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- Thomas Jr. Emery Memorial Foundation awarded $15,000 towards a $36,000 three-year program for professional development for the care staff.
- Greater Cincinnati Foundation awarded $1,000 for supplies for the 2021 ‘Summer Camp’ program.
- The Mariner Foundation awarded $5,210 for specialized therapeutic equipment for residents under age five.
- The State of Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation awarded $115,000 toward expenses incurred for air filtration upgrades necessitated by COVID-19.

2021 Walk & Roll Invitational

Vice President of Advancement Jordan Huizenga thanked the Walk & Roll sponsors for their support in making this such a successful and celebratory day.

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During National Volunteer Week in April K of C Council #3382 St. Michael Parish - Sharonville, worked hard giving a spring cleaning to our hard-working vans that take our residents wherever they need and like to go, the doctor, the park, shopping and more. Patrick Quinn, the Knights’ Family Director was joined by Ed Jansing, Paul Asbrock and Moses Warnow.

K of C Council #10272 - St. Susanna Parish - Mason, led by Grand Knight George Dehnman, donated the proceeds of their 5th annual Classic Car Show to St. Joseph Home, as they have for several years. Cumulative donations total more than $24,000.

Thank You Knights of Columbus!

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Re-Opening = Re-Union at Adult Day Programs

On April 12, the sounds of karaoke, cheers for darts’ bulls-eyes, percussion instruments and more filled the Blue Ash location which serves 40, with a focus on in-house experiences, and the Sharonville location, which serves 28 participants who interact in the community regularly. Both programs are open and following COVID-19 guidelines from the Ohio Dept. of Developmental Disabilities.

Vice President of Community Services, Becky Watson, said, “We are thrilled and grateful to be able to offer services again. Most returnees are starting part-time and increasing participation as families see how it works getting back into a more normal routine again.”

Director of Day Programs, John van Gilse, said, “Opening the doors was one of the best moments I’ve had during this pandemic. We invite area families to check St. Joseph Home Adult Day programs to see if they meet their families’ needs.”

After being quarantined and cooped up, choosing to get together and get out and about are the favorite past times this spring.

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Making Choices Enriches Living

At SJH Adult Day Programs, participants grow their skills and abilities to live a full and rich life.

**Dane started using a dynamic communication device, programmed with individualized options, using eye tracking to make requests. That means he can choose what music and videos to watch by himself. His smiles reflect his excitement at his newfound independence.**

**Angie is practicing ‘driving’ her chair with a goal of navigating curb cuts to get to the entrance of places she wants to visit.**

**Perion graduated from the Bobbie B. Fairfax School where he was given the Happy Helper and School Charmer Awards! Congratulations!**

**Megan chose a candy store for her destination one day. The gummy bear selection was endless and the service was excellent. Plus, she said, “the guys behind the counter were cute.”**

Save the Date! Join us for our October 4th Golf Outing

The next St. Joseph Home Community Event is the annual golf outing on October 4 at Maketawah Country Club. Golfers play 18 holes in support of complex disability care. Tickets and sponsorships are available.

**REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**
Lunch, a round of golf, cart rental, open bar and light bites on the pavilion afterwards. Gear and bourbon raffles throughout the day.