

## One Hundred and Thirty Years of Mutual Respect

From that very first day, when a group of volunteers made the commitment to help a few children who had no family, the initial relationships that gave birth to Saint Joseph's Center were formed. That sincere, person to person involvement remains the basis of every aspect of the mission. Those who seek help and all who love them, are very important to those who offer the assistance. It is this reciprocal respect, throughout countless programs over so many years, that has enabled Saint Joseph's to remain relevant during changing times.

Originally a Foundling Home, Saint Joseph's continues to care for children and people hoping to form families. Today, under the umbrella of Maternity and Family Services, infant adoptions continue to occur along with special adoptions through the



Sister Maria Dolora Legnard IHM with children

Statewide Adoption and Permanency Network (SWAN). Additionally, various maternity services are available within the community and at Walsh Manor, a shelter for women who are pregnant. Because so many young women would like to raise their babies but find themselves without a safe place to live, the Mother/Infant transitional housing program was developed to offer them a studio apartment and preparation for a self-sufficient future. The Baby and Children's Pantry and the First Home volunteer efforts are further evidence of the continuity of concern for these new families.

Officially since the early 1950's, the leaders of Saint Joseph's recognized a locally unmet need and began to offer services for children diagnosed with an intellectual disability. Seeing each person's unique beauty and acknowledging their individual story and gifts remains the foundation of this service. This effort has grown tremendously in both size and scope. Around the clock residential care and programming is available on the Main Center campus and in 14 community homes. Recognizing that families have a

strong desire to stay together whenever possible, in the late 1970's Saint Joseph's added Early Intervention and Community Support Services to provide a variety of assistance on a part time basis to children and adults who have developmental or intellectual disabilities. Medical and program advances have driven the need for additional day time services for those who have completed their education. Personal and social development continues through Adult Day Services now offered at three sites.

Therapeutic interventions often contribute to happiness and longevity, the evidence is clear for the people with multiple challenges who live at Saint Joseph's. Twenty years ago this led to the creation of the Weinberg Therapy Center. In addition to serving those in residence, the facility is also an outpatient therapy center for members of the public who are under a doctor's care. Hundreds of people utilize the therapy pool and land-based assistance annually. It has been a wonderful asset to those in residence and to the larger community.

The Trinity Child Care Center, the newest addition to the program line-up, provides day time assistance for the medically fragile children of working parents. At the growing Trinity Center, nursing care is supplemented by educational and therapy services and new milestones are celebrated every day.

Attentively engaging with those who are in need, respecting their challenges and recognizing the God-given dignity of every person, remain the hallmarks of Saint Joseph's care. For 130 years the very generous community has been an active partner in this mission. As faithful stewards of the community's generosity, the Center has been able to shed light on specific struggles and propose solutions. This transformative partnership has changed countless thousands of lives. Thanks to Divine Providence and to all of you for enabling Saint Joseph's Center to continue to serve.



Lisa Carey, Early Childhood Teacher, at Trinity Child Care Center with Khayden

Don't miss  
**WNEP's Saint Joseph's  
Festival Telethon**

Friday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, July 28 at 8:00 p.m.

Be there for the conclusion  
of GO JOE 21 as he  
arrives Friday evening  
at the Festival Grounds



# Shore Forest Campground Helps Saint Joseph's

The July Chicken Barbeque has become a much anticipated summer event in the Shore Forest community. This annual fundraiser for Saint Joseph's began 8 years ago as a raffle to win a swing and has grown to now include a chicken barbeque, a dance and more raffles. Spearheaded by the Flanagan family, with the support of campground owners, Liz and Rick McCarthy, and most of their Shore Forest neighbors, everyone is excited to support the Go Joe effort. The inspiration for the event is Kelley, youngest daughter of Michael and Linda Flanagan. Kelley has been spending her summers as an active and very welcomed member of Shore

Forest Campground since she was a baby and everyone knows and loves her. Kelley now lives at Saint Joseph's Main Center in Scranton but she and several of her fellow residents still make trips to Shore Forest in Hop Bottom to enjoy a summer afternoon.

The big event is scheduled for July 21st just as Joe Snedeker is about to kick off his bike ride. The Shore Forest group will be there to welcome Joe to the Festival grounds and make their donation because in addition to the fundraiser they also run the Ice Cream Booth at the Festival on Friday nights. Everyone who receives services through Saint Joseph's Center is so very grateful for the generosity and support of the Shore Forest community.



The wonderful people who make the Chicken Barbeque possible.

# Stephen Performs at Marywood

To the cheers of family and friends, Stephen recently offered his first stage performance at the Sette LaVerghetta Center for the Performing Arts on the Campus of Marywood University. Stephen, a resident of Saint Joseph's, joined Marywood's Tutti Ensemble in January and has been rehearsing weekly with the group.

The term 'tutti', meaning all together, is now a musical term used worldwide. The Marywood music therapy and music education students have come together to create a band program for adolescents and young adults with physical, emotional, and intellectual

disabilities. The overall goals of this program are for students to learn a new instrument, perform in an ensemble, and of course, have fun!! Stephen shares his talents in the percussion section.

Stephen has enjoyed meeting his fellow performers, working with the college students and of course showing off his skills. He is already looking forward to returning to rehearsals in September. Bravo Stephen.

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Stephen poses with his family after the performance.

# Railriders Take on Diaper Collection Challenge

The “Battle of the Bambinos” comes to Northeast Pennsylvania as the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Railriders compete with the New Orleans Baby Cakes, (Triple A team of the Miami Marlins) in a diaper drive to help their respective hometowns. In honor of the cause, the Railriders are calling themselves the Baby Bombers, thus the title of the competition. Saint Joseph’s Pantry, as the local member of the National Diaper Bank Network will be receiving the diapers collected by the “Baby Bombers”. The team



Railriders, Kyle Higashioka (left) and Nester Cortes invite fans to add to the diaper collection in their quest to surpass the New Orleans Baby Cakes and to help those in need in the Scranton Wilkes-Barre area.


is asking fans to bring a package of disposable diapers in exchange for a free ticket into the game. The diaper collection days are scheduled on June 21, July 1, July 5, July 26 and July 29. Anyone who brings diapers will also be entered into the raffle to win tickets to the Miami Marlins vs. Yankees game in Miami in August. The competition concludes at the end of July with the team having collected the most diapers earning the bragging rights. Go Railriders!!

# Day of Service

Students from Blair Academy, Blairstown, New Jersey, recently spent their day of service at Saint Joseph’s Center Adult Day Program in Dunmore. While there, the students were introduced to program participants whom they assisted with craft activities and a variety of outdoor games. All involved were excited to meet new people and share the day.



Jen Mackey, Director of Adult Day Services and Jeremy, a Day Program participant; joined Blair Academy Students and Faculty for a photo.



Jim enjoys posing with the Cheerleaders. They were together for UNICO’s All Star Football Classic for Charity. Jim, a resident in Saint Joseph’s Intermediate Care home in Luzerne County accepted a donation from the UNICO National, Wilkes-Barre Chapter to help purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Center.

# Apartment Building Facelift

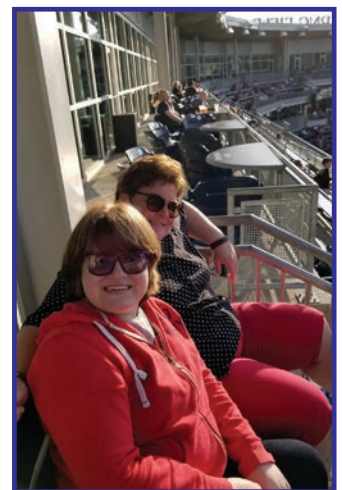
A former office building on Saint Joseph’s Main Campus, whose interior was renovated fifteen years ago into fully accessible apartments is now getting an exterior update with a new roof and siding. This building is currently

home for nineteen vibrant, young people, many of whom moved over from the Main Center’s residential program.



# A Beautiful Night at the Ballpark

People who offer services and those who receive assistance through Saint Joseph’s Community Supports Program attended a baseball game at PNC field in Moosic to cheer for the Railriders. Erin and Kristi, part of a much larger group, quietly soaked up the sun on this beautiful evening. Tickets donated by the Lackawanna County Commissioners enabled several groups from the Center to visit the stadium and enjoy the atmosphere. The game was exciting and the company was wonderful, it was a great night for everyone. Thank you.





Dear Friends of Saint Joseph's Center,

The beautiful season of summer has finally arrived and with it all of the excitement for the Annual Summer Festival, WNEP Telethon and Go Joe 21. The Auxiliary and Festival Committee have been enthusiastically planning and organizing since last year's celebrations. Hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donors will ensure its success. We are so grateful to each of you for your commitment to the people and mission of Saint Joseph's Center. Your example of joyful generosity makes a difference.

This year, Saint Joseph's Center celebrates 130 years of loving care. Each milestone year is an invitation to look back at the growth and development of this ministry. Plenty of challenges were encountered along the way, but more importantly we can see all that has been possible because of the fidelity to the foundational vision to offer meaningful, life giving opportunities for each person to reach their God-given potential. The vision has been realized in different ways suitable to the needs and resources of each generation. I pray that we might draw inspiration from the courage of those founding women, IHM Sisters and volunteers, whose gracious response to a need in 1888 continues today. May the Saint Joseph's Center legacy of love be a transforming gift for each of us.

Without a doubt, the monetary support provided by the Summer Festival, WNEP Telethon and Go Joe 21 is essential to the work of Saint Joseph's Center. Throughout the year, we plan for program expansion, the purchase of necessary equipment, facility renovations and other improvements with the confidence of the summer fundraising success. But that's not the only reason that we plan for these enormous events each July. The reunion of friends, diverse as we are but deeply connected to the mission of Saint Joseph's, also gives us strength and encouragement throughout the year to continue doing what we do.

I hope to see you at the Summer Festival. In advance, I want to extend sincere appreciation for all you do to ensure its success and for your concern for the people who are assisted by Saint Joseph's Center. The extensive and caring community formed around this great ministry is a blessing for which we are tremendously grateful. May God's blessings be abundant for you and your loved ones.

With prayerful thanks,

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