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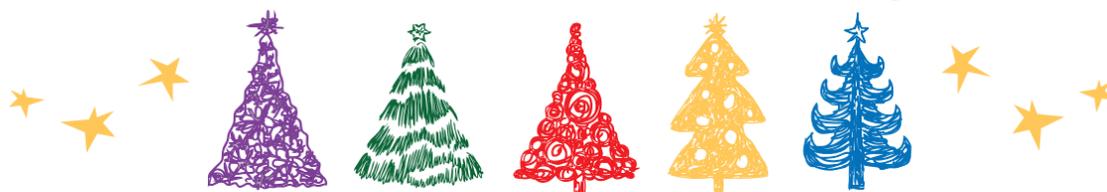
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A Centennial Year Event

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

THE VILLA AT SAINT ANTOINE

DECEMBER 5-7, 2013

NORTH SMITHFIELD, RI

Saint Antoine's 2013 Centennial year activities will conclude with a Christmas Tree Jubilee to be held at the Villa of Saint Antoine on December 5th – 7th.

Showcased will be 30 magnificent Christmas trees, donated and decorated by community groups, local businesses, families, and friends that will be on display under a heated tent, inside the Villa's center courtyard. Additionally, families will delight in viewing professionally-decorated trees sponsored by major donors of the event. During the three day festival, attendees can bid on trees, listen to joyful holiday music sung by community groups, and enjoy delicious holiday favorites while shopping for unique gifts made by Villa residents and volunteers. Children can participate in scheduled readings of holiday favorites, arts and craft activities, and pictures with Santa.

In planning the event, several things were paramount in our thinking: first, we wanted it to be an event that the whole family could enjoy; we wanted it to be something that might be able to be sustained and grow from year to year; and finally, we wanted it to be an event that would showcase our facilities in the best possible light.

It is anticipated that over 1,000 people will attend throughout the three days. Thursday evening, December 5th has been set aside for a sponsors-only VIP reception at which time sponsors can preview the trees and begin bidding on them. Friday and Saturday from 2 – 8 PM, the Jubilee is open to the public.

Sponsorship opportunities are available and can be reserved by filling out and returning the sponsorship sign-up form found on the back page of this newsletter. With an Evergreen Sponsorship you can donate and decorate a pre-lit Christmas Tree for a registration fee of \$25.00; decoration tips will be sent to you. Under this category, all submitted trees will be "judged" by attendees and viewer choice awards will be given.

Another popular sponsorship opportunity is the Memorial Tree Sponsor. You can make a \$100 donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. We will provide a small potted live tree that becomes part of a spectacular display featuring a personalized resident-made ornament showing the name of your loved one.

For more information, see the Jubilees' website at www.christmastreejubilee.com

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Rehabilitation Services and Facilities Expansion *Capital Campaign Planned*

After an exhaustive needs assessment and fundraising feasibility study, Saint Antoine Residence is planning to launch a capital campaign to fund an expansion of its short term rehabilitation services and facilities.

The centerpiece of the facilities expansion will be an "Easy Street" environment. Easy Street simulates real-life experiences ~ ramps, curbs, sidewalks, a grocery store, apartment, post office ~ which prepare people to re-enter normal day living and helps therapists to assess their readiness to do so.

Other areas to be expanded are the Rehab Therapy Equipment Room, the Transitional Care Rooms, and a separate entranceway with an adjacent parking area for ease of access to the Rehab Center.

The estimated cost of the Rehab Expansion Project is \$1.2M. A \$400,000 grant from the Manton Foundation is serving as a leadership gift to prepare for, what will be called, the Second Century Campaign. Currently in its early stages, campaign activities include leadership identification, ancillary materials preparation, and major gift acquisition.

Members of the campaign steering committee are: co-chairs, Bishop Louis E. Gelineau and Mary Ann Altrui; Msgr. George L. Frappier; Wendy Fagnoli; Mario Macera; Fr. Marcel Taillon; Victoria Alemeida; Patricia Maciel; Robert DiCenso, and Robert Christensen.

Design plans and architectural drawings are currently being completed. A contracting firm will be hired in the near future with groundbreaking expected to be in the spring of 2014.



Wendy Fagnoli

Executive Director's Letter

This, our Centennial Year, has seen a flurry of activity! We began with a press conference in mid-January, featuring speakers Lt. Gov. Elizabeth Roberts and N. Smithfield Town Administrator Paulette Hamilton. This was followed with a Thanksgiving Mass held at Precious Blood Church in June. Also, during the year, we will have begun planning a capital campaign to fund an expansion of our short term rehabilitative services and facilities. Presently, we are looking toward a Centennial wind-up event: a Christmas Tree Jubilee in early December. All this on top of our routine annual events such as the golf tournament, and the Christmas Bazaar.

What has struck me during this entire time is the selfless and giving nature of people to our cause. Whether it was the organization of the Christmas Tree Jubilee in which all of our management staff and other outside people were involved or prospective donations to the capital campaign, several things were evident ---- people think highly of us and believe that we are doing great things!

And, indeed, we are!

One only has to read the testimonials about our rehab services found in this newsletter to get a profound sense of what a "caring" organization we truly are. Take Eighty-eight year old Roland Vadenais, affectionately called the "Mayor," because of his daily "meet and greet" activities who couldn't even walk nine months ago before receiving rehab services.

But that caring and love is what we are all about from the receptionist's greetings as visitors walk through our entrance doors, to the CNA who respectfully and caringly sees to their residents' needs, to our professional staff of doctors and nurses, whose vast experience and knowledge, is able to compassionately provide excellent care much beyond that which is even expected of them.

This is the Saint Antoine way and we are proud of it!

Wendy Fagnoli
Executive Director

The "Mayor" of Saint Antoine

Photo at left: Eighty-eight year old **Roland Vadenais** couldn't walk when he came to Saint Antoine Residence, nine months ago. After working with his physical therapist, Mary Panarello, Roland walks all over the place. He says, "if there's a place to go, I'll go!" Mary says that he greets everyone he sees and has been a great encouragement to others in rehab. Because of his "meet and greet" activities, Roland has become affectionately known as the "Mayor" of Saint Antoine.

How's She Doing?



Three Sisters: Villa administrator, Tammy Summiel, shares a dining room greeting with resident Vivian Brunelle (center) and her sisters, Claire Davenport (left) and Suzanne Eckman (right).

Editor's Note: (The Villa at Saint Antoine is just about fully rented, with a hub bub of activity and a renewed spirit of excitement. We recently sat down with Tammy Summiel who has been on the job as the Villa administrator for a little over a year now to ask her how she accounts for this rejuvenation.)

Editor: How do you account for all this new activity at the Villa?

Tammy: A lot has to do with the economic recovery. Over the past several years, people who may have wanted to come here just simply were unable to do so, financially. Homes were not selling and those that were had been depleted in value. So people just waited it out to have the necessary assets to be able to move to the Villa. The current economic recovery is making it possible for people to once again look at the Villa as a place to live.

Editor: Has the Villa's marketing or public relations changed in any way recently?

Tammy: In some ways it has. Over the past two years, with the arrival of Isabel Pestana as Marketing Director, we have emphasized both inreach and outreach. Isabel has brought much activity into the Villa, inviting outside people to various events and seminars at the Villa. She, in turn, has gone out to organizations for speaking engagements or to help with various activities in order to keep the "face" of the Villa in the public eye.

Editor: Are you doing any marketing on the internet?

Tammy: The internet is such a powerful tool and we are constantly looking for new ways to reach people. We have gotten heavily into social media with a facebook page, and an email newsletter. We are currently updating our website pages to be more interactive. People who want to come to the Villa can fill out an application online, download it, and either mail it or bring it to the Villa.

Editor: What are some new activities that are taking place at the Villa?

Tammy: Well! The store is up and running again but this time with a different twist. The residents, themselves, are actually operating it. Some residents "man" the store when it is open. Others make items for sale such as greeting cards. My hobby is card making and scrap booking and I brought this activity into the Villa for the residents to do. This approach of having the residents actually manage the store themselves has proven to be very successful.

Editor: What else is new?

Tammy: Soon after I arrived, we received a grant to put a sound system and assisted hearing devices into the dining room. This has been a great help to the hearing impaired as well those who hear well. We hold many large gatherings in the dining room space, including Sunday Mass, and this has improved sound transmission immensely. Also, we started a walking club this past summer and will continue that again this coming spring. We have "beefed" up our trips, going out to dinner once a month as well as attending different venues. For instance, we attended Salvatore Mancini Fancies Seniors Follies perform, "On Broadway" at North Providence High School in late October.

Editor: What's your guiding principle about starting new activities?

Tammy: When we begin anything new, we really must think about how it positively affects our resident population. We want our residents to stay healthy, active, and make friendships along the way. So, new activities that are planned have to do with socialization and keeping active, both in mind and spirit, as well as those of varying interests and different levels of cognition.

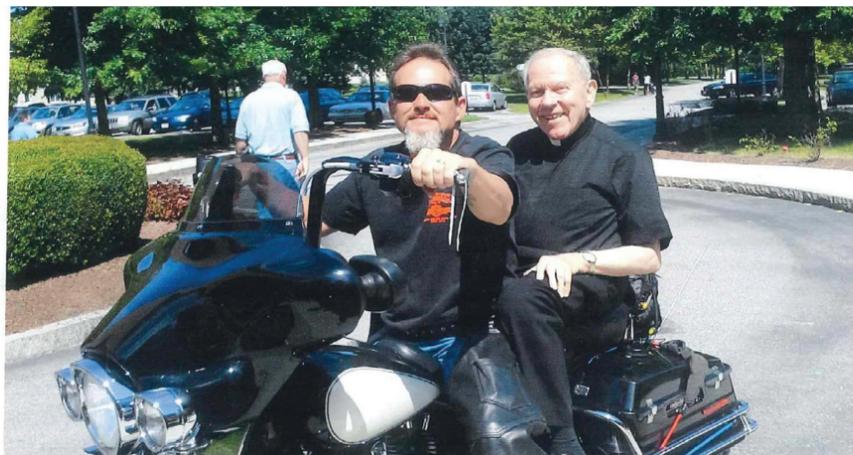
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SCU Art Exhibit and Auction: Gertrude Marchand and family are pictured at the Special Care Unit's (SCU) Art Exhibit and Auction earlier this year. Gertrude's painting is shown at right in the picture. During the year, staff work closely with residents in producing works of art that are displayed and auctioned off to benefit SCU. This year's Exhibit and Auction raised \$2,500 for SCU activities.



Golf Tournament 2013: Saint Antoine's 2013 Annual Golf Tournament was held on August 19 at Kirkbrae Country Club. Picture-perfect weather, player camaraderie, great prizes, and scrumptious food made for a beautiful golfing day for all. Fifty thousand dollars was raised for nursing scholarships.



Motorcycle Ministry? Friends of Bishop Louis E. Gelineau, Bonita and Charles Carins from Northern Maine, "dared" the Bishop to get on their motorcycle. The Bishop took the dare, citing that early on, Pope Francis suggested Bishops consider giving up their cars and ride Bikes.



Intergenerational Activity at Saint Antoine Residence: Pictured above is a "tape" art wall mural, displayed in the Residence Dining Hall. The mural was created by art students from Mount Saint Charles High School. It depicts St. Therese of the Child of Jesus, sometimes referred to as St. Therese, the "Little Flower". She is often portrayed with a bouquet of flowers because of her belief that God is present in all of nature.

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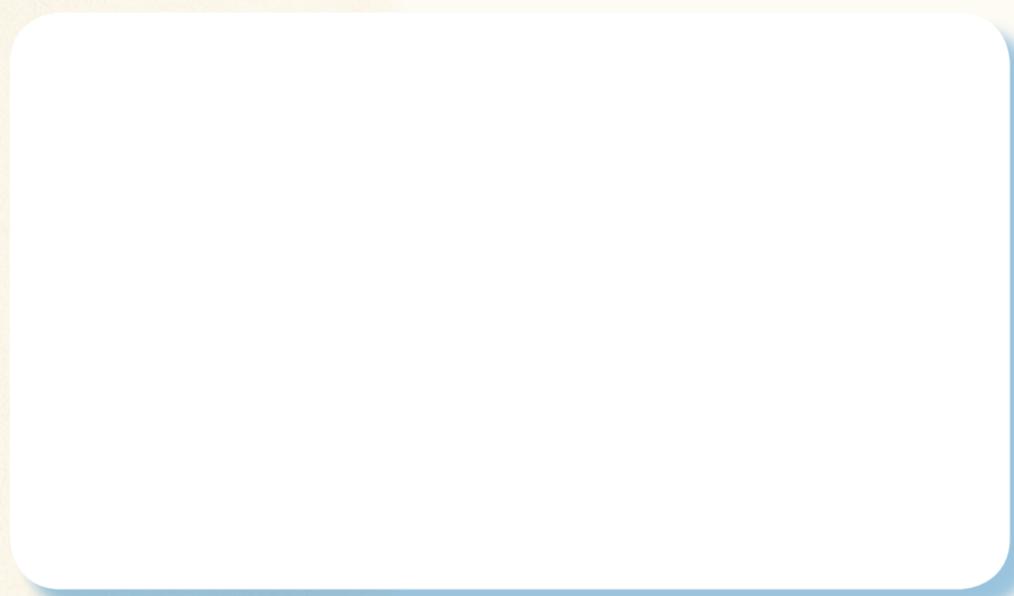


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CHRISTMAS TREE JUBILEE

Saint Antoine Community's Centennial Celebration
SPONSORSHIP ENROLLMENT

Please join us!

Please enroll me/us as sponsors of Saint Antoine's Christmas Tree Jubilee as follows:

- Evergreen Sponsorship - \$25.00 Registration Fee**
Purchase, donate, and decorate an artificial pre-lit tree, including ornaments, tree stand, & skirt. Listing in Program Booklet; 2 invites to VIP Preview Night; 2 Raffle Tickets. VIEWER CHOICE AWARDS.
- Memorial Tree Sponsor - \$100.00**
Given in memory or in tribute to a loved one. A live potted tree becomes part of a larger display featuring a personalized resident-made ornament showing the name of your loved one's name. After the event, plant your tree, give it as a gift, donate it, or simply enjoy it throughout the season.
- Friend of Saint Antoine - \$150.00**
Recognition in the Event Keepsake Program; 2 invites to VIP Preview Night; 2 Raffle Tickets.
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- Gold Sponsor - \$2,500.00**
Recognition at VIP Preview Night; acknowledgement in all event promotion/ advertising; ½ page b&w ad/listing in event program booklet; up to a 6 foot, decorated tree in your honor; personalized signage next to tree; 10 tix to VIP Preview Night; 10 raffle tix.
- Diamond Sponsor - \$5,000.00**
Recognition at VIP Preview Night; Acknowledgement in all event promotion/advertising; full page b & w ad/listing in Event Program; up to 8 Ft. decorated tree in your honor; personalized signage; 15 tix to VIP Night; 15 raffle tix.

Name (as you would like it listed in Program): _____

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