



TOUCHING LIVES EVERYDAY ST FRANCIS FOUNDATION OF MILWAUKEE INC

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Take A Tour!

We would love to have you for a quick visit. The St. Francis Foundation is offering "Touching Lives Tours" at both ministries.

Come see what's new at Villa St. Francis on the **second Tuesday** of each month or take a look around the Child Development Center on the **second Thursday** of each month.

Upcoming Tours

February 9 –
Child Development
Center, 8:00 a.m.

February 14 –
Villa St. Francis,
8:00 a.m.

March 9 –
Child Development
Center, 8:00 a.m.

March 14 –
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Murry Family Scholarship Fund Announced

When Betty Murry decided to attend the St. Francis Foundation's Annual Dinner in December, she had no idea how special the evening was going to be. As each of the final speakers gave their report, a general theme began to emerge – the importance of the scholarship program at the Child Development Center. Sr. Brendan Bogdan, the Center's Administrator reported on how many families had benefited from the scholarship program this year and how critical it was to the Center's parents making sure their child kept receiving a high quality education.

The next speaker, Christina Cruz, spoke on the difference the scholarship program has made in her life. Annual Dinner guests' eyes welled up as they listened to Ms. Cruz describe the struggle she had gone through to find high quality care for her daughter. She told of her daughter's excitement every

morning now because she loves going to "school" at the Child Development Center.

Jane Hodnik, the Foundation's Executive Director, closed the evening with an announcement that Betty Murry couldn't believe. The Child Development Center's Scholarship Fund was going to be named the John and Betty Murry Scholarship Fund to honor the Murry family's long commitment to this Felician-sponsored ministry and a generous financial commitment made by the family.

"I never expected this, I've never had anything named after *me!*" said Betty later that evening.

The St. Francis Foundation is very pleased to have the opportunity to recognize the Murry family and their commitment to the Felician Sisters' ministries. If you or your family would like to learn about naming opportunities, please call Jane Hodnik at **414-645-9005**.

Jane's Column

Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter. With it we look forward to providing brief but important information to you on a regular basis. Please tell us what you think and what you'd like to read about. Watch for our donor report later this spring.

We've been in our new offices a bit over a year now. We're settled and very much enjoying the other residents at Villa St. Francis. We also spend as much time as possible at the Child Development Center seeing those happy faces.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the 2005 donors to St. Francis Foundation for providing funds for scholarships, toys and program expenses



Jane Hodnik, Executive Director

with gifts of over \$350,000 to the Center and \$70,000 to Villa.

This year much more is in store with our very own web site that will link to the other Felician Ministries. We're also very proud of the ministries we support and hope you'll give us the opportunity to show them off to you and your friends and associates through our Touching Lives Tours.

Renewed Focus, Renewed Spirit

At the beginning of 2005, the St. Francis Foundation focused its fund raising activities on two of the Felician Sisters' ministries on Milwaukee south side, the Child Development Center of St. Joseph and Villa St. Francis. Each of these ministries fulfills the Sisters' mission of caring for those most in need.

Over 200 children a day receive high quality early childhood education at the Child Development Center. The Center offers programs for infant and toddlers, pre-school age, and before and after

school care. A "Drop-off Care" program is available for parents who need short term care during the day. In addition, planning is underway for another exciting *Kid-Quest* summer program.

Villa St. Francis is home to over 100 active seniors. Residents receive nutritional meals, a wide range of personal services and opportunities to participate in a variety of social activities. Compassionate care extended by a committed and friendly staff distinguishes Villa as a residential community.

Respite Retreats are available for care giving families who need the assurance that their elderly family member is well cared for when they are not available.

New Faces



The St. Francis Foundation and the Felician Sisters welcomed two new Administrators to their respective Milwaukee ministries in 2005.

Linda Krause, took over the reins from Diane Stevens at the Villa in August. Linda has a strong history with the Felician Sisters from her days at St. Francis Hospital. She served on the Board of Directors of the Child Development Center of St. Joseph since 2001 and Villa St. Francis since 2002. Linda comes to this position with extensive experience in marketing for the health care industry.

Linda is active in her local Kiwanis and has been known to be out and about on the golf course during warmer months.

A New Look

The St. Francis Foundation, along with its sister entities, is sporting a new logo. Each of the Felician Sister sponsored ministries, Child Development Center of St. Joseph, Villa St Francis, Felician Services, Inc. and Felician Village in Manitowoc have the dove incorporated into their logos. For the Felician Sisters the dove is a symbol of peace and transformation, which are the tenants of their ministry.

Sr. Mary Brendan Bogdan became the Administrator at the Child Development Center of St. Joseph in October of 2005. Sr. Brendan moved to Milwaukee from Chicago after 40 years of working in various ministries for the Archdiocese of Chicago. She most recently served as a Provincial Councilor for 12 years for the Felician Sisters Chicago Province.

Sr. Brendan is finding her way around Milwaukee pretty well. She realized quickly that Mapquest hasn't taken into account the Marquette Interchange re-construction project when she found the exit she was supposed to take no longer existed!

The Foundation staff very much looks forward to working with both Linda and Sr. Brendan as we work to support these ministries.



Happenings

September 18
Fall Classic Golf
Outing at
Tuckaway in
Franklin

October 31
Touching Lives
Event
at the
Clarion Hotel

Our Mission

The mission of St. Francis Foundation is to promote and support ministries sponsored by the Felician Sisters in the Milwaukee communities through fund-raising activities.

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