

Villa St. Benedict Foundation Newsletter

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Villa St. Benedict just ended 2011, a year of challenges and accomplishments. In this, the first of our newsletters, we want to share some of them with you.

2011 opened with exciting new leadership changes for us, as Kathy DiCristina became our new CEO, and Jo Jerak was named Foundation Director. Along with the new leadership came a new dedication to the Villa St. Benedict Foundation.

Our Foundation, which was established to help VSB in accomplishing its mission, consists of several different funds, allowing our contributors to designate the fund of their choice when donating to the Foundation.

Expenses are kept to a minimum, with management and administrative salaries paid by Villa St. Benedict, and not from the Foundation.

Charitable Care Fund

VSB continues to distinguish itself with its Charity Care program. It is our commitment that our residents will always have a home at Villa St. Benedict, regardless of financial difficulties. VSB applied over \$300,000 last year so these residents can stay in their VSB homes.

The Foundation is proud to help offset those costs through the generosity of our contributors to the Foundation. With your help, we look forward to increasing that fund dramatically this coming year.

Employee Participation Fund

Our employees have established this Foundation fund directly through payroll deductions, and indirectly through the hard work and contribution at our employee sponsored events.

Employees bake the goodies, create the crafts, and provide entertainment for these very popular events. (See page 2 for some Carnival pics!)

Last year we saw a big increase in the direct employee contributions with many donating a PTO (Vacation and other time off earned) to the Foundation.

VSB General Fund

The money donated to this fund will make a difference in the lives of our residents with projects designed to make VSB an even better place to call home.

This year we will add to the enjoyment of all our campus with safe and comfortable furnishings for our new outdoor lounge.

2011 Contribution Results

Thanks to all of our friends who contributed to the Foundation last year.

We had over 350 separate donations to the fund totaling over \$28,000.

We hope to surpass that mark this year as the needs of our residents and Villa St. Benedict become more urgent in this economic environment!

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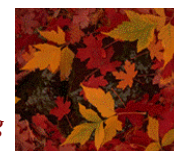
SAVE THE DATES!

April 27, 2012

Card party for friends of the Foundation hosted by our residents. See page 2 for more info!

June 23, 2012

Join us for a Garden Party from 1:00 to 4:00. Guaranteed good time with proceeds benefitting the Foundation.





Tribute Bench and Tree Programs

Our Tribute benches and trees are a great way to honor a loved one, and this year we held a “special” on our Tribute Bench program.

As a result, we now have expanded the outdoor seating for our residents with the addition of five new Tribute Benches on campus. The location for the benches is chosen by the contributor from a map marking the available bench locations throughout campus.

The wording for the laser inscription for each bench is also determined by the contributor. Two slats

of the bench can be engraved, honoring a loved one while providing residents with beautiful outdoor seating for years to come.

The benches are designed to last a long time, with a 10 year guarantee from the manufacturer, and they complement our campus!

Our Tribute Trees are planted on our grounds in one of the locations determined by our groundskeeper as suitable for the particular tree. A plaque accompanies each tree with an inscription in the words of the contributor.



If you are interested in a Tribute Bench or Tree, please call

Jo Jerak at 630-725-7015.

Or email

Employee Participation Fund Events

Our employees love our residents, and want to do all they can to make their lives better. The Foundations' Employee Participation Fund was established with that thought in mind, and is funded solely through their efforts.

With the tough economy of the last year, it has been difficult for our staff to give money to the Foundation; however, there are other ways to accomplish that giving goal, and our employees excel at that!



Last year the staff sponsored two fun-filled events for the enjoyment of residents and employees. Funds received from the bake sales and raffles go directly to the Employee Participation Fund.

So much hard work went into this and all employee sponsored events. The results are so satisfying that members of our staff committee start thinking about the next event while cleaning up from the previous one!

Resident Sponsored Fund Events



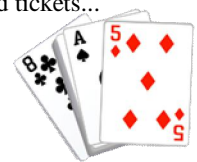
In addition to employee sponsored events, our residents get into the spirit with their annual card party. All revenues go directly to the Foundation, but the fun and enjoyment are shared by all!

Last year, this event raised over
\$1200

For the Foundation!

Join us for our next Card Party!
April 27th —Spring Fling!
An afternoon of cards, games, and refreshments.
For information and tickets...

Contact our
Concierge at
630-725-7001



Villa St. Benedict Project



This spring, we will see our tribute walkway take shape.

This walkway will provide a safe and beautiful access to our new casual outdoor seating area, connecting the buildings of our campus through the outdoors. In addition, the walkway will be lined by engraved tribute bricks.

The bricks can be engraved with words chosen by the contributor in honor or in memory of someone special. As our residents walk along, they will enjoy reading the messages, and perhaps remembering friends of old!

Please contact us or check our website for details.

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Kathy DiCristina is a long time leader at Villa St. Benedict, coming in on the ground floor to help create the warm and caring culture that sets us apart.

As Assistant Administrator, she was instrumental in developing our Assisted Living community — known as Benedale Care— to the high quality level it is today. With her foresight and commitment to our residents, we have achieved an enviable reputation as one of the best in the area.

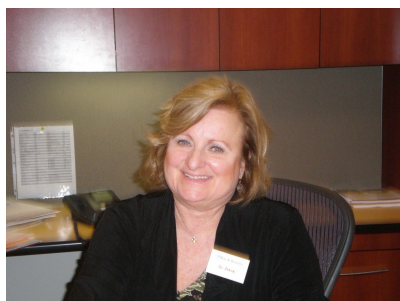
Now she is leading Villa St. Benedict as our new CEO/Administrator, and we have a renewed sense of commitment under her leadership.

One of Kathy's goals is the strengthening of our Foundation. She recognizes the impact that contributions to the Foundation can make to our overall mission and commitment to our residents. Villa St. Benedict has accomplished a lot under her leadership; with the help of the Foundation, we can do even more for our residents.

Kathy never forgets that we are not an ordinary Senior Living Community; we are a community with a clear and guiding mission founded and steeped in the Benedictine core values of

Hospitality, Stewardship, Respect and Justice.

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Although the Development Director role was new to Jo, certainly Villa St. Benedict is not. Jo came to VSB in May 2001 and continues to serve as Director of Human Resources in addition to the new role as Director of the Foundation.

Jo has seen and lived through dramatic changes during the formation of our Continuing Care Community, enduring

the construction, and celebrating the achievements.

Villa St. Benedict and its mission are very dear to Jo since VSB was also home to her mother. She knows first hand the expert care and commitment to the well being of our residents. And, she knows the comfort that comes from knowing that VSB will always be there for them.

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The Villa St. Benedict Foundation was formed in 2006 and is a not-for-profit philanthropic organization qualifying for charitable tax donations.

The Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Mission of Villa St. Benedict and enhancing the lives of the people we serve.

Contact us today
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Villa St. Benedict is a not-for-profit community, and the Foundation is committed to our mission to provide our residents with a continuum of care encompassing the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of our residents.