



Help St. Louis Center residents gain Independence

Jacqui enjoys cooking her dinner in her cottage home.

Dear [Friends],

Do you remember the first time you cooked a meal for yourself? You patiently learned the skills needed to tackle each task of preparing the meal and you finally had the chance to bring it all together. That feeling of independence is the ultimate accomplishment of your hard work.

Growing up in Italy after WWII wasn't easy. Commodities were scarce. There was only a public fountain with running water in my village, none in the houses, and many times it was dry. During those times trucks were delivering the water. One particular day my parents were working in the field and were not home. A truck with water came, I got a couple of containers from the house. After staying in line for some time, I filled them from the truck and brought them home. It gave me a great sense of independence to be able to provide for my family.

Your love and support has helped people with I/DD to be resilient and overcome the tough times of 2020 and 2021. You play an important part in each of the SLC residents' journey of independence. The residents and staff of SLC thank you!

The resources provided for the residents of SLC include:

- Independence College - an SLC taught course in independent living
- Access to community programs including - school of Chelsea, CMH work groups, Friendship Bible, Special Olympics, Parables, and many more
- Access and transportation to jobs in the local community, summer and vocational camps

You make this possible.

Benevolent care is the difference between the amount financial support from the outside and the total cost of care. The average daily cost of one adult to live at SLC is \$267. Given the limits of financial support from the government, together with the reality that very few families can afford the total cost of care, SLC strives to offer Benevolent Care to cover the difference. More than half of the total costs must be fundraised to provide a dignified level of care, which includes 24/7 supervision, protection, transportation, meal preparation, medication administration, community involvement, and assistance with other activities of daily life. Your support helps to cover the difference.

Donations are critical to help provide the resources needed for each resident to reach their highest level of potential.

Thank you for the blessings you have given to the Center over the years, your help is truly appreciated. Because of you, the Center has retained a high standard of living and ample opportunities for people with I/DD.

I ask you today to please help the Center to continue to have the funding to provide the resources for the residents to achieve their greatest potential each and every day.

Wishing you blessings for a happy and healthy spring,

Fr. Enzo Addari

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Help cover the cost of a day of care!

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