

St. Coletta Homelights

2022 January Edition



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Dear Family and Friends,

As we kick off a new year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the growth and evolution we saw at St. Coletta of Wisconsin this past year. Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to encourage a sense of normalcy throughout the organization in a safe but unobstructed environment. The lives of our persons served deserve the most independent and community integrated life we can provide. Recent COVID related trends indicate that strains might be more easily spread but milder, meaning more asymptomatic cases. Indeed, we have already observed this trend among both vaccinated and not. Our focus will be on the close observation of persons served and staff, quick health intervention when necessary, but otherwise normal events and life for the St. Coletta family.

Earlier this year we welcomed a number of new faces to the St. Coletta family. Our new Brookfield-based facility, Grace Landing, opened its doors in early summer and is almost at full capacity. The new property boasts three state-of-the-art 4,500 sq. ft. 8 bedroom homes and a community center which allows all of the individuals to have a place to socialize, worship and celebrate. This facility doubled the capacity of our Greater Milwaukee program and has allowed additional growth at our Brookfield Intergenerational Care Center (IGC). The IGC has experienced much change over the past 12 months, increasing its census and offering services to school aged children.

While the growth throughout our organization has been a blessing, it also challenges our bottom line. Public funding in neither Illinois nor Wisconsin fully pays for residential or other programs. This loss of approximately 15% of our annual budget has to be made up by fundraising or advocacy with legislators. It is a shared responsibility for all of us and we are working hard at it. Through our major advocacy campaign in 2021 we were able to move the needle 5% (about 1.5 million dollars in additional revenue). Some of you played a direct role contacting your public officials and they clearly responded. Illinois the most. This year, 2022, will mark a major effort on two fronts in Wisconsin. The first will be working with you individually to obtain fair support rates for your loved ones. Second, an all-out effort to change the broken Family Care Program to transition to Market Based Rates. This must be accomplished before the next State biennial budget to secure proper funding for 2023-2024.

I often ponder what if the Sisters of 1904 embarking on the St. Coletta school experiment could see the accomplishments of today and the dignity of our persons served. I think they would be astonished by what their origins and values have led to. Thank you for everything in 2021, you are a blessing to us all.

Best, Ted

Ted Behncke
President



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Upcoming Events & Dates

- Mission Effectiveness **February 6th-12th**
- Client Recognition **April 23rd**
- Lead the Charge Gala **TBA**
- Family Weekend **August 5th & 6th**



Sister Andrew Lombard with two of her kindergarten students.

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Celebrating 70 Years of Homelights!

Enjoy some articles from the very first 1951 edition!



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Music, Fun, Skill Entertain Crowd At July Festival

Pony rides and duck the clown delighted the hearts of youthful attendants at the summer festival this year, while well-stocked booths vended hand-crafts of student making and refreshments to help finance the cause of St. Coletta's. Thirteen hundred home cooked chicken dinners were served. Despite government restrictions which made impossible the proceeds of former years, the results of the festival were most gratifying. Besides the amusement furnished by the various skill games, two bands, that of the school and the Feider band, composed of ambitious nieces and nephews of Monsignor James Feider, chaplain, entertained the crowd in the afternoon and evening.

Gratefully yours are our prayerful thanks to all the kind friends whose generosity has enabled us to continue our work among God's little ones.

At this summer festival the roster was started of persons whose memory will be perpetuated by being placed in the cornerstone of the new chapel as a memento of their generosity as donors. Contributions came to the booth which was fronted by the architects' sketch, of from fifteen cents donated by a former pupil to one hundred dollars.

Out of the Mouths of Little Ones

It's all a matter of how you look at things . . . We look at the funny side . . . It makes the difficult side less difficult . . . Here are some examples of what we mean . . .

Mary Ellen viewed her new Sister with an air of intense interest, "Sister, how old are you?"

Reversing numbers, Sister replied, "Oh, about eighty-two."

The child's eyes widened, "Are you really? Then whose grandmother are you, or are you just a plain old lady?"

Sonny's task was finished. Sister's smiling, "Thank you very much, Sonny" was met with, "O. K."

"You must say 'you're welcome,' Sonny."

"Oh," said Sonny, "I'm welcome!"

"Please put away that wet towel to dry, Jouvant."

"Yes, Sister," said he, proffering the offending article, "Here it is."

"Well, Jouvant, where do you put it away? Do I look like a clothes rack?"

"You know, Sister," after a thoughtful pause, "You've got some clothes hanging on you."

The boys were gathered around the phonograph when the portly new Sister walked in. One little fellow eyed her speculatively, then whispered to his companions, "Let's put away the 'Too Fat Polka'; it might hurt her feelings."

The garb of the religious students of the Psychological institute piqued the curiosity of one little youngster until finally, peeping beneath the veil of a Sister of Loretto, she cried, "Oh, you have got ears, haven't you?"

For thirty-seven years, Sister Ildephonse has supplied us with our delicious daily bread, but she has also trained a capable assistant. Upon her return from a pilgrimage in Canada, Bobby ran to greet her with, "Welcome home, Sister! The bakery got along fine without you!"

The Serra Home girls were washing the dishes. "Here, Marmaduke," called Geraldine.

"Don't call me Marmaduke," responded Joan, whose dignity had been hurt, "I'm a human being."

"All right then, being, come and dry these dishes."

"Sister, I was a good girl; what are you going to give me?"

"Now, Mary Ellen, if I give you all your rewards here, when you get to heaven, God will say, 'You had all your treats already'; and God's rewards are much better than any of mine."

"Then," said Mary Ellen, "I'll just take a little piece of candy now and have the rest when I get to heaven."

BLESSING BAGS

Clients from the Achieve program under the direction of Bridget Owen, created "blessing bags" for a homeless shelter in the Chicagoland area. The clients decorated the bags and filled them with toothpaste, toothbrushes, mints, mini-shampoos and a heartfelt card. Bridget commented, "we are hoping this would help those with limited opportunities get through the holidays with love."

Thank you for living your Franciscan values Achieve participants!





#GIVING TUESDAY

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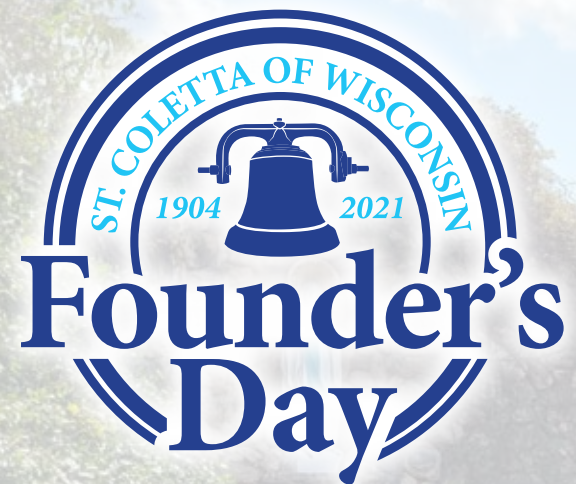
Giving Tuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of kindness. This year, you assisted St. Coletta by donating \$20,770 to continue offering spiritual and religious needs through Mission Effectiveness. Your donations will directly impact our Spirituality Programs and sharing with our individuals, the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Nova Choir, Jesus Loves Me, and other Bible studies are a few of the programs offered at St. Coletta. Jesus Loves Me is a combination of prayer, music, Bible stories, and crafts designed to support individuals served with different levels of cognitive skills, gain knowledge and information about God's love for them. It also provides them with opportunities to open their hearts to God's love & develop a relationship with him. Bibles Study classes discuss the Bible, but they also address the religious questions and thoughts individuals may have and how it may apply to their lives.

CROSS OF CHRIST

September 9th, 2021 the Reichert Family who has a historical connection to St. Coletta, presented Ted with a relic of the church (a piece of the True Cross of Christ, unearthed in Jerusalem in 326 A.D.). St. Coletta is honored to have been selected as the caretaker of the relic. The sisters present were the great-nieces of Sister Julietta Reichert and Sister Mary George Reichert.

Along with the relic, we were blessed with a presentation from board member Bob Ross, who is an expert on the cross in which he did his doctoral study. It was a heartfelt morning for us at St. Coletta and we thank the Reichert's and Bob for blessing us with the return of the relic and a very informational, passionate day.



We had a powerful gathering in September in celebration of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi and Founder's Day. The Grotto, located near the original St. Coletta buildings, was originally built by the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi in 1914.

Bishop Hying from the Diocese of Madison graced us with his blessings. Sister Grace poured some water from our fountain, which contains holy water gathered from the baptismal font of St. Francis and St. Clare, the Vatican in Italy; Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in France; Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Portugal; and other holy sites.



PET BLESSING

On October 14th, 2021 we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis at the Little Flower Chapel in Jefferson. Immediately following, we gathered near the fountain for our annual pet blessing for our furry four-legged friends and the flower plantings near the fountain.

St. Francis saw animals as his brothers and sisters because they were God's creatures, just like people. He said of animals, *"Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission — to be of service to them wherever they require it."*





SOLES FOR JESUS: INSPIRED BY MIKE *Pictured: Mary (IGC Staff), Mike and Russell*

Back in October, Mike Kemnitz shared, "We should collect shoes for Soles for Jesus". Soles for Jesus is an organization in Milwaukee that collects shoes for the people of Africa. It is estimated that 20 million orphaned children are without shoes. Living barefoot and in poverty has a ripple effect leading to serious injuries, infection, amputations and even death.

With Mike's guidance, collection bins and posters were put on display. A video was created to promote his idea. It's important to Mike that everyone hears and understand the mission statement of Sole for Jesus: Soles for Jesus exists to share the love of Christ by distributing shoes to the underserved in Africa. Mike shared his philosophy that gratitude is a way of living for him and that it doesn't just come knocking on your door. We need to live and lean into it. Look for it. Find it. Create it. Call it out. I think Mike sharing his wisdom is a lesson for the rest of us: in the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, consider a simple and often taken for granted item like a humble pair of shoes and donate them. And then like Mike, sit back in quiet reflection and feel the real meaning and joy.

GUARDIANSHIP AND MY BROTHER GARY *By: Gregg M. Odway*

St. Coletta announced around the turn of this century, that they would like clients living in Jefferson from Illinois-based families to consider moving back to Illinois from Wisconsin. My brother, Gary, was a client living in Jefferson and the Odway family was Illinois-based. St. Coletta would be buying properties in the Northwest and Western suburbs of Chicago and soon opening new Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) homes in the state. At the same time, state and federal funding was shifting and ideas about residential care for individuals with developmental disabilities was evolving. In other words, change was coming and coming quickly!

Change can be tough for anyone. It's tough for parents and guardians who now have to make a potentially difficult life-changing decision about the care of their loved one; and it's (Continued on next page)



Gregg, Gary & Karen Odway

especially tough for individuals with developmental disabilities who thrive on consistency and routine. My brother, Gary, having lived in Jefferson for 26 years was no exception. On one hand, he enjoyed all the activities and opportunities that Jefferson provided – walking to the library to check out videos, working at Piggly Wiggly or going to the corner store to buy snacks – on the other hand, moving back to Illinois would mean he was closer to his extended family which he also very much wanted.

There's no sugarcoating what a difficult decision this would be. First and foremost, I knew it was going to require open and honest communication among all family members – my parents and siblings. In our family, my parents were Gary's guardians during this transitional time, but they were already in their mid-70's and hesitant to do anything other than maintain the status quo. They loved the bucolic, serene and safe environment that the Jefferson campus provided for Gary. My sister, Karyn, and I believed Gary could continue to grow and prosper in an Illinois CILA and pushed for Gary to move back to Illinois.

While change is difficult, this situation presented me with the chance to embrace the change. Our family discussed, debated and eventually decided that transferring guardianship to myself and my sister, Karyn, was in the long-term best interests of the family. It would put Gary and our family on the path to a more stable future. Mom and Dad were getting older and, maybe not surprisingly, open to having my sister and I take over. I'm an attorney so I took up the mantle to complete the transfer myself. My sister and I became Gary's co-guardians in 2001.

As an attorney, the 'built-in' advantage I had in being able to navigate the courts and the guardianship process in Illinois was nothing compared to how easy, in the end, the decision was to step up as a sibling and take over this responsibility from my parents. This gave them the peace-of-mind to know that Gary would continue being taken care of by my sister and me. It also brought the family closer than ever before. I wouldn't have it any other way!



Once Family - Always Family

The St. Coletta Family. This phrase is used often within our organization and sometimes when used, hopefully it does not seem trite or insincere. This phrase of "being a family" evokes strong feelings. There is a level of trust, care and love between the person served at St. Coletta, their family and St. Coletta. It is a bond that often continues even after the loved-one served has passed. And such is the case with Lisa Scherer. Lisa came to St. Coletta in 2010. She was part of the St. Coletta family for 6 of her 42 years before her death in 2016. Lisa was a vibrant, fun, faith-filled woman who loved McDonalds, dancing, George Harrison and the Beatles. In that short time we knew her, she formed strong friendships and "family" bonds. Her parents William and Evelyn and brothers John and Jason also formed strong relationships at St. Coletta. Even years later, there is still contact with several of Lisa's housemates.

The Scherer family also still supports St. Coletta financially. Recently, St. Coletta received communication from Trinity Financial Planning in Middleton, Wisconsin that a donation was being made to St. Coletta of Wisconsin in honor of Trinity's 20th Anniversary. **The following is an excerpt from a press release:**

Middleton, WI – Wanting to give back in appreciation for two decades of success, owner John Scherer and the team at Trinity Financial Planning asked clients to nominate charities to receive one of twenty \$1,000 donations. Chris & Catherine Scherer of Brookfield, WI nominated St. Coletta of Wisconsin, which was subsequently selected as one of the recipients.

"We are grateful for the support we have received as we've grown Trinity over the past twenty years and are excited to pay it forward. It is a privilege to partner with Chris & Catherine to help St. Coletta of Wisconsin do good things in the community," said Scherer.



Families are a blessing and we thank the Scherer family for their continued support. Once family – always family.

Family Weekend

NOTHING BUT BLUE SKIES FOR THE ANNUAL ILLINOIS FRIENDS SUMMER PICNIC

By: Gregg & Karyn Odway

After a one-year pandemic-related pause, the Illinois Friends for St. Coletta - WI/IL were once again able to serve up a heaping helping of food and fun to St Coletta clients and families.

Nearly 200 people – clients, staff, families, and friends of St. Coletta – spent Saturday afternoon, August 14th, picnicking on the grounds of St Marcelline’s Church in Schaumburg, IL. Illinois Friends served up charcoal-grilled hamburgers, hot dogs and brats with all the fixings. St Coletta provided all the delicious sides and desserts with careful attention paid to making sure all COVID-prevention protocols were in place, like serving pre-packaged chips and desserts.

What a blessing to have such great weather,” said Gregg Odway, president of Illinois Friends, an Illinois 501(c)(3) that assists St. Coletta clients and their families through education, advocacy, financial support, and community awareness. “We’re grateful after a long, isolating year to finally be able to come together.” Gregg Odway is also the brother to Gary, a client at St Coletta’s Garden Home CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) in Roselle, IL.

“We’re so excited to see everyone’s faces again,” smiled Melissa “Missy” O’Brien Bluhm, a vice-president of Illinois Friends and sister to Maureen, a client at St Coletta’s Vermont Home CILA in Palatine, IL. “Seeing the smiles and hugs as friends and staff from different homes greeted each other and watching everyone playing together again was priceless,” an excited Missy said.

Gregg Odway and Missy Bluhm, the picnic co-chairs, led the planning and execution of the day’s events to make sure everything came together perfectly. “We’re thankful for all the planning and prep that went into making the 2021 Illinois Friends Summer Picnic such a success,” said Andrew Hancock, St Coletta’s Regional Director of Illinois-Residential. “It was so nice to have everyone back and have this event feel familiar again. We appreciate everyone partnering with us during a difficult year and being part of our St. Coletta family,” said Andy.

A great, big THANK YOU goes to the St. Coletta leadership team in Illinois. All the help with grilling, serving and supervising the carnival games was invaluable to the success of the day’s events. THANK YOU, also, to all the families and friends who financially supported this event to help defray the picnic costs.

Illinois Friends is already looking forward to planning next year’s event. The joy experienced at this year’s summer picnic is sure to last for months to come.

JEFFERSON FAMILY PICNIC

With August storms rolling through Jefferson, staff and volunteers swiftly worked together to make our typical outdoor event, into an indoor fun-filled party. The teamwork and organization that happens here is always amazing to see unfold and our annual picnic was nothing short of our normal amazement, minus the sunshine!

The administration building was filled with the always popular carnival games, face-painting, balloon magic, mini-putt, DJ Chad, and an extra touch by our IT Department offering the Virtual Reality Experience! **Mark your calendars for 2022 - August 5th & 6th!**



BRAND AMBASSADORS

A warm welcoming to our 2021-2022 year Brand Ambassadors Alec Rather and Kristi Schuenemann! Alec, works in our VSTP program, is an avid garden enthusiast, and cat lover helping at the humane society. Kristi advocates for herself and others on so many platforms including serving on the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. We look forward to you serving as ambassadors this coming year!



We welcome three new homes and their residents to the St. Coletta family. Since mid-August, 2021 individuals have been moving into their new homes in Brookfield, Wisconsin. The three homes are called Father Solanus Casey, St. Angela Merici and St. Maria Crescentia.



MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP *By: Shelly Devant & Callie Gilmore*

The clinical partnership with Marquette University, College of Nursing was set up to give students an opportunity to work with clients with developmental disabilities. The population of people with developmental disability has been described as the largest minority group in the United States. In spite of this large and growing population, those with disabilities experience poorer health, receive less access to healthcare, and experience less quality of care when compared to those without disabilities. An important factor related to poor health care and access to care is the lack of attention to disability in the courses of educational programs that prepare health care professionals.

The focus of this clinical is on the application of theoretical concepts from public health and community health nursing to provide population-based nursing care to individuals, families, and communities. The goal was to give a clinical experience involving different levels of DD in a community environment which involved 13 community sites.

A huge component of Marquette's BSN curriculum is focusing on what is referred to as the "social determinants of health" (SDOH). The SDOH are comprised of any environmental factors that play a role in a person's overall health and health outcomes, such as education level, socioeconomic status, or even availability of nutritious foods in one's community. St. Coletta has given our community health students the opportunity to work with individuals with very different SDOH than the students usually experience.

Testimonial from Instructor Callie Gilmore:
"My students got the fantastic opportunity to work one-on-one with clients at St. Coletta. Sometimes the students were helping them with activities of daily life, but oftentimes they were able to just sit down and have a conversation, play games, or watch a television show with their clients. Many of my students came into this environment nervous, as they didn't have any personal experience working with people of differing abilities. But the welcoming staff and clients of St. Coletta quickly put them at ease! St. Coletta was a wonderful first clinical experience for the students, as they got to focus on developing their therapeutic communication skills. So much growth happened over the short semester and I am so grateful to St. Coletta for allowing us to work with their amazing staff and clientele!"

Thank you to Board Member, Norah Johnson, for helping to coordinate this experience!



HARD WORK BLESSINGS

Genesis clients, Craig and Russell volunteer three days a week at St. Dominic's school lunch program. They are responsible for rinsing, washing and drying cafeteria trays and dishes. They also wipe down the tables. Such a great community partnership and St. Dominic's appreciates their hard work. Great job Craig & Russell – you are a blessing!





The Heart of St. Coletta
DSP HEROES 2021

THE HEART OF ST. COLETTA: DSP HEROES

Our DSP (Direct Support Professionals) are “The Heart of St. Coletta.” The photo above was taken of our DSP staff that works in our Excel Day Program in Jefferson. Multiply this photo 15 times and you can envision our 300 total direct support staff that work around the clock to better the lives of the individuals we serve throughout our programs and residentially.

National DSP Week was September 13-17, 2021 was a full week dedicated to recognizing these dedicated staff members. Each year our HR team tries to make their week something special to really shine on the hard work, dedication and passion our direct care workforce show.

This year, we had a number of activities to mark this special occasion, including a free DSP Week sweatshirt, consumer thank you cards, gifts, 20% off custom apparel, daily prize drawings, scratch-off prize cards, scavenger hunts, among other events.

From Our Consumer Leadership Council, Thank You.

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NATIONAL DSP WEEK
 THANK YOU



HALLOWEEN DANCE

Our annual Halloween dances are always a highlight for our individuals. Who doesn't like the creative freedom to dress up to be anything they'd like?! An evening filled with a costume contest, imagination, a DJ, a busy dance floor, a great meal, and incredible decorations arranged by our staff and volunteers. All the efforts that shine to make this an extra spooky night to remember!

PET BLANKETS & TOYS

The Jefferson Excel program requested fabric donations in November in hopes to have the Excel clients create no-sew tie blankets. In early December, they were able to drop them off at the local Humane Society of Jefferson County! Not only did they create some cute blankets for the pets, they also made some beds, dog toys and cat nip toys! It was a beautiful way to share their compassion for animals and feel fulfilled as they walked out empty handed, even though a cute cat seemed to have a liking for us!



HOLIDAY DANCE & PARTIES

December was filled with much holiday cheer. In Jefferson, there was a dance coordinated by Stephanie McDonald and her team of volunteers. In Jefferson special thank you to Shelly Devant, RN, and her husband for inviting Santa and Mrs. Claus and also for the volunteer team who turned the chapel into a winter wonderland.

On the following page, there are photos from the Jefferson Staff, the IL Friends, and the Greater Milwaukee holiday parties. As with all St. Coletta gatherings, the dance floors were lively, the food was delicious, and the time with each other was exceptional.



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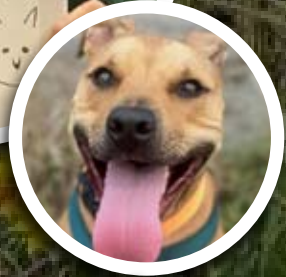
The Zignego Family enjoyed picking apples this September in the St. Coletta orchard. Bobbie (mom) is the sister of client, David Schultz (not pictured). Scott (dad) bid on two apple crates and the opportunity to pick apples in the orchard at the Lead the Charge auction in August. "We enjoyed our time together and we're thankful for the opportunity. We have a large family – 11 kids, so the picking went fast. Thank you!" emailed Bobbie.



CLIENTS GIVING BACK

Laurie has been volunteering at the Jefferson County Humane Society for the past four years. She has spent countless Saturdays providing active treatment for the cats, saying, "I basically help animals get used to the human touch so they're not afraid all the time." Since Laurie isn't able to have a pet of her own at this time, volunteering at the humane society fulfills her void. She also appreciates seeing the caring staff, who treat her as part of the team.

In September, Laurie decided to continue to give back to animals. In doing so, she unselfishly donated \$200 to cover the cost of Reilly's adoption fee, a dog that has faced many challenges in his early life. When calling the shelter to make this generous donation, Laurie indicated that she didn't care what animal would be helped. She simply asked what animal was in the greatest need at the time. She later learned that Reilly was found as a stray on a bike trail, all alone with a broken leg and scared. This knowledge affirmed Laurie's actions. She has a natural compassion for struggling animals due to her own life experiences. Laurie hoped that her generous gift helped Reilly find a loving home, which he did! Laurie also hopes to inspire others to support their local shelter or rescues. Thank you for your Franciscan ways, Laurie.



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