



December 2019

DAYLIGHT

Happenings at St. John Center for Homeless Men



THE HEART OF A HOLIDAY TRADITION

“Something sparked,” said Michael Meyer of the first time he visited St. John Center and met founding director Sister Kathleen Sheehan. That spark ignited a Meyer family legacy of caring that has endured for 17 years.

After many years of receiving gifts for Christmas and his birthday, both of which occur on Dec. 25, Michael asked his family to make a donation to SJC in lieu of giving him presents. As a result, three generations of Meyers and their friends spend all day and much of the night on Christmas Eve preparing to celebrate Christmas morning with St. John Center.

“It is a magical feeling,” to be part of Christmas at St. John Center, Michael explained. “Everyone deserves a meal

that tastes like it is prepared with love.” In addition to serving a meal, the family also brings a variety of items the men can take with them to eat later. Michael is convinced that the tradition will continue because so many of the younger members of the family ask to be involved and are taking more and more responsibility for planning and executing the event.

“This opportunity has singularly redefined what Christmas means to

almost all of our family and closest friends. It is about the true meaning of giving,” Michael said. Tina Link, Michael’s sister, agrees. “We got into this because of Michael’s passion, but it has become the highlight of our family’s Christmas.”

That small spark Michael felt years ago ignited something wonderful. The Meyer Family legacy has become an integral part of the Culture of Caring at St. John Center.

A LEGACY FOR ST. JOHN CENTER

In 1986, Sister Kathleen Sheehan led a determined group of volunteers to open Louisville’s first day shelter for people who are homeless in our city. In the decades since, St. John Center has grown to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.



Sister Kathleen knew that the road to a city where no one lived without adequate

shelter was a long one. She had a gift of inviting people to join her in her life-long commitment to ending homelessness.

In the spirit of her warm, but determined, invitation to be part of the

solution to homelessness, St. John Center created the Sister Kathleen Sheehan Legacy Society.

When you join the Sister Kathleen Sheehan Legacy Society you become part of a powerfully compassionate group of people. Your commitment ensures that St. John Center will provide a safe and affirming place for people who are homeless to seek help, find hope, and move home for as long as we are needed.

Learn more about the Sister Kathleen Legacy Society by visiting: stjohncenter.org/sister-kathleen-sheehan-legacy-society or by contacting Jane Walsh at 502-398-3509 or jwalsh@stjohncenter.org

“My hope and prayer for all of us is that we will continue to be symbols of hope for those in desperate need of love, that we find a common bond, and are inspired to bring about a world where peace and justice will prevail.”

– Sister Kathleen Sheehan, Founding Director of St. John Center for Homeless Men



A legacy of caring

Chris Mueller was a 20-something when he started volunteering at St. John Center. In short order, he recruited his dad and cousins to join him. Now his daughters and nephews can be seen at SJC any given Saturday. The Mueller family's reach is beyond generations, too. Chris' cousin, Karen Oliver Morris, motivates

her Eastern High School students to collect hundreds of pairs of socks for the guys each October, now dubbed Socktoberfest.

Pat Peet's family is another example of a family with a strong commitment to St. John Center. "The Peet family doesn't celebrate Christmas until St. John Center celebrates Christmas," explains Pat Peet, "and all the children know it." They spend weeks gathering socks and scarves as well as coffee supplies for the shelter. They wrap gifts together and set a date to come share time with the guests. They consider it an honor to serve and believe the men give them greater gifts than what they can provide.

How does one family inspire a commitment to their neighbors? How does a family foster a giving spirit through generations? Whether part of an annual

tradition or weekly routine, the result of this spirit and commitment is a legacy of caring. With each gesture of love, St. John Center guests are drawn into the circle of support.

The fact that St. John Center opens our doors 365 days a year and continues to grow to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness is a testament to what lives of gratitude and love for neighbor can enkindle. We are the tangible result of a legacy of caring in our community.

May the abundant love that is shared with St. John Center warm your heart and bolster your belief in all the good in the world. Thank you for being part of it.

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Please plan on joining us at Raisin' the Rent on Saturday, March 7 at the new time of 6-10 p.m. at the Mellwood Art & Entertainment Center (1860 Mellwood Ave.)

St. John Center's largest annual fundraiser is an evening of fun, friends, food, a short program, live and silent auctions, and raffles. But most important is that the event provides more than 25 percent of SJC's annual operating budget. All proceeds go to support our clients.



Thank you Miranda Construction for joining us as a presenting sponsor of Raisin' the Rent 2020!

Wish List

St. John Center is in need of the following items:

- Lysol All-Purpose Cleaner
- Ground Coffee (unflavored)
- Coffee Creamer (powdered, bulk)

For more information contact Keith Steer at 502-398-3504 or rks@stjohncenter.org.

The following are the names of those who have been memorialized in gifts to St. John Center

(through November 1, 2019)

Clifton Agnew

Kaye Thomas

Dorothy Ambrose

Jack and Imogene Conlin

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Gabrielle Blanchard

Clarence and Ruth Thomas

Dennis Bricking

Marshall P. Eldred Jr.

Mary Brown

Donna Woods

Arlisa Brown

Kevin Michael Sheehan

Donna Woods

Patricia Burke

Marty Burke Murphy

Frances and John Coady

Anthony J Zierer

James Mooney

Robert and Sandy Glasford

Nita Byrnes

Katharine Piket

Patricia Case, Jr.

Barbara and Alan Johnson

Guido Caspani

Don Nugent

Frank and Connie Cogswell

Henry and Constance Williams

Anne Conboy

Patricia Conboy Montgomery

Deceased members of the

Louis Timmel family

Bertha M. Timmel

Charles Dusel, Sr.

Catherine P Brickley

Mike Elble

Automatic Air Corp

Margaret D Elder

Richard and Margaret Kusak

Anthony Emrich

Kristin W Davis

Ann Roth

Denis Roth

Russell Lowen

Barbara Middleton

Elizabeth A. Bates

Mary E. English

James English

Louis Ford

Jerry Humphrey

Michael and Jennifer Ford

Martin Ford

Damian J. Fraser

Shirley Fraser

Lawrence and Jacqueline

Hayes

Friends

Jerry Humphrey

Jack Galvin

Julie Galvin

Bernard Gardner

Patricia W. Oliver

Dana and Patrick Oliver

William Hack

Pamela Hecht



Harold Haering

Elizabeth Anne Haering

Steve Hale

Mary Ann Hale

Pat Haley, SCN

Kathleen Sheehan

Brenda Lantz Harrington

Karen and James Morris

Bill Hartlage

Ursuline Sisters

Thomas Hartlage

Darlene A Anton

Phyllis and Charles Hartlage

Mary Lou Riney Ray

Kathleen Stevie

Linda H Knight

Winnie Hayes

Jeannine and John Hayes

Julian and Dolores Head

William and Judy Rosacker

Jane and Jack Helm

Peggy and John Helm

Joseph N. Higgins

Mark Anderson and Deborah

Higgins

High School and College

deceased

Don Nugent

George Hite, Jr.

Clorinda P. Hite

John and Clorinda W. Hite

Clorinda P. Hite

Marion Holsclaw

Edward and Patricia Bannon

Michael Joseph Hood

Viola P Miller

Diane Rhodes

Maria Price and Grace Akers

Sister Mary Elise Hovekamp, OSU

Terry and Betty Netherton

Chris Hydes

Anna and Jesse McNear

Haywood and Edna Johnson

Frances Pauline Mattingly

Jo Ann Jurasin

John Jurasin

Frank Keene

Catherine Keene

Archbishop Thomas Kelly

Sharan Benton

Michael Kenny

Patricia S Kenny

Anthony M. Kern

Virginia M. Kern

Martin and Veronica Kern

Virginia M. Kern

Stephen Michael Kinny

Susan and David Kinny

Ray Kopp

Alan and Cherie Kopp

Michael A Kraft

James and Jean Rice

Irvin Kupper

Ann and Irvin Kupper

JoEllen Cunningham Lancaster, R.N.

Kate Cunningham

Mary Larson

John Barron

Thomas Stelter

Ines Libiran

Erlinda G. Paguio

Lindley Lockard

Millie and Terry Bayer

Ron and Rick Magill

Ronda Magill-Petrysian and John Petrysian

James "Doug" Marchal

Helen Thornton

Todd Markwell

Jane and Bill Lockard

Mary Jane Mathis

John and Jackie Lydon

Monty McClellan

Dorothy Krone McClellan

Don McKune

Connie K. Lusher

Bernice and George Moch

Mary A. Scheler

Stephen Morris

Angela Vaughn

Robyn Culver

Clint E Allen

Suzanne Webb

Knud Mortensen

Bob and Judy Silva

Colin Segal Nichols

Kara Lee Nichols

Allen O'Bryan

Hazel O'Bryan

Frances Oliva

Joe Georges O'Connor

SMPs Kentucky

Helen Thornton

Joan M. Thornton

Chenoweth Elementary School

Joan Hamlyn

David Nicholson

Roberto and Amelia Campos

Dona O'Sullivan

Agnes and Patrick Noonan

Larry Otto

Jane Walsh

Judith S Brown

Anne O. Walker

David Owen

Judith and Richard Hudson

Jerome Pakenham

Ann Pakenham

Joseph Paul Pohl

Joseph Douglas Pohl

Dorothy Quesenberry

David Quesenberry

Mary Jane Reinhart

Phil and Pat Reinhart

Paul R. Reinhart

Phil and Pat Reinhart

Joan Riehm

Martha and Martin Casper

Dr. Steve Riggert

Bob and Judy Silva

Lillian Cooper Riggs

Judith and Richard Hudson

Rita and Robert Rook

Peggy and John Helm

Betty Rutledge

Tim Rutledge

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Noel Flores

We are honored to be remembered along with these loved ones.

Helena M. Schlensker
Charles L. Schlensker

Paul Schlich, Sr.
James and Emily Barry
John L. Thomas
Madonna Kamber
Barbara Crutcher
Robert Schmuckie
Katherine A Ford
Suzanne E. Hackmiller
Patrick and Barbara Gorman
Paul and Kathy Grisanti
Mary J. Beale
Richard and Carol Shutt
Jane B Ratterman
Ben A Armstrong
Paul and Mary Franz
Marie and Charles French

Joey Schreck
Kevin and Raymond Schreck

Martha Schroering
Doug and Ann Rich

Dennis Shaw
Jennifer Rubenstein
John and Jackie Lydon
Sarah and Matthew Barker
Linda C. Riedinger
Christe and Walter Coe

John P Simpson
Susan S Means

Mary Ann Simpson
John L Simpson

Jean Slusher and Magdalene Scharfenberger
Brittany Wooley

Chad Smith
Alex Trotter
Elizabeth Lewis
Andrew and Catherine Armbrust
Shannon S. Church
Gary and Callista Raisor
Mike S Mattingly
Justin Vetter
Alex and Marilyn Kawa
Eddie and Mary Chandler

Sue M. Smythe
Ronald and Katherine Johnson

Tony Spalding
Jimmy and Martha Spalding

Christopher Sparks
Margo Edwards-O'Toole

John Staunton
Enid Heskins

John and Bonnie Steer
Keith and Jennifer Steer

Bill and Rita Stengel
Cynthia and Earl Kirkpatrick

Rita Stengel
John and Patricia Mueller
Janet Yaeger

Bart J. Sullivan
Bart and Margaret Sullivan

Bart Sullivan
Robert Sullivan

Mary and Leo Tabb
Thomas N. Tabb

Brandon Michael Tevis
Deborah and Roger Tevis
Kathleen and Michael Dicken

David J. Thompson, Jr.
Robert C Kirchner

William B. Tulloss Jr.
Silvia Tulloss

Sharon Van Ornum
Bob and Judy Silva

Anna Vetter's father
Anna and Peter Vetter

Bill Wadell
Mary and John Tierney

Edward R. Walsh
Elizabeth Anne Haering

Patrick Walsh
Natalie and John Harris
Mary Margaret Mulvihill
Jane Walsh

Angela M Weber
Thomas and Rosemarie Weber

Ann Welch
William M. Welch

Les Wimsett
Scott J Wimsett

Xaverian Brothers
Xaverian Brothers USA

Ed Yager
Mary and Charles Brown

Joseph Zammit
Eileen Kraus

In memory of our clients

The following are the names of St. John Center clients who have died in the last year. May they rest in peace.

Jerry Beddingfield

Michael Booker

William Clark

Dion Colbert

James Patrick Daniels

Brook Driver

Lonnie Graham

Blair Harmon

James Hayes

Nathaniel Hill

James Jeffries Jr.

Ira Kendall

Nick Kendrick

Charles Little

Michael Norman

Jessica Palmer

Lacey Payne

Charles Sauter

Chad Smith

Mitchell Sneed

Michael Stansbury

