



Dear Friends of St. Joseph's Center,

Just a few days ago, we celebrated Thanksgiving. Some of us especially enjoy Thanksgiving because it is celebrated in a traditional manner and has not become overly commercialized. Our memories of Thanksgiving include preparing for and sharing a delicious meal with family and friends, and then

enjoying it again as leftovers.

Thanksgiving is also an invitation to recall the blessings and name all for which we are grateful. At St. Joseph's Center, we enjoy many and varied blessings. Whoever and wherever you are, you are a blessing to us. Taking the time to read our newsletter, Concern, each time it arrives is a sign of your interest and care for the ministry of St. Joseph's Center. We are the fortunate ones for your caring.

Throughout the year, we benefit from the expressions of care and concern that include charitable acts such as volunteering, making monetary donations, hosting collections and performing necessary tasks in the interest of another's well being. This edition of Concern is filled with wonderful examples of how others use their talents, time and energy for the benefit of St. Joseph's Center and the broader community. For all of the activities described here and those recalled with gratitude, we are so thankful.

It is especially inspiring to note the number of activities and service projects offered by young people from our community. We are so grateful for the many teenagers involved with the Junior

Auxiliary and their parents who support them. They bring great enthusiasm to all that they do. Their optimism, hard work and compassion are blessings to St. Joseph' Center.

Of course, we are grateful for the good people who live or receive services at St. Joseph's Center. They witness daily to God's love and teach so much about trust. Their daily struggles and accomplishments are an example to all of us. They bring life, joy and purpose to St. Joseph's Center. We are grateful to our residents and clients for their love.

May this season of Advent be a holy time for you and your loved ones. In the midst of preparations and a busy schedule, may you be mindful of the gift we truly celebrate—the birth of Jesus—the hope and promise of God's unconditional love for all of Creation born anew this Christmas day. Be assured of our prayers and gratitude.

Merry Christmas,

Sister Maryalice Jacquinet, IHM

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An Exceptionally Fine Man

Finding the most appropriate superlative to describe Joe isn't easy. From his co-workers and housemates, to his boss and caregivers, family and friends, the descriptions include, the friendliest, the nicest, the ideal worker, the sweetest, the most wonderful and the greatest. The feeling is unanimous, Joe is an exceptionally fine man. He was born special. Joe's early needs were obvious, but today it is his sincerity and optimism that everyone first notices and so admires.

Joe was raised by a devoted family. Having nurtured him physically, intellectually and emotionally, when Joe was 19 his parents wanted to open new possibilities and secure his future should something happen to them. Confident in the way they had prepared him and in Joe's inner strength, his family turned to St. Joseph's. He entered the Community Living



A Wonderful Employee—Maureen Timlin, Program Specialist at the Work Services Program at Allied Services congratulates Joe as she presents him with his "twenty year" service award.

Arrangement Program (CLA) in 1989 and both Joe and his caregivers have been grateful ever since.

Joe shares one of St. Joseph's eleven CLA homes with three young men. It is a home in the truest sense. The guys all have their own routines, but they share meals, chores and camaraderie. As is dictated by the program, Joe and

his housemates each have individualized outcome plans. Center staff, on duty 24 hours a day, help the men choose and work on personal objectives, but they also provide the love and encouragement that makes this more than a program. The ultimate challenge is to offer Joe and all CLA participants a fulfilling life.



"Joe"

Like many adults, Joe finds great satisfaction at his job. Joe is a member of the Work Services Program at Allied Services (a sheltered workshop). Joe's official job title is "piece worker". He and his co-workers inspect, collate and assemble a variety of items. Jobs vary depending on the needs of local businesses. Joe takes his time and approaches each task with enthusiasm, nothing is too menial or too challenging. Joe's work ethic and disposition are an inspiration to his peers and supervisors. Recently honored for twenty years of service, Joe's response was "I'm ready for twenty more."

Imagine seeing each morning as a new opportunity and at day's end, rarely being disappointed. There are shopping trips, social gatherings, a weekend vacation and some favorite old movies that round out Joe's days. The routine doesn't change much, but a positive attitude and a genuine appreciation for all the people and activity in his life make him a truly exceptional man.

Honoring Legacy of Four Chaplains

At the recent Legion of Honor Award Ceremony, commemorating the sacrifice of four World War II chaplains, three members of St. Joseph's staff were recognized as individuals whose ongoing efforts continue this legacy of selfless service. The Chapel of the Four Chaplains is a national, not-for-profit organization that celebrates characteristic generosity, devotion to God and country and love of all people. It memorializes the courageous act of the army chaplains, each of a different faith, who gave their life jackets to others when the Troopship Dorchester was torpedoed on February 3, 1943 and honors the 672 men who perished.

Terry Weber, a Direct Support Professional at the Main Center and Lisa Kozlowski, a member of Family Support Services were both Legion of Honor recipients. In addition to their work at St. Joseph's, both women donate their time, talents and resources in many capacities to serve both the local and larger community. Sister Maryalice Jacquinet IHM, President/CEO of St. Joseph's was awarded the Bronze Medallion for outstanding contributions to the well-being of others and to interfaith and inter-ethnic understanding.

These women and fellow recipients, Jeffery Hiller, John Wiedman, Dr. Pamela Taffera, Antoinette Mackar, Rev. Terry



Terry Weber, Sister Maryalice Jacquinet IHM, Lisa Kozlowski

Drost and John P. Kearney were congratulated by over 300 family, friends and co-workers.

The evening was organized by Chapel of the Four Chaplains Trustee, Francis X. McDonnell and his committee and the Valley Community Library.



A Moment to Reflect

Reverend William Pickard shares his thanks and encouragement during the homily at a Mass he offered for the Junior Auxiliary's Dance-a-thon participants. During probably the only 30 minutes they had to sit down, Father Pickard complimented the students on being a light to the world and cheered them to continue to share their positive energy everywhere. Just under 200 high school students with chaperones spent the entire night dancing or playing basketball at the IceBox Arena as a fundraiser for St. Joseph's. Proceeds from events like this have enabled the Junior Auxiliary to purchase equipment for use by Center residents.



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Tidying Up

The pastor and members of the United Methodist Church joined with the Clifford Community Youth Group for a day of service at St. Joseph's. The group's chosen project was to clean, inside and out, several of the Center's transport vans. The group is very familiar with St. Joseph's through Alan, a Center resident and his family, who are members of the Congregation. It was a busy but satisfying day and the group plans a return trip.



Steamtown Marathon

A runner stops to say hello to cheering Center residents during the 16th annual marathon. St. Joseph's Center has been the beneficiary of the local marathon since its inception. Joining so many school, church and civic groups, private citizens and thousands of volunteers along the route in communities from Forest City to Scranton, St. Joseph's residents and friends gather at the top Sunset Street at mile 24 to lend their support and express their gratitude to the weary runners.

On-Line Giving Opportunities

St. Joseph's Center is a place that is doubly blessed: blessed because of those it has been privileged to serve during its 120 year history and blessed because of those, who for all this time, have been willing to share their good fortune and support St. Joseph's mission in all of its endeavors.

St. Joseph's depends on caring and generous people in the community to help provide loving care and active treatment to some of God's most special people.

Online Giving is available for donors who may wish to make donations via our website. You can choose to donate to: Christmas, Caring Tree, Gregory Mervine Fund, Memorial Gifts, Thinking of You, Special Day, or an outright donation to St. Joseph's Center Foundation.

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