

A SEASON OF GIVING THANKS

In November, staff in the Day Program began the project of planning gifts for the entire St. Louis Center staff. The residents collected and returned



Thomas decorated cookies with Dominique's help.

Day Program choir entertained the crowd between the skits prepared by each House. Many of the parents did not attend because of the pandemic, but they were able to see the performance live via Zoom. At the end of the performance, everyone enjoyed cookies and punch.

The greater Chelsea community goes all out to help SLC all year round, but they go over and above at Christmas time. Area parishes buy pajamas for each of the residents, provide craft and art supplies, some give hats and mittens and the list could go on. Ugly Dog Distillery in downtown Chelsea even hosted a second "Claus for a Cause" event December 17th



Residents enjoyed caroling in a nearby Chelsea neighborhood.

bottles and cans to save up the money to purchase supplies. The next step was making the salt dough ornaments and baking cookies. After the Christmas cards were signed, the residents accompanied by staff members visited all of the homes and offices on the SLC campus delivering the gifts to staff members December 7th.

On December 12th SLC residents performed the skits and songs they had been practicing for weeks. The



Lisa greeted family members who watched via Zoom.

that included a visit from Santa, a hot chocolate bar, a visit from the Chelsea Fire Department, and Chelsea Police.

SLC residents spent many hours practicing Christmas carols, so they decided to put all that practice to more good use by spreading some holiday cheer around one of the Chelsea neighborhoods. On December 20th after dinner, residents visited at least a half dozen homes much to the surprise and delight of the homeowners. At a couple of houses the residents were served cookies.

Please visit our website to read more about these events.



GENEROSITY KEEPS THE CENTER MOVING

Thanks to a \$6,000 grant from the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF), the residents are able to continue their participation in the Chelsea community Meals on Wheels program. This grant helps to cover transportation costs and staff that ensures residents can get the food and get it delivered safely. Residents of SLC who are involved in the program understand the responsibility they carry – and are dedicated. Their days become more about giving back versus focusing on their own needs, needs that are so often met by the kindness of others.

Through this generous grant, the AAACF shows its commitment to the entire community. This grant is a direct benefit to SLC residents and an indirect benefit to the greater Chelsea community. We are deeply appreciative to AAACF for helping to keep the wheels on the van spinning.



Albert, Jerome and Linda volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program.