



## ST FRANCIS FOUNDATION OF MILWAUKEE INC

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### Thank You!

Thank you to **Lincoln State Bank** and the **Waukesha County Community Foundation/Wauwatosa Savings Bank Fund** for their generous sponsorship of Kid-Quest this summer at the Child Development Center of St. Joseph!

### Congratulations!

The following individuals were elected as officers of the St. Francis Foundation Board of Directors at the Foundation's Annual Meeting in April:

George Minnich,  
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Special thanks to Jeralyn Meyer and Maria Monreal Cameron who have completed their terms as officers.

### It's Sum, Sum, Summertime!

It's bigger, it's bolder, it's better than ever – it's the 2006 Kid-Quest program at the Child Development Center of St. Joseph! One hundred children are attending this summer's program.

Back by popular demand are swimming lessons on a weekly basis, and karate, offered 10 times during the summer. There are so many wonderful opportunities for children in Kid-Quest from arts and crafts to baseball. Each child is participating in an activity of their choice.

Kid-Quest expanded this year to give younger children the chance to participate in summer-time activities. Now three-year olds can find their inner artist or learn the joys (or frustrations) of fishing. Over half of the children attending Kid-Quest are from low-income families. Support from the St. Francis Foundation and corporate funders ensure these children have a safe and nurturing place to spend their summer.

The Center's summer programming is in tune with its philosophy of developing the whole child. The Kid-Quest participants will develop their bodies with kickball, t-ball and baseballs, their minds with the help of a "Mad Scientist" and their spirits by learning teamwork, mentoring and leadership.

Volunteers are needed for Kid-Quest, to assist in the classrooms or chaperone field trips. If you can help, please contact Shelley Harris, at the Center at 414-645-5337.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the end of summer event on **August 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.** This event includes a karate demonstration, dance recital and to top it off--a pine box derby with cars the children build. See the difference your contribution has made in the life of a child this summer.

### Jane's Column

How do you say "thank you"? For Viola Pedriana, an orphan who lived at St. Joseph's Home for Children in the 1920's, the best way to express her gratitude for care received was to leave a gift in her will.

St. Francis Foundation and the Child Development Center were contacted earlier this year by Viola's family. The family wanted to give something back to the Felician Sisters so they continue providing care to the community's children. Climbing blocks for the toddler rooms were purchased and as you can see from the photo in this article, these blocks will get plenty of use by the Center's little climbers.



*A toddler at the Child Development Center finds the new climbing blocks to her liking.*

As you enjoy the summer weather remember that children's needs do not take a vacation.

This newsletter highlights just a few of the many programs that need your support. Please make a gift today so these ministries can continue their vital work. — Jane Hodnik, Executive Director

## Summer Soirées

How about an offer you can't refuse? Excellent food and great wine are yours to have while supporting a good cause. This summer the St. Francis Foundation is hosting a private dinner at **Il Mito Restaurant**, 605 W. Virginia Street on **Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Another event in our summer line-up is a social evening including Lo Duca wines being held on **Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at Villa St. Francis**. This is your opportunity to sip and savor fine wines with board members and the Felician Sisters.

Both events benefit the Milwaukee ministries of the Felician Sisters including the Child Development Center of St. Joseph and Villa St. Francis. Please plan to attend!

If you would like an invitation, please contact the Foundation office at 414-645-9005.

Watch for our new website.

[www.touchingliveseveryday.org](http://www.touchingliveseveryday.org)

## Looking Toward the Future

Did you know there are many ways to give besides cash to the St. Francis Foundation to ensure the future of the ministries of the Felician Sisters? By working with your financial advisor to include the St. Francis Foundation in your will or making the Foundation the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, you can leave a legacy that will help many well into the future.

Other options available in making a lasting gift to the Foundation include a gift annuity in which you exchange a gift of cash or securities for a guaranteed fixed income for the rest of your life; and a charitable trust. Numerous types of trusts are available depending on your needs and preference.

These giving options also have significant tax benefits.

Please speak with your attorney or financial advisor today about your wish to support these ministries through the Foundation. Contact Jane Hodnik at the St. Francis Foundation with any questions you may have about these giving options.

## Cocktails and a Movie

What better way to spend a Friday night? And instead of fighting traffic to get home, all you have to do is go the elevator, push a button and you're there. For residents at Villa St. Francis, this is what every other Friday night has in store. Since February, staff and volunteers have been part-time "bartenders". Residents enjoy light cocktails, snacks and socializing before heading into the Villa's dining room for a movie.

This is just one of the many activities Villa offers. A chance to socialize and have a little fun goes a long way towards keeping the residents active and engaged with their friends.



*"I haven't missed a Friday night movie night since they began. They sure are lots of fun!" – Doris, Villa St. Francis resident*

## Do You Know . . .

anyone that was a child at St. Joseph Orphanage, St. Joseph Home for Children or attended South Day Care Center of St. Joseph?

Please have them contact us at the St. Francis Foundation. Plans are already underway to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph Orphanage and we want to make sure these alumni receive an invitation to the festivities in 2007.

Please call the Foundation at 414-645-9005 with their contact information.

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