

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

St. Louis Center is a caring, residential, family living and learning environment providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"A sense of wellness creates bonds of friendship ... providing opportunities for celebrations in which the family spirit grows ... and we discover the joy of being together."





Continuing to build an environment where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities of any age are embraced as a family and where they will age with dignity.

## 2013: A Year of Transformation

# Generous Supporters and Valued Stakeholders,

St. Louis Center (SLC) had an eventful year in 2013 with the completion of one major project, the Special Needs Playground, and the beginning of the uplifting, updating and upgrading of Fr. Guanella Hall for Assisted Living.

## I am glad to share with you some highlights from 2013 ...

- The new "Special Needs Playground"
  was dedicated and blessed at our Annual
  Recognition Dinner in April. Fraleigh's Nursery
  prepared a playground landscape design and
  sourced the trees and shrubs that were donated and
  planted by members of Foresters Financial Partners.
- Kingscott Architects guided the planning of Fr. Guanella Hall through a participatory process lasting nine months. Ground was broken on October 31.
- For the second time in its history, SLC received the St. Camillus Award given by the Lansing Guild of the Catholic Medical Association.
- Fr. Joseph Rinaldo received the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce for his service at SLC.
- The first-ever Fitness for Life 1-Mile Walk/Run event in May attracted over 100 people and underscored our commitment to fitness and wellness.
- The 1st Annual Car Show took place at the end of September, with 130 vintage automobiles gracing the gently rolling hills of SLC.
- At the close of 2013, we said farewell to retiring Finance Director Steve Daut who served the agency well for 14 years, and we welcomed new Finance Director Michael Kutas.

#### In addition, I am pleased to report that in 2013 SLC:

- Operated four licensed group homes and provided a wide range of residential support programs.
- Expanded the "Fitness for Life" program to include persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities living at home in the surrounding communities.



- Continued to support SLC residents employed at Chelsea Community Hospital, the Washtenaw County 14-3 District Court-Chelsea, Marco's Pizza, Meijer in Scio Township, and the University of Michigan.
- Supported SLC residents under age 26 in their formal schooling and extracurricular activities at public schools in Chelsea and Ann Arbor.
- Raised more than \$465,000 through 10 successful fundraising events.
- Continued to receive support from the MI Knights of Columbus (K of C) State Council and from multiple K of C Councils' Tootsie Roll Drives.
- Continued significant fundraising through the Legacy Campaign, raising \$670,000 and bringing the total amount raised to just over \$3 million.

In summary, SLC's 53<sup>rd</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 Ewro Adderi

FATHER ENZO ADDARI, SDC St. Louis Center Administrator

## Financial Review

St. Louis Center comparative financial statements for the fiscal years July 1-June 30, 2012 and 2013.



Support and Revenue	2013	%	2012
Agency Payments**	\$ 2,060,010	64%	\$ 1,711,466
Contributions & Grants	534,246	16%	747,464
Fundraising Events	437,151	13%	442,212
Other	229,514	7%	379,170
Total	\$ 3,260,921	100%	\$ 3,280,312
Expenses*			
Program Services	\$ 2,287,005	69%	\$ 2,304,312
Management & General	781,579	24%	671,445
Fundraising Projects	53,926	2%	123,812
Depreciation	181,577	5%	181,912
Total	\$3,304,087	100%	\$ 3,281,481

<sup>\*</sup>Figures are based on audited financial statements and do not include in-kind contributions.

# Father Guanella Hall Renovations Begin



Andy Shmina, President of A.Z. Shmina Construction, addresses attendees of the Community Forum on Father Guanella Hall, November 19, 2013

n 2010, St. Louis Center celebrated its 50th anniversary and launched the Legacy Project, a 10-year effort to modernize SLC's existing homes and common spaces and build new homes to provide specialized, person-centered care for a rapidly growing population of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are aging.

Fr. Guanella Hall, built in 1988 as a home for boys who needed short-term care, offered solid construction and an ample floor plan. Its close proximity to the main building made it the perfect choice for SLC's first assisted-living home. Legacy Campaign Committee members raising funds for the project encouraged the agency to create a dignified "showcase" home that would proclaim to the world that all human life retains its value until the very end.

Kingscott Architects of Kalamazoo and Chelsea, under the leadership of Senior Design Architect Sarah Haselschwardt, was chosen to redesign the home. In spring of 2013, Kingscott conducted a series of design focus groups with current residents, family members and staff, resulting in a timeless plan that

<sup>\*\*</sup>Special one-on-one care adds to agency costs.

## Statistical Review

At the close of 2013, there were 52 individuals being cared for at SLC. Of all the residents, 50% were privately placed, 30% came from county departments of Community Mental Health and 20% were foster placements from the State of Michigan. Many of the privately placed residents have no families outside of SLC and must rely on the generosity of our benefactors for support.

Residents on December 31, 2013	
New admissions	3
Returned to family	0
Returned to their county of origin	3
Placed in foster home	1
Residents with one or more parent who passed away	2

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Wayne	21	Montcalm	1
Washtenaw	19	Oakland	1
Jackson	4	Saginaw	1
Eaton	1	St. Joseph	1
Ingham	1	Out of State	1
Macomb	1		

incorporates numerous elements of "universal design" for people of all abilities. A forum held in November 2013 introduced the project to the community.

A.Z. Shmina Construction, under the leadership of Andy Shmina, was chosen as general contractor to manage the project which began in October 2013. The project will be completed in June 2014 with a total projected cost of \$2 million.

The renovated Fr. Guanella Hall will include two residences that mirror one another, each with a separate entrance off a main, light-flooded gathering space. A total of 1,250 square feet will be added to the east and west ends of the home to accommodate a total of 20 older adults and include more single-room occupancy opportunities. Each of the two residences will have a family-style open kitchen and dining room, an easily accessible laundry room, seamless connections to the outdoors, and air-conditioning.

SLC's goal is to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are aging achieve the same outcomes all people seek as they age: respect, dignity, independence, friendship, community participation and spirituality.



"We need to build facilities that follow the maturation of the people we take care of."

Tim Patton, Member, Community Advisory Council and Legacy Campaign Committee



"As a social unit, the family interacts with the society to which it belongs, participates in its life, and contributes to its development."

– St. Louis Guanella



onnectedness is part of the fabric of life at SLC. The agency helps residents build healthy connections and relationships with others by making it possible for them to have consistent opportunities to be part of the larger community and to engage in meaningful activities that help them realize their full potential.

Community connectedness highlights in 2013 included wellness and fitness activities on- and off-campus. Residents, family members, friends and staff participated in the 2013 Heart & Sole Race in Chelsea in May which benefited Chelsea Grace Clinic. Five residents ran the

5K and six others ran or walked in the 1K race and were cheered at the finish line by the large crowd. Several weeks later, over 100 people attended SLC's first annual 1-Mile Walk/Run which raised funds for the agency's Fitness for Life program. Runners and walkers of all ages and abilities began the course by the new Family Welcome and Orientation Center, wound through the woods beyond the pond, crossed the fields, and ended on the new playground. The talented Ben Daniels Band generously played their unique blend of Americana, rock, blues, and jazz in the gym as runners and walkers finished.

Above: SLC resident Stanley, center, wanted to join Ben Daniels, second from left, and his band as he hung with its members from start to finish! Gardening activities were expanded in 2013 thanks to a donation from the Chelsea Area Garden Club. A new 20'x30' vegetable garden was planted in late May in close proximity to the Tranquility Garden planted in 2012. Residents enjoyed preparing the soil, planting the seeds and startings, weeding, watering, and watching the fruits of their labor grow. In July, similar activities commenced on the new playground. Residents, staff and volunteers from Foresters Financial Partners planted 30 trees, shrubs and perennials which will lend the playground not only a park feel, but also necessary shade.



SLC's 1st Annual Car Show provided residents opportunities to mix with over 200 people who came from far and wide to see over 130 classic vehicles ranging from sports cars to customs. The event not only raised \$8,000 for SLC, but also provided residents a very special outdoor day filled with friends new and old, including Channel 4 meteorologist Chuck Gaidica, beautiful cars to view, and plenty of laughter. We thank Jack Tocco, Jr., Dominic Bommarito, Ken Unterbrink, Top Hat John and Victoria Mobley for their leadership and enthusiasm in organizing this highly successful and popular new event.



Supporters and residents attended many golf outings, including the Golf & Glory Tournament in Ann Arbor, Dad & Lad and the Italian American Delegates in Rochester Hills, Joe's Top Dog in Milford and the SLC Memorial in Chelsea. Residents also enjoyed picnics and hikes at the nearby Eddy Discovery Center and Hudson Mills Metropark, Detroit Tigers and Lansing Lugnuts baseball games, barbeque dinners, picnics and Christmas parties organized by the Tocco Family, the Knights of Columbus Councils from Chelsea, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Mary Star of the Sea, and church youth groups. Many of the younger residents enjoyed a week at St. Francis Summer

Camp in Jerome, MI and the Splash Pad at Canton's Heritage

Park for children and youth with autism.

#### THE JOY OF BEING TOGETHER

Each year, SLC is finding new ways to help residents make healthy connections with others while holding tight to people and activities that have been part of their lives for many years.





For the last several years, a number of SLC residents have entered art, baking, and fiber arts projects in the Chelsea Community Fair. The 2013 Fair was no exception. All of the residents enjoyed watching the demolition derby, looking at the farm animals, viewing their friends' projects in the Exhibition Barn, and taking in all of the other elements that make this community event so special.





Two months after the Community Fair, the Exhibition Barn housed the 3rd Annual Taste of Chelsea. Over 20 restaurants, cafes, and caterers participated once again, sharing samples of their donated specialties to over 150 guests at this October event. In December, members of the North Creek Fiddlers entertained residents at the Annual Christmas Pageant.

Through the Kiwanis Aktion Club, a leadership club for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities sponsored by the Chelsea Kiwanis Club, Center residents organized a Christmas card sale, sold refreshments from the Kiwanis trailer at Chelsea High School football games and at the Chelsea Community Fair, and cleared invasive species like buckthorn at the Grass Lake Sanctuary.

Thanks to funds raised through the Italian American Club of Livonia's annual Culinary Extravaganza, in-kind donations from Side Street Garage in Chelsea, and a grant from the Chelsea United Way, SLC's fleet of vehicles was maintained and thousands of gallons of gasoline purchased in order to transport residents to these fun and educational activities as well as appointments, trips home, and extracurricular activities.



The rollout of a new program in 2013, Tech 101, is bringing a new level of connectedness to the residents of SLC. Thanks to a grant from Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (TEMA) in Saline, iPads have been purchased. Through this technology, residents who are non-verbal are learning how to use apps for assistive communication while others are using apps that supplement subjects being learned at school. Playing games, listening to music, and practicing cognitive functioning skills help residents gain independence and self-sufficiency and allow them to be part of the world of modern technology.



# THE ST. LOUIS CENTER Legacy Campaign and Project 2010-2020

To accomplish its bold Legacy Project goals, St. Louis Center is reaching out to friends old and new...

We thank a longtime friend...



Tim Patton

Tith a rare gift for telling a great story and a joke always in his back pocket, longtime SLC supporter Tim Patton of Ann Arbor has an appreciation for humor and its power to lift the human spirit. According to Tim, that gift comes from his Irish storyteller heritage, from the "pub crawlers" who would listen to live music and tell stories.

Jokes aside, Tim is serious about his work promoting all human life at every stage on its continuum. He has dedicated his life to this and has played a major role at SLC where he helps shape agency strategy, makes key

"My wife and I are committed to the dignity of the human person from conception to death. The way we look at it, all life is part of a continuum; all life is a gift from God, a miracle." introductions, and is a trusted advisor and friend. As a member of SLC's Community Advisory Council and Legacy Campaign Committee, Tim is one of numerous individuals helping to raise \$10M to bring the Legacy Project to fruition.

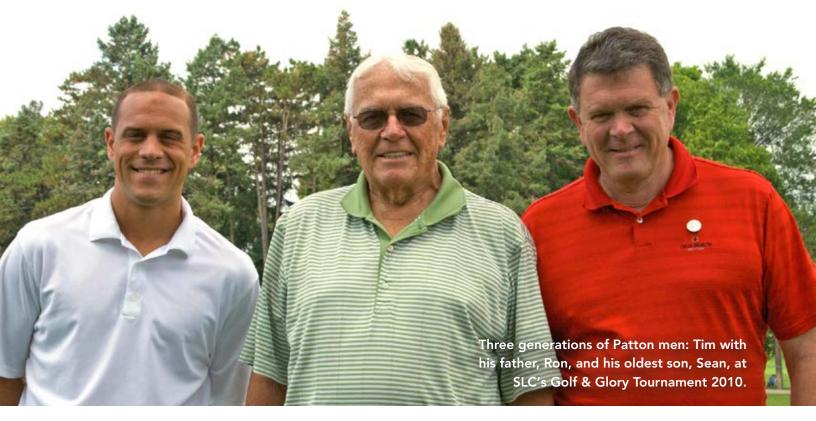
A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Tim graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where he met Shann, his wife of 32 years. Tim and Shann have been blessed with six children and will welcome their first grandchild in June 2014. As CEO of Patton Holdings in Ann Arbor, Tim knows how to make big things happen and has been quite successful. But, according to Tim, "it wasn't always this way."

He grew up in a middle-class family and landed his first job at age 12 mowing lawns for a realty office. He also worked as a bag boy and installed aluminum siding. Once in a while, he hitchhiked to school. He also worked on the mayoral campaign of Dennis Kucinich, who was elected and later would serve two terms as a U.S. Representative.

Tim thought a career in law was in his future, and during his freshman year in college he approached the Mayor about a summer job. Cleveland's Mayor Kucinich asked Tim what was more important to him, "money or experience." Tim chose "experience" and that summer found himself working in a sewage filtration plant, a formative experience that would serve to keep him grounded, focused, and appreciative.

Flash forward almost three decades later. In 2004, Tim founded the Ann Arbor chapter of Legatus, an organization of Catholic business executives, and quickly befriended Fr. Fortunato Turati, SdC, the chaplain. Through his friendship with Fr. Fortunato, Tim became a supporter of SLC then a member of its Community Advisory Council in 2008. He also has been a longtime member of SLC Golf & Glory Tournament Committee.

Tim's charitable work is not limited to SLC. He is the Chairperson of Holy Cross Children's Services and has



served on numerous charitable boards, including but not limited to Hope Clinic in Ypsilanti, where he helped the agency raise \$3M to build a new free clinic in 2009.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of Arbor Vitae, a nonprofit organization originally formed in 1972 as Problem Pregnancy Help, and led since 2002 by his wife, who has taken the agency to a new level of excellence. Its mission is to address the needs of women facing unplanned pregnancies. "Shann led the transition of the agency to what it is today," said Tim, who beams with pride when talking about his wife's drive and accomplishments.

"My wife and I are committed to the dignity of the human person from conception to death. The way we look at it, all life is part of a continuum; all life is a gift from God, a miracle."

Tim's philanthropic spirit was part of his upbringing. "I was raised with an understanding of the importance of service to others. A product of Catholic education, he and Shann have had the "incredible good fortune" to have close friendships with men and women religious. "You see Christ in these people," he said.

He is quick to point out that there are vast resources in this country. He says that there is so much wealth, in fact, that support for the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside at SLC is "a drop in the bucket" of available wealth.

But despite the amount of resources in this society, Tim understands that raising funds for any nonprofit organization is hard work. He is ready available to attend a key meeting or make a call on behalf of SLC. There is a certain urgency to his work on behalf of the residents of St. Louis Center. And his involvement, he once stated, has "truly changed" his life.

It is Tim's hope that individuals considering making a gift or pledge to the St. Louis Center Legacy Campaign will think about the fact that their gift is promoting human dignity, the continuum and miracle of life. He explained, "In the world there are fortunately a lot of people who have compassion and want to care, but many of these individuals have very limited capacity; they cannot give much monetarily. Others have great capacity but little compassion." He continued, "What I strive for is to surround myself with people who have capacity and compassion and work with them to make significant charitable gifts that promote life and human dignity."

We thank Tim and Shann Patton for their bold and untiring commitment to the promotion of human life, for supporting children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and for being part of the SLC family.



Tim and Shann at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Family Welcome and Orientation Center.

### And we thank new friends.



ohn Thorhauer, CEO, and Tim McIntyre, Director of Business Development for the United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC), have much to be proud of. In 2013, UMRC celebrated the opening of Detroit's new Rivertown Community, an innovative housing project developed in collaboration with Presbyterian Villages of Michigan and the Center for Senior Independence.

John and Tim know about the power of collaboration. So does Will Johnson, a longtime SLC supporter, member of the Community Advisory Council and Legacy Campaign Committee, and former CEO of Chelsea Community Hospital. In 2013 alone, Will recruited two individuals to join the Community Advisory Council, including Daniel Johnson, Financial Advisor at MassMutual, and Nancy Graebner, Chelsea Community Hospital's new CEO. Both are working hard to find ways to help SLC build its capacity.

In 2013, Will invited John Thorhauer and Jerry Wilczinski, retired CEO of Silver Maples of Chelsea, to SLC to discuss housing and programming for older adults. Tim McIntyre was later recruited by John to help SLC better understand the housing development process and available financing options.

John Thorhauer; Fr. Enzo Addari; Tim McIntyre and Mike Kutas, new Finance Director at SLC.

As a result of UMRC's and many others' support, SLC is much closer to forming its development plan for the St. Louis Guanella Village, which will be comprised of renovated buildings and new construction. As plans for the St. Louis Guanella Village crystallize, we look forward to sharing them with you, our supporters and friends, new and old.

#### **Legacy Accomplishments**

Since the campaign was launched in 2010, the year of SLC's 50th anniversary, \$3 million in campaign funds has been raised. In 2013, Legacy Campaign

Committee members, under the leadership of Fr. Enzo Addari and Norm Neuman, made the decision to regroup, plan strategies for Phase II fundraising, produce detailed fundraising materials, and finalize plans for the Fr. Guanella Hall renovation.

During summer 2013, a campaign video titled "Expanding the Visions Together" was produced by Don Hart of MOVE Communications in Ann Arbor. It was a privilege to have supporters like John and Kathleen Beilein, Tim Patton, and Norm and Kathi Neuman, as well as several SLC residents and their family members speak on behalf of SLC in this six-minute video. One resident

asked if the video would be like "High School Musical." While it doesn't have the snappy musical numbers that "High School Musical" does, it is an exciting video in its own way.

Fr. Enzo Addari with Nancy Graebner



#### Creating Bonds of Friendship and Raising Legacy Funds

Tom and Kristin Nowatzke are avid supporters of SLC. Tom serves on the Community Advisory Council and the Legacy Campaign and Golf & Glory Tournament Committees. In September 2013, Tom and Kristin hosted a dinner in their home that raised \$100,000 for the Legacy Campaign and brought many new friends into the SLC family. Guests viewed the new Campaign video which details SLC's vision for the future. They also enjoyed the extensive collection of memorabilia featuring Tom's stellar NFL career, including photos of his winning touchdown in Super Bowl V for the Baltimore Colts.



Tom and Kristin Nowatzke

## Legacy Campaign Goal: \$10M by 2020 | Total Raised at Close of 2013: \$3M

#### **Completed Legacy Capital Projects:**

Family Welcome & Orientation Center ...... 2012 \$1 million

New Windows in Children's Residences &

Renovated Bathrooms at St. Joseph Hall..... 2012 \$85,000

Fr. Guanella Hall for Assisted Living............. 2014 \$2 million

Projects to Watch in 2014: St. Louis Guanella Village

#### **New Legacy Programs Launched:**

Fitness for Life 2011

Shades of Green Gardening 2012

Tech 101 – iPad technology 2013

#### St. Louis Center Legacy Campaign Committee

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If you have questions about the Legacy Project or would like to make a gift or pledge to the Legacy Campaign, please contact:

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- Gifts of Stock or Securities
- In-Kind Gifts of Goods and Services

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Please contact Peggy Cole, Development Director, at (734) 475-8430 or peggyc@stlouiscenter.org



Jerry D'Adamo with residents at the Italian American Club of Livonia Culinary Extravaganza



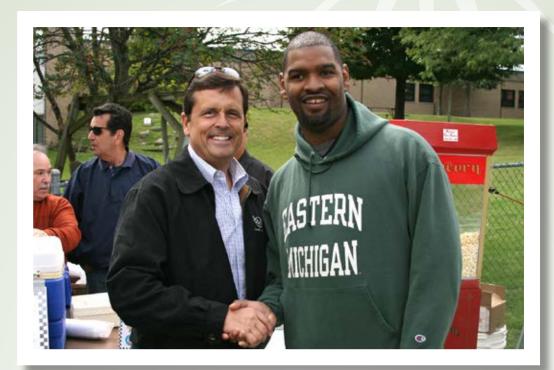
Dan and Bobbie Hoffenbecker have owned and operated Chelsea's Side Street Garage automotive repair business since 1995. In late 2011, after learning about the Center's

Legacy Project and campaign, they made a multiyear pledge of in-kind parts and service on St. Louis Center's fleet of vehicles. Their pledge is supporting the Center's operations during campaign fundraising.

"We made a pledge to St. Louis Center and business has never been better. We believe that when you give you receive, and God has blessed us."

Bobbie Hoffenbecker

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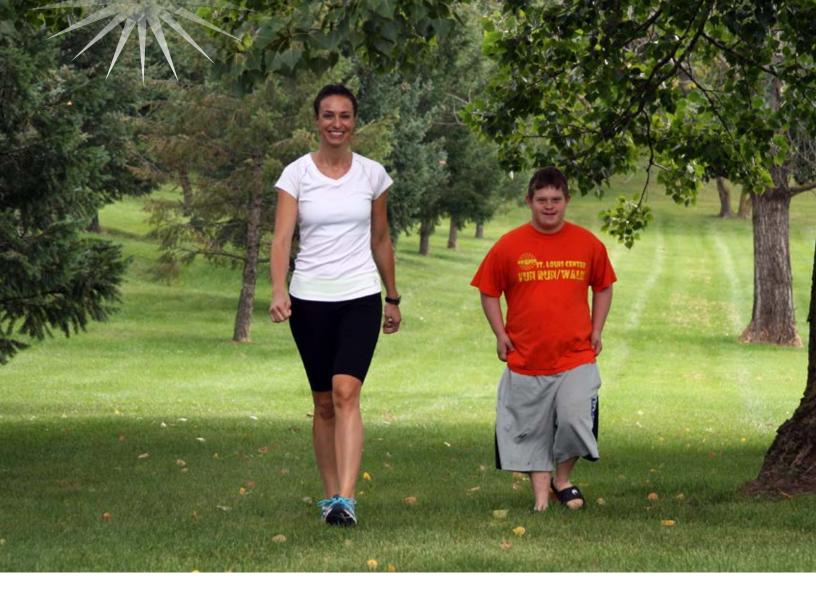


# Our Resident Sports Expert and Enthusiast

Lee Chambers can usually tell you about a trade, draft pick, coaching change or sports score before anyone else knows about it. His favorite team is the University of Michigan Men's basketball team. He will always be able to tell you who the team is playing next and when. Afterwards, he'll inform you of the final score, who scored the most points and who pulled in the most rebounds. During the Infiniti Charity Challenge, Lee is sure to cast his vote with the help of staff and check the standings before he heads to work.

Lee is friendly and outgoing and loves going to Detroit Tiger baseball games. He has lived at SLC for 14 years and says the "staff" is his favorite thing about SLC. His favorite food is a hamburger from Red Robin. When he's at home, he loves spending time with his small dog named Reese.

Lee Chambers cares deeply about people. He is the agency's go-to person for a get-well, good-luck or congratulatory banner. He has a huge heart.



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