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Mission Statement

Urged by the love of Christ, and in the spirit of our founder, Elizabeth Ann Seton, we Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati strive to live Gospel values.

We choose to act justly, to build loving relationships, to share our resources with those in need, and to care for all creation.

Sisters of Charity Sponsored Ministries

Bayley – a continuing care retirement community that offers a full spectrum of health and wellness lifestyle options.

Mount St. Joseph University – a coeducational, Catholic liberal arts university.

DePaul Cristo Rey High School – a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young adults with economic need.

Seton High School – a comprehensive, Catholic high school for girls.

St. Joseph Home of Cincinnati – a residential and respite center for children and adults with severe developmental disabilities.

Building Loving Relationships

By S. Maureen Heverin

On December 16, 2014, St. Joseph Home dedicated its first Community Home with a ribbon cutting and house blessing ceremony. The Community Home will provide residential services to four individuals with severe developmental disabilities and other medical needs in a state-of-the-art home which includes private bedrooms, spacious living areas, large bathrooms with top-of-the-line tub technology, finished basement and covered patio. Construction emphasizes energy efficiency and sustainability. The home affords new residents the very best in comfort and accessibility.

The St. Joseph Community Home values housing environments where all members receive the maximum level of support they need so that they are valued by, belong to, and fully participate in their community. It is part of St. Joseph Home's commitment to build loving relationships.

Those are the facts but the rest of the story is about the residents who will call this place "home." There will be four residents – Joe and Keisha, who are brother and sister, and Nathan and Chris. I had the pleasure of meeting and spending a little time with Joe and his mom and dad at the celebration.

Joe is a handsome 20-year-old with a great smile and quick wit. He is physically challenged but mentally will be challenging the staff and his housemates! From the conversations we had I learned that he speaks up for his sister, Keisha, who is non-verbal, but as their dad says, "She speaks with her eyes." Their mom and dad have adopted seven "special needs" children over the years but are dealing with medical problems themselves and are concerned for the future care of their children. Their daughter, Katie, is a resident of St. Joseph Home so they know the quality of care offered here.

This new home will offer an opportunity to live with as much independence and self-direction as possible in a safe environment.

St. Joseph Home president/CEO Michael Rench expressed this hope in these words: "The gifts to create this home were investments in building productive and meaningful lives for adults living with disabilities and bringing joy and comfort to their families."



Joe, one of the four residents of St. Joseph Home's first Community Home, cuts the ribbon during the house blessing ceremony in December.

Good News From ...



Adrienne Walsh (left), president and CEO of Bayley, presents the Bayley Mission Award to Donna Gray.

Seton High School which won a \$25,000 grant from State Farm's Celebrate My Drive competition for the third consecutive year! Families, friends, and alumnae voted for Seton out of thousands of participating schools. Each year, Seton has given a portion of the award toward developing programs that teach safe driving habits. Seton continues its exceptional service learning program providing educational and fun experiences for Holy Family, Roberts and St. Lawrence schools. They also participate in three mission trips a year in Liberty, Kentucky, where they assist Amish and Mennonite families who do organic farming.



Seton High School students participated in a mission trip to Liberty, Kentucky, this past summer.



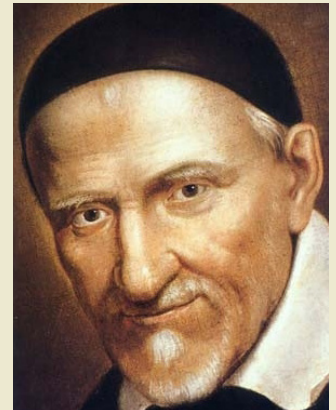
DPCR Principal Andrew Farfsing, senior Shaniya Isaac and UC President Dr. Santa Ono. Shaniya had just learned she's been accepted to UC.

Mount St. Joseph University which received a positive report from the Department of Education after its fall evaluation visit to the campus and where the search for a candidate for directorship of the newly-formed physician-assistant program is nearly completed.

DePaul Cristo Rey High School where 72 students took the placement test compared to 32 students of last year and where the Corporate Work Study Program CEO and Partner Appreciation Breakfast on Dec. 10 acknowledged the tremendous achievements of DePaul Cristo Rey, especially in the speech given by Dr. Santa Ono, President of the University of Cincinnati. Finally, faculty member Dr. Manual Iris has become one of the youngest poets to win the Rudolfo Figueroa Mexican national poetry award.



Words of Wisdom



“Your monasteries are the houses of the sick; your cell a hired room; your chapel, the parish church; your cloister, the streets of the city; your inclosure, obedience; your grille, the fear of God; your veil holy modesty.”

- St. Vincent de Paul




“Charity alone gives a knowledge of the greatness of God.”

- St. Louise de Marillac

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