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Laura helps Jerome and the other residents complete their projects.

themed crafts. On Earth Day they made bird feeders and for St. Patrick's Day she taught them a little bit about the patron saint of Ireland and the traditions associated with his feast. She even hosted dance parties and small celebrations. On May 18th the residents

of Fr. Guanella Hall were treated to her brand of fun with a pajama dance party including music, fun and snacks. Laura truly enjoys teaching the residents and helping to encourage their independence through the projects that they are able to complete and take pride in.

Local Store Hires Stanley

Family Farm & Home in Chelsea recently hired St. Louis Center resident, Stanley, to help keep the store clean. Stanley was very excited to start his new job on June 16th.

Three job coaches were on hand the first day to help make sure everything went

smoothly. Stanley will be learning about the different types of equipment the store sells, as well as how to take care of the chickens. He also rides the WAVE bus to and from work. Stanley really enjoys his new job and all the new things he has learned, which have given him greater self-confidence and independence.



Stanley on his first day with his new boss, Chris.

CARD Concert

On Tuesday, July 6th, Vince Antenucci and Bryan Stevenson of the Center for Applied Research in Dementia paid a visit to St. Louis Center. They have been working with the staff to develop Montessori Lifestyle at the Center — a method of interacting with residents based on engagement, inclusivity and choice. This time, however, they came simply to entertain with their musical talents. They gave two performances that were well received and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone on campus.



Mark enjoyed the concert so much, he remained beside the stage throughout the show.

Update on Covid-19 Mitigation at St. Louis Center

We are finally emerging from the Pandemic, and very happy to do so! Residents have returned to work, and many other activities that fill their days. Although the State of Michigan has lifted many regulations, long term care facilities such as St. Louis Center continue to need many of the restrictions, as listed below:

- Staff and visitors will still need to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.
- Vaccinated visitors can only take off masks when alone in a room with a vaccinated resident.
- Staff that are not vaccinated will continue to be tested weekly for the virus.
- Visitors will be asked their vaccination status, and if not vaccinated, will be asked to test before entering the homes.
- Residents are encouraged to continue to wear masks at work and other public places. Although 99% of our residents are vaccinated, we recognize that this is not a guarantee against infection.

So, if you are visiting St. Louis Center, we ask that you be patient with us as we continue to keep our residents safe from Covid-19.

Farewell to Joe Yekulis

When I became friends with the late Doug Nadeau and



Fr. Fortunato at a retreat in late 1993, little did I know that the Lord was setting me on a path to support the Servants of Charity and the "Good Children" for the next 27 years. In April 1994, Fr. Enzo invited me to become a member of the Community Advisory Council, and the rest

is history. I served on the CAC for 10 years, and when my political career was over I became the first Public Relations Director of St. Louis Center in 2005.

After 16 years and many great experiences, it's time to call it a career and head into retirement. Special thanks to the Servants of Charity and all of the great people I've worked with through the years. The highlights were certainly the back-to-back trips to Italy in 2010 & 2011; especially the canonization of St. Louis Guanella in Vatican Square. SLC is a special place, and the people here and our supporters throughout the community are like family to me. As I move on in life, I'll still be around from time-to-time at different events as a volunteer. Please continue to support our residents to the best of your abilities, and may God bless you all.