our residents, for all in our Home. May every day of the new year be a day of peace that fills your heart with the assurance of God's love for you and your families.

Gratefully,
Mother Paul, lsp



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J.J. Prayer

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Face Masks
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Larger Needs:

Walk Ins & Freezers
Heat Pumps