

## **St. Louis Center** 16195 Old U.S. 12 Chelsea, MI 48118-9646 (734) 475-8430 FAX (734) 475-0310 www.stlouiscenter.org



## Christmas is Alive and Well at St. Louis Center in 2020

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For Christians, the birth of Christ is the reason for the season, and in spite of the many challenges we've faced in 2020 as a result of this year's pandemic, St. Louis Center has been truly blessed, as every resident has remained healthy and COVID-free this year. And along with their health, the residents are also grateful for the Christmas season and the tremendous outpouring of love and support they've received from the local community throughout Washtenaw County and beyond. Along with the many people who have made year-end contributions to assist with this year's pandemic related budget deficit, many groups and organizations have made special efforts to help the residents feel special and know that they have not been forgotten. To all of you, our residents say "Thank You!"

That includes the following groups of supporters who have gone out of their way to help make this year special with their Christmas gifts:

Arab American and Chaldean Council

Knights of Columbus Council #7891 – Holy Spirit Parish, Brighton

Marine Corps Toys for Tots – UM Ann Arbor

Order of Alhambra – Manresa Caravan - Northville

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church – Michigan Center

St. Andrew Catholic Church – Saline

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church – Ann Arbor

St. Mary Catholic Church – Chelsea

Thetford Corporation – Dexter/Scio Twp.

The Tocco Family – Bloomfield Twp.

Ugly Dog Distillery - Chelsea

To get into the Christmas spirit, the residents participated in a Christmas parade around the campus of St. Louis Center on Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>, with Santa and Mrs. Claus making an appearance.

For more information about St. Louis Center or to donate, please visit <u>www.stlouiscenter.org</u>, or call 734-475-8430. St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

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## **Photo Captions**

#4049 – Antoine and Stanley wish everyone a Merry Christmas

#4055 – Lee prepares for the Christmas Parade

#4061 – Joey and Brian are in the Christmas Spirit

#4066 – Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive

#4085 – Start the parade!

#4102 – Mrs. Claus and Santa wave from the back of their sleigh

#4154 – Cathy, Nancy and Supervisor Mellinda enjoy the show

Lisa Carey, HR Director of Thetford Corp. helps to unload 50 donated turkeys

Scott Wright, Parish Outreach Ministry, St. Francis of Assisi, Ann Arbor with parish gifts