

# ST. LOUIS CENTER

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



A caring, residential, living and learning environment providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"FATHER GUANELLA GAVE THEM BREAD AND THE LORD, A HOME AND A FAMILY, BY GIVING THEM THE KNOWLEDGE OF BEING PERSONS LOVED AND APPRECIATED; PROTAGONISTS OF THEIR OWN HISTORY AND PARTAKERS OF THE JOURNEY OF HUMANKIND."

— BASIC DOCUMENT FOR THE GUANELLIAN MISSION







*University of Michigan Basketball Team Visit – October 26, 2012*

## Incredible Memories

John Beilein, Head Coach of the University of Michigan Men's Basketball Team, and his wife Kathleen visited St. Louis Center for the first time in January, 2012. They were so impressed by what they were able to experience that they chose SLC as their charity of choice for the Infiniti Coaches' Charity Challenge. This honor catapulted St. Louis Center to the national stage.

But their support did not stop there. Coach Beilein invited four of our residents to the Illinois game in February as his honored guests. After a victory, he escorted them through the blue neon players' tunnel and into the locker room, where they sat in the players' chairs. He asked the residents to lead the team in "Hail to the Victors" then helped them improve their free throws in the practice gym.

In June, Coach Beilein brought four of his players to St. Louis Center to meet and shoot hoops with the residents. Four months later, the Coach and his wife brought 12 future National Championship runners-up for drills and a poster signing session.

Despite the rigors of leading a talented basketball team to national prominence, Coach Beilein and his wife continue to support St. Louis Center in many ways, and they have already given our residents a lifetime of incredible memories.



*Cover artwork created by one of our residents.*

## 2012: Reviewing a Year of Service and Progress

### To Our Generous Supporters and Valued Stakeholders,

St. Louis Center (SLC) continues to be blessed with tremendous support from our community in so many different ways. From the generous financial and in-kind contributions that sustain our programs to the continuous efforts to raise funds to “update, upgrade, and uplift” our facilities, this past year can be declared a great “Year of Progress.” As we journey through the many great things that happened last year, we are proud of what we have accomplished to provide for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of our residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



*Fr. Enzo, Knights of Columbus State Deputy Tom Marcetti and wife Arlene.*

### Here are some highlights from 2012 ...

- Ann Arbor, MI businessman and philanthropist Joe Fitzsimmons joined the Legacy Campaign Committee as Program Advisor in February.
- The Center’s programs and facilities received their third straight three-year CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) accreditation in June.
- The “Fall Auction Dinner” at Chelsea Community Hospital celebrated its 25th Anniversary and \$1 million in total funds raised over the life of the event.
- Construction began in June on a new “Special Needs Playground.”
- Kingscott Architects were chosen in Fall 2012 to assist SLC in creating a new Master Plan and to help in the redesign of Fr. Guanella Hall in 2013 with funds raised from the Legacy Campaign.



*Tim and Shann Patton at the Golf & Glory Tournament, 2012*

### In addition, I am pleased to report that in 2012 the SLC:

- Operated four licensed group homes, providing a wide range of personalized residential support programs in a family atmosphere.
- Received seven new residents as others returned to their counties of origin, were placed in foster care or were adopted.
- Made the Center’s “Fitness for Life” Program fully operational.
- Continued our Employment Program for several adults, placing them at the Washtenaw County 14-3 District Court in Chelsea, MI as well as at Marco’s Pizza and Meijer stores.
- Raised more than \$440,000 through 10 successful fund-raising events.
- Received from Knights of Columbus councils across Michigan continued support throughout the year at a high level.
- Continued the Legacy Campaign, raising \$600,000 to make the total received to date more than \$2.1 million.
- Continued to provide for both the physical and spiritual needs of our residents in many unique ways, such as through bi-weekly Bible studies as well as attendance at religious services of the local parish.

In summary, our 52<sup>nd</sup> year was fulfilling and productive. For that we thank all of our supporters and volunteers as well as our partners in the mental health profession. Without you, of course, none of these accomplishments would have been possible.

*With Sincerest Thanks and God’s Blessing,*

*Fr. Enzo Addari*

FATHER ENZO ADDARI, SdC  
ST. LOUIS CENTER ADMINISTRATOR



# Financial Review

St. Louis Center comparative financial statements for the fiscal years July 1-June 30, 2011 and 2012.



<b>Support and Revenue*</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>2011</b>
Agency Payments <sup>†</sup>	\$ 1,711,466	52%	\$ 1,575,164
Contributions and Grants	747,464	23%	566,805
Fundraising Events	442,212	13%	483,026
Other	379,170	12%	371,794
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,280,312</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 2,996,789</b>
<b>Expenses*</b>			
Program Services	\$ 2,304,312	70%	\$ 2,171,187
Management and General	671,445	20%	656,510
Fundraising Projects	123,812	4%	130,259
Depreciation	181,912	6%	150,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,281,481</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 3,108,626</b>

\*Figures are based on audited financial statements and do not include in-kind contributions.  
<sup>†</sup>Special one-on-one care adds to agency costs.

## State-of-the-Art Special Needs Playground Nears Completion in 2012

Recognizing that play and exercise are essential to healthy development and wellness, in 2012 St. Louis Center asked Cynthia and Marco Silveri of Silveri Architects in Ferndale and Chelsea, MI to completely redesign its main playground, constructed in the mid-1970s. In its day, the playground was impressive, but 40 years later it was in need of major renovation including shade and ample seating.

In early summer 2012, with the barrier-free design in hand, Fr. Enzo Addari called on Mario Stante of Stante Excavating in Northville, MI to remove the original 22,000 square feet of asphalt and pavement to make way for the total reconstruction of what is now the Center's "Special Needs Playground." The children and teens who live in the apartments that line the playground gazed with fascination from their windows as Mario worked all summer long.



# Statistical Review

**At the close of 2012**, there were 48 individuals being cared for at St. Louis Center, 14 children and 34 adults. 54% of all residents were privately placed, 31% came from county departments of Community Mental Health and 15% were foster placements from the State of Michigan. Many of our privately placed residents have no other families outside of St. Louis Center and must rely on the generosity of our benefactors for support.

## Residents on December 31, 2012

New admissions	7
Returned to family	0
Returned to their own county	4
Placed in foster home/adoption	2
Residents with one or more parent who passed away	1

<b>Total Residents Served</b>	<b>48</b>
Youth (0-10 years)	1
Teens (11-18 years)	13
Adults (19-64 years)	34
<b>Placements</b>	
Private	26
County agency	15
State	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

## County of Origin

Wayne	19	Montcalm	1
Washtenaw	17	Oakland	1
Jackson	4	Saginaw	1
Eaton	1	St. Joseph	1
Ingham	1	Out of (MI) State	1
Macomb	1		

After excavation was completed, Nagle Paving poured new playground concrete and asphalt. Four new shade structures were purchased and installed with funding from the American Academy of Dermatology. Inspired by the Summer 2012 Olympics, St. Louis Center incorporated a beach volleyball pit into the playground design, and 74 cubic yards of sand, which roughly equates to 20 tons, were brought in to fill the volleyball pit and a large new sandbox. We thank all of the individuals and foundations that made this project possible.

The playground was designed with people of all ages and abilities in mind. Special features include a full basketball court, a bicycle, running, and walking track, the refinished original merry-go-round, a "Quiet Zone" complete with gazing rocks and a sensory garden, modern, adaptive seating, shade trees and beautiful landscaping. The Special Needs Playground is one of numerous Legacy Projects scheduled for completion between 2011 and 2020 and funded by the Legacy Campaign.







## Programs & Activities

St. Louis Center had a very busy year in 2012, engaging the community through the inclusion of our residents. The photos and captions shown here should provide you with a greater sense of our involvement throughout Southeast Michigan with our residents, staff and volunteers.

As a result of grant funding from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, the Chelsea-Area Wellness Foundation, and the Chelsea Community Foundation,

a groundbreaking program was launched in 2012 to serve the fitness needs of St. Louis Center's residents as well as people with special needs living at home or in group homes in Chelsea and surrounding communities. Known as "Fitness for Life," its objective is to improve the quality of life of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities by providing them a "functional fitness" program.

Local Chelsea graduate Caitlin Deis was hired to direct the program in

September, 2011 and expanded it significantly in 2012. She explained, "While in college, I developed an interest in using exercise as therapy for persons with special needs. "Fitness for Life" is based on functional fitness, the ability to perform basic tasks of life more easily, safely, and independently. We introduced being fit as a fun way to increase participants' flexibility and core strength, and so far, we have achieved some great results."



SLC residents as well as priests and staff gained notoriety during the Summer of 2012 by participating in the Chelsea Library "Geek" photo shoot in June.



Residents visited the Palace of Auburn Hills for a Pistons game in March, and were invited onto the court after the game for a photo with SLC supporter George Blaha, the Pistons play-by-play announcer and celebrity chair of the Golf and Glory Outing. Attendees watched as Detroit beat the Toronto Raptors 105-86 and played one of their best games of the year.



The SLC was visited by Michigan Department of Human Services Director Maura Corrigan in October – a visit that further strengthened our relationship with the State of Michigan.



SLC residents continue to participate in the Saturday Morning Challengers at Belmark Lanes and in Special Olympics. They love attending community events like Chelsea High School football games, Thursday night Sights and Sounds festivals in downtown Chelsea, and the Chelsea Community Fair's Demolition Derby. Many residents participate in Chelsea's Heart & Sole race event as well.



The "Tranquility Garden" was planted in 2012 with a \$500 grant from the Chelsea Area Garden Club and a design prepared by Chelsea resident and horticulturist Risa Richards. According to Mary Mills, "Our residents love the garden. By nurturing nature, nature has also nurtured them. They have grown from this project and now have much more interest in nature." Many parents and volunteers contributed to

this project – providing tilling, planting, landscaping, benches, wood chips and tender loving care.

The Center's residents continue to be taught life's lessons from our Direct Care Workers, who educate them on the basics of personal hygiene, room cleanliness, preparing snacks and meals, and getting along with others. Our family atmosphere continues to provide a home where positive growth, learning, and development of self can occur.



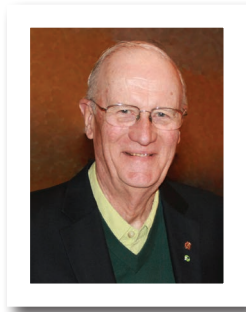
## Please Welcome ... Matthias

Matthias arrived at St. Louis Center in December, 2012 and is an enthusiastic 38-year-old. He was born in Sao Paulo, Brazil and made his way to the United States with his parents, Andreas and Tatiana, who live in nearby Saline, MI. Described by them as "very social," Matthias loves to bowl and watch sports.

His family moved him to St. Louis Center from a Flint, MI-area group home so he could be closer to them. "Matthias' move to St. Louis Center was a great day for him and for us," said Tatiana. "He looked quite comfortable when moving about his new home, which was quite gratifying for us. We are happy with our decision and happy that we contacted you ... We need to believe in God, and also to let God fight the battles."



# Our Vision for the Future



care in a faith-based village community.

Mr. Fitzsimmons knows a few things about bringing people together and raising funds to make bold ideas happen. Thanks to his extraordinary efforts leading many non-profit fund-raising campaigns, including but not limited to those of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County's Delonis Center, the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, and the American Red Cross Washtenaw County, Mr. Fitzsimmons received Ann Arbor's Citizen of the Year Award in 2001. In 2007, he won the Association of Fundraising Professional's Jewel Award for "Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser" for Greater Detroit.

At the invitation of Legacy Campaign member Don Devine and Campaign Co-Chair Norman Neuman, Mr. Fitzsimmons agreed in 2012 to serve as Legacy Campaign Advisor and in this role offers strategic counsel and fund-raising training to campaign committee members. "St. Louis Center's cause is a great one and that is why I became involved. I took a look at the Legacy Campaign Committee member list and knew a half dozen of the members, all great people. It was easy to say 'yes' and I am happy to help."

Joe Fitzsimmons of Ann Arbor, MI is one of a growing number of individuals helping St. Louis Center realize its Vision: To create a future in which every resident with special needs is provided a continuum of life-long

Through the Legacy Project, a 10-year effort launched in 2010 during the agency's 50th anniversary year, St. Louis Center is renovating its existing homes and common spaces to provide residents a greater choice of living arrangements plus new therapy and enrichment programs.

To achieve its Vision, St. Louis Center launched a bold fund-raising campaign in 2011. Significant progress has been made toward the Legacy Campaign and Project. Over \$2.1 million has been raised and the mission continues. Completed major Legacy Projects include the construction of the Family Welcome and Orientation Center in 2011 and the Special Needs Playground in 2012.

After all renovations are completed, SLC will construct new homes in which people with special needs who are aging will receive the highest quality supported and assisted living services. This is a rapidly-growing segment of the population in Michigan as well as nationally.

Plans call for living options all focused on the ideals of autonomy, dignity and choice for residents.



## St. Louis Center Legacy Campaign Committee

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# St. Louis Center Legacy Projects to Watch in 2013

**K**ingscott Architects in Chelsea, MI were chosen in 2012 to lead the design process for the new campus master plan and the renovation of Fr. Guanella Hall.

Community Advisory Council member Andy Shmina, President of AZ Shmina Construction, is guiding the process of transforming the entire campus to meet the needs of people of all ages with special needs and abilities.

Fr. Guanella Hall, constructed in 1980 and home to women residents, will be completely redesigned as St. Louis Center's showcase home for older adults with special needs who require specialized care and support. Much research and technical expertise are being brought to bear on this project. Principles of "universal design," the design of environments to be usable by all people, will be incorporated into the renovation, slated to begin in Fall 2013 and completed in 2014.



*We are committed to the Legacy Project and we would like you to be our partner. While funding is important, may we always remember that love is the most essential element of our work.*



## "I Just Love Everybody"

In 2002 when the Our Lady of Providence Center in Northville, MI closed, the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence had to find homes for their 120 women. When the Servants of Charity received the call for help, they stepped up and took in 10 ladies, thus starting the women's program known as Our Lady of Providence, or OLP. Lisa, now 50, was one of the first female residents and has been a great addition to our program.

Lisa is extremely helpful and has a cheerful disposition and attitude. Two of her favorite hobbies include jewelry-making and crocheting. She is an asset to the Day Program at St. Louis Center and assists its staff, thus helping her friends. She also holds a job at the Washtenaw County 14th District Courthouse in Chelsea, MI cleaning the courtroom four nights a week. One of her favorite agency events is the Annual Fall Dinner Auction at Chelsea Hospital, where she volunteers by showing the auction items to the bidders. Lisa is featured in the agency's 50th anniversary video, in which she says the following about St. Louis Center, "It's nice. I like the staff and everybody here. I just love everybody."



# The Importance of Friends

**S**t. Louis Center is grateful for the gifts of all types and sizes it receives from its friends and supporters. This support helps elevate our programs to new levels of excellence.

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- **Will or Trust**
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Pat and Marlene Cunningham, long-time supporters and friends of St. Louis Center, made a donation to the Center from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA), telling us, "We made our contribution to the Center's Legacy Campaign from our IRA under the current tax laws. This donation was non-taxable. We strongly recommend that others consider this method of giving before the tax law changes and contributions become taxable."

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### **The Victor**

Tony arrived to St. Louis Center in the fall of 2010. He is 17 and attends Chelsea High School. His passions include being an Altar Server at Mass and playing sports as well as watching University of Michigan Basketball, participating in the Special Olympics, and viewing the movie "High School Musical." Tony is very friendly and photogenic, as you can see from the many great photos we have taken of him.

According to his parents, Michael and Mary, they brought Tony to St. Louis Center from Indiana because

they "want him to be in a home where he can learn to be the best he can be to meet his goals and grow in a structured and safe environment." One of his biggest thrills in February 2012 was attending a University of Michigan basketball game against Illinois, singing the University's fight song "The Victors" with the players, and perfecting his free throws with lessons from Coach Beilein in the practice gym.





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