

DEAR FRIENDS!

2020 will be a year we will remember for a long time because of the challenges we had to face, but nevertheless, it has still been a year of graces.

COVID-19 has left a very deep mark on everyone. Some of our friends are no longer with us because of it, others were indirectly affected by the pandemic.

Here at St. Louis Center all the residents have been healthy and well protected during 2020. The measures implemented at the beginning of the pandemic have worked out and no one got sick.

The residents celebrated religious and civic events holding group parades in the Village; even Santa got a key to deliver Christmas gifts in the houses!

We had to increase the number of staff since community programs were cancelled or significantly reduced, creating the need of hiring additional staff. Through a grant we purchased Chromebooks for their educational needs and training. We provided staff with premium/hazard pay as well.

All of you have listened to our cry for help once our finances started to show the shortfall of money needed for the operation of the Center and answered to it generously; the outpouring of your generosity has been marvelous. May God reward all of you for such generosity and love!



We had to cancel many of the fundraising events or hold them in a lower scale, virtual format. The 60th anniversary was celebrated virtually as well.

The Community Advisory Council and other committees held their meetings virtually.

In 2019 we started the construction of additional buildings in St. Louis Guanella Village and the renovation of part of the old building in order to provide the social services department new offices and to upgrade the heating system of the lobby and the gym. Because of the pandemic everything was suspended for some time; then following the State guidelines for safety, work resumed and was completed before the end of 2020.

In 2014 we remodeled Fr. Guanella Hall for Assisted Living; it is giving its fruits, the residents who are aging feel at peace and are happy. Just before the pandemic, the Good Lord called to Himself Julian Early, one of the senior residents of St. Louis Center.

Handwritten signature of Fr. Enzo Addari.

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