

“I was always impressed with the Servants of Charity and the work they do at SLC, 24/7. I felt I was in the presence of living saints.”

-George Mallison

GEORGE MALLISON COMMITTED TO CHARITY

George and Jan Mallison have been married for 43 years, and live their lives in the quiet city of DeWitt; just outside of Lansing. But George's life hasn't always been quiet, as he's made many contributions to his church, his nation and his career. George Mallison is a man who leads from the front, and is willing to be firm and decisive when he needs to be.

George Mallison grew up in Lansing and attended Catholic schools, graduating from Lansing Everett High School.

After high school, George served our country from 1961-65 as a member of the US Air Force during the Vietnam War, then served in the US Missile Command in Turkey, returned to Ft. Bragg, NC, as a member of the Compositor Strike Force, and then finally, spent a year in the jungles of Thailand. Upon his return, he began a 36 year career at General Motors.

“At GM, I started work in the engineering/automotive area, then transferred to facility engineering for most of my career. I worked my way up from Jr. Engineer to Sr. Engineer, then Asst. Superintendent and finally Superintendent. By 2002, I had spent 36 years at GM.”

George was recruited to become a member of the SLC Community Advisory Council in 2004, and knows first-hand what it's like to care for a family member with a disability. “Our daughter, Melodie, has multiple sclerosis,” said George. “She has very little strength in her arms and legs, is confined to a wheelchair and unable to walk. But with the help of a care giver,

Melodie is able to have some independence in her own home. When we saw what was going on at St. Louis Center, we realized that these were some of God's neediest people, and that's how I got involved.”

George has been very involved with the Michigan Knights of Columbus and the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher. “I have been a member of the Knights for 41 years, and eventually became the Vice Supreme Master of the 4th Degree. The Knights of the Holy Sepulcher is an organization committed to supporting Christians in the Holy Land.”

After 16 years as a member of the St. Louis Center Community Advisory Council, George thinks back to the beginning. “Back then there were a lot of issues with the facility that needed to be addressed, and I helped get things squared away with the maintenance department in 2004. By understanding the

facility and the physical plant, I was able to help quite a bit with the construction of the new Administration building in 2011.”

George says that his faith is a large part of why he supports SLC. “I've seen how society didn't accept people with I/DD, so that turned us on to supporting them. We hope SLC continues to thrive, and that we can find benefactors who will help us to do all the things we need to do.”

