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St. Louis Center Holds “Virtual” 33rd Annual Fall Auction

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Chelsea, MI

For the second time in a month, St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI held a “Virtual” fundraiser to support the 70 residents who call St. Louis Center their home. This time, it was for their 33rd Annual Fall Auction on the evening of Saturday November 7, 2020. This event, usually conducted during a formal dinner at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital – Chelsea, was held without the usual exquisite meal because of this year’s COVID19 pandemic, and was an online auction instead. Altogether there were 27 items up for grabs worth over \$27,000.00, featuring many exotic choices; including two trips to southern Mexico, one to northern Ontario for a “Canadian Fishing Paradise,” and a one week stay for four at La Cappella, a villa in Calvari, Italy, located in the northern province of Liguria valued at \$5,000.

The event featured Auctioneer Joseph Merkel from Merkel’s Auction Specialists, Inc. of Chelsea, and was conducted through Facebook Live and You Tube online. Through November 9, 2020, the total amount raised from the auction was over \$28,000.

Anyone still interested in donating to support St. Louis Center’s residents can visit the website and follow this link: <https://stlouiscenter.org/news-events/fundraising-events/fall-auction/>.

Star items called the “Comforts of Home,” are available for \$100 each to provide bedding, linens, furniture, microwaves and entertainment media needed in the two new Cottage Homes in St. Louis Guanella Village. A \$250 donation will help purchase furniture for the new 4 Bedroom Cottage, and a \$500 donation will support new furniture for the 6 Bedroom Cottage. There is still a need for one more Automatic Electronic Defibrillator at \$1500 for the Cottages, and two were purchased on Saturday night.

According to Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO of SLC, “We are grateful to the many people who participated in this online event to help support the needs of our residents. While we are disappointed about not being able to bring everyone together for a formal dinner, the work we do is still important in God’s eyes, and we welcome anyone who would still like to participate.”

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

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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 developmental disabilities.