



THE VILLAGE
AT INCARNATE WORD

THE VIEW

A Publication for Residents, Staff, Families, and
Friends of The Village at Incarnate Word



Looking Forward to 2022! ✨

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To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.



Message From Paul Harrison

President and
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends of The Village,

As we celebrate our new year, we reflect on the many things we were thankful for throughout 2021. At a recent employee celebration, the group talked about being "proud of our people." The Village's "people" go beyond our staff and residents.

Board of Trustees Chairman, William (Rick) F. Grinnan Jr. is one of the people we are proud to call part of The Village family. He joined our board in January 2016. His heart for the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, and passion for The Village's mission, led him to the position of board chairman in 2018.

During his tenure, he brought on new trustees, strengthened the board, elevated our annual gala, and helped lead The Village through a period of growth and the turbulent waters created by the pandemic. Although Rick is departing, The Village remains in great hands.



Dana Wheeler Terracina begins her tenure as The Village's board chair for 2022 this January. Dana is a native Wisconsinite who attended Marquette University where she received her Bachelor of Science in nursing. Before retiring, Dana was blessed to practice her nursing profession in many different capacities serving people from diverse populations.

After moving to San Antonio, she became involved in community service work with nonprofits such as Respite Care of San Antonio, San Antonio Academy, South Texas Juvenile Diabetes Association, and the UT Health San Antonio School of Nursing.



Dana's passion for community service led her to join The Village's board in 2016. Before accepting the role of board chair, she chaired The Village's Development Committee, and subsequently the Public Relations and Marketing Committee, all the while as vice chair for our board.

She has proudly raised five children and has fun with her nine grandchildren. We are proud to call Dana part of The Village family.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank Rick and Dana for their service to The Village.

All of us at The Village hope your Christmas was filled with peace and joy, and may your 2022 be filled with blessings.

kindest regards,

Paul Harrison



Living our Mission

Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI
Mission Integration Director



“For all that has been, Thanks. For all that will be, Yes!”

This quote from Dag Hammarskjold, the second United Nations Secretary-General (1953-1961), and 1961 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, offers a context for this issue of *The View*. Looking back on 2021, most of us probably feel like it was a “mixed bag” of blessings and curses.

Certainly, the brief summer respite from rampant Covid infections and a return to some sense of normalcy is a blessing, but what about the surges that preceded that respite and the ones that followed? Can we as people of faith find some blessing there? Can we find God’s presence in the many faithful healthcare and “essential” workers, including our own dedicated staff members, who put aside their fears, limited their other activities and came in every day to care for patients, stock grocery shelves and assist our residents in everyday matters?



We can hardly be grateful for the deaths, 800,000 in our country alone and growing every day, but we can be grateful to have known these people and to have shared joys and sorrows with them in the years before they died. We can be grateful that their deaths did not mark an obliteration into nothingness, but rather a transition to a new and glorious life. During the depths of Covid, many felt isolated and depressed, but many discovered new hobbies or rediscovered old ones. Many saw new opportunities to reach out to the next-door or across-the-street/hall neighbors; they found ways to bring comfort and strength to others through simple acts of kindness – and found themselves being comforted and strengthened in the process.

All that has been said about dealing with the epidemic can also be said about the Great February Freeze. While no one was thrilled to be in the midst of it, we saw our staff make heroic efforts to care for residents, including moving in! Empty apartments and offices became places of rest and refuge for workers who thought that if they left, they might not be able to return so they stayed around the clock for several days. For them we say, “THANKS!”



After looking back on the blessings of 2021, with trust in God’s providential love, we can say “Yes!” to whatever 2022 brings. It seems like Covid in its many variants will be around, but we have learned how to cope with it better. Maybe we’ll have to get Covid boosters every year, but thank God we have the vaccines and they are readily available. No one will be surprised if there is another weather-related calamity of some kind, but with the help of friends and neighbors, those most deeply affected will be cared for and in the process may discover just how much they are loved.

For all that has been, Thank you God. For all that will be, Yes, Lord we believe you are always with us.

There's Snow Place Like Home!



It can be difficult to consider a move during the winter months and a pandemic. The Village at Incarnate Word understands this can be overwhelming. We would like to help make this transition as simple and safe as possible.

Winter Special!

3 months
FREE rent!*



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Call our senior living
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Community Features



Four Living Areas: Independent Living, Assisted Living, Extended Care, and Memory Care



Centrally located in Alamo Heights



Concierge, Housekeeping, Maintenance, and Transportation Services



Restaurant and Bistro Style Dining



Indoor Pool and Fitness Center

Testimonial

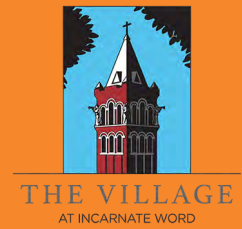
"Before moving into Independent Living at The Village at Incarnate Word mom was just existing... now she is living!"

- Henry H.

*Restrictions apply.
Call for details.



Skilled Nursing Services now available!



The Village at Incarnate Word (TVIW) welcomed its first client to its skilled nursing unit on October 2, 2021. Earlier in the year, DeMatel House Extended Care was certified by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) as a skilled nursing facility (SNF).

What is a skilled nursing facility (SNF)?

A SNF is an in-patient rehabilitation and medical treatment center staffed with trained medical professionals. Skilled nursing care is a high level of medical care that must be provided by or under the direct supervision of licensed health professionals, such as registered nurses (RNs) and physical, speech, and occupational therapists. These services can be necessary over the short term for rehabilitation from an illness or injury, or they may be required over the long term for patients who need a high level of care on a frequent or constant basis due to a chronic medical condition.



Examples of skilled nursing services include wound care, intravenous (IV) therapy, injections, catheter care, physical therapy, and monitoring of vital signs and medical equipment. Skilled nursing care must be ordered by a doctor to be covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private health insurance. As a SNF, TVIW offers our residents the benefit of receiving skilled services on-site in DeMatel House as part of the continuum of care services.



In addition to the benefit of SNF services, TVIW has partnered with Select Rehabilitation.

As a provider of on-site therapy services, Select Rehabilitation focuses on maintaining function, enhancing quality of life, and overall wellness. Their goal is to assist and support the residents in maintaining an active and healthy lifestyle by offering proactive, comprehensive therapy services. Select Rehabilitation staff will offer services within the DeMatel House SNF as well as to residents in independent living and assisted living through their outpatient program.

For more information about skilled nursing services,

Call Alma Cosme at (210) 829-7561 x114 or email at alma.cosme@thevillageiw.org.





SISTERS CARE
IN-HOME CARE

Since its founding in 1992, Sisters Care has been providing quality in-home care to individuals throughout the Greater San Antonio area.

Take a look below at some stories from clients and caregivers to see how they're making a difference!



Sandy Woodard, Caregiver

"I have a client who lost his leg a year ago in a car accident. This year, I noticed that he didn't have a Christmas tree so I asked him why. He shared with me that last Christmas he was homeless, so he doesn't have much. So, a group of my friends and I decided to get him a tree and presents too. When I went to help him set up the tree and give him the presents, he started crying tears of joy.

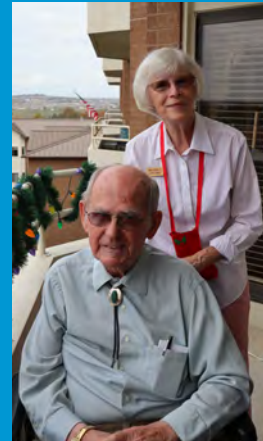
I love that I get to take care of people. I get to root for the underdogs and help bring them out of their shells. It's the best job I've ever had."

Roger and Beverly La Fond, Clients

Roger, 88, and Beverly, 84, met in the Air Force in 1961. They were married in 1962 and will celebrate their 60th anniversary in 2022.

In 1986, Roger had three cerebral hemorrhages. Despite a doctor saying that he would only live five more years, Roger has lived comfortably for over three decades. He communicates mostly non-verbally and requires around the clock care. Luckily, he has a loving and patient caregiver in Beverly and assistance from other caregivers through Sisters Care.

Caregivers have assisted the La Fonds with various tasks, but the most noteworthy is respite care. With respite care, Beverly can go out of town or run errands and know that a skilled caregiver is with Roger and can tend to his needs while she is away. When with Roger, caregivers provide assistance cleaning and dressing him, escorting him to meals, transferring him to bed, housekeeping, and more. Beverly and Roger are grateful to caregivers Diana, Michelle, Rosalinda, and Sisters Care office staff Frances, Clarice, Jennifer, and others for all of their assistance over the years.



Anna Garza, Caregiver

"The best part about being a caregiver is the clients. They're so sweet. I don't see them as a job - I see them as family. I tell them the reason I see them that way is because I know that we're all headed that way and when I'm their age, I would love someone to treat me the way that I treat them.

I help with cooking, laundry, light housekeeping, or just being there to spend time with them. I especially love plants, so I will even re-pot plants or do outside work for some people. It's not in the scope of normal caregiving duties, but I don't mind going above and beyond. If it puts a smile on a client's face, I'm more than willing to do that."

Would you or someone you love benefit from caring, personalized assistance at home?

Call Sisters Care at (210) 733-9800
for a free consultation today!



Evening in the Garden — REIMAGINED —

Benefiting The Village at Incarnate Word

THANK YOU!

On October 28, 2021, Evening in the Garden – Reimagined – raised \$131,170 for The Village at Incarnate Word’s (TVIW’s) charitable ministries. This hybrid event featured a live broadcast on Facebook (watch at bit.ly/eigvideo) and two official watch parties at TVIW. Board members and staff gathered safely in TVIW’s assembly room, while residents celebrated in the main dining room.

The program featured remarks from Dana Wheeler Terracina, TVIW’s board vice chair, and Paul Harrison, TVIW’s president and CEO. In a surprise appearance, Most Rev. Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S., archbishop of San Antonio, appeared in the video presentation of awards to the 2021 honorees, Very Rev. Kevin P. Fausz, C.M., V.U., and the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to our honorees, raffle winners, and a special thanks to all event sponsors, donors, committee, board, and staff who made this event a success!

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Honorees



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Raffle Winners

Grand Prize
Olga A.

2nd Prize
Kathleen B.

3rd Prize
Martha B.

WHY SUPPORT TVIW?

The Village at Incarnate Word is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing the full continuum of care to older adults in a spiritually enriched environment.

Every dollar raised impacts the lives of older adults served by TVIW and our ministries. To learn more about our charitable efforts or to make a donation, visit bit.ly/tviwgiving



CCVI Legacy Fund

Rent Assistance for TVIW residents

Provides monthly rent subsidies for current residents of TVIW who encounter serious financial difficulties and become unable to pay.



Project Elder Help

In-Home Care for low-income older adults

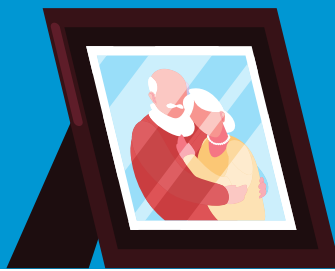
Through Sisters Care, necessary in-home personal assistance services are provided to eligible low-income adults on a sliding scale basis.



Spiritual Life

Fellowship for TVIW residents

Spiritual programs include daily Mass and Adoration in TVIW chapels, weekly Bible study, and other interfaith groups.



All About Our Residents

We sent an end-of-year questionnaire to some TVIW residents - read what a few wrote below!

Sylvia S.

Hometown:

Sheboygan and Milwaukee, WI

Favorite Memory:

Living very close to Lake Michigan.

My 2022 Wish:

Tour the USS Texas battleship because my parents were married aboard while my Dad was stationed there on Oct. 23, 1934.

Sr. Juanita

Hometown:

Hereford, TX

Favorite Memory:

Time spent in Peru.

Favorite People in 2021:

The poor and disenfranchized.

Connie M.

Hometown:

Victoria, TX

Favorite Song:

Solamente Una Vez

My 2022 Goal:

To talk to God and to accept the things I cannot change.

Doug M.

Hometown:

Baldwinsville, MA

Favorite Movie:

My Fair Lady (1964)

Favorite Things To Do:

Have breakfast with friends and listen to 30s/40s music.

John M.

Hometown:

Marshal, TX

Favorite Song:

La Vie En Rose or *Amarillo by Morning*

My 2022 Goal:

Be an example

Kathy O.

Hometown:

Tulsa, OK

Favorite Song:

Color My World

Favorite Things To Do:

Pray, go to Mass, walk, bike, swim, go to the beach.

Rose O.

Hometown:

Hillsboro, TX

Favorite 2021 Memory:

Learning to drive a car.

Favorite Person in 2021:

My friend, Tina Hatch.

Betty Y.

Hometown:

Alpine, TX

Favorite Movie:

Giant (1956), but only because my daughter was a 3 year old cast member.

Favorite 2021 Memory:

Grandson's Valedictorian speech at his high school graduation.

Loretta C.

Hometown:

Midland, TX

Favorite Food:

My Mother's homemade fried chicken and her pies!

My 2022 Goal:

F.R.O.G - Fully Rely On God!! Smile as I pass by anyone! And always practice "The Golden Rule" Matthew 7:12.

Betty S.

Hometown:

Gatesville, TX

Favorite Memory:

My first date with my husband when we saw the movie "Love is a Many Splendid Thing."

My 2022 Goal:

Writing my memoir.

Norma C.

Hometown:

Albuquerque, NM

Favorite Memory:

Traveling in an RV from state to state with my husband, Ron.

My 2022 Goal:

Learn more about the Bible with Fr. Jim.

Sr. Mary Dolores

Hometown:

Kildare, Ireland

Favorite Song:

Danny Boy - it brings me home!

My 2022 Goal:

Learn that miserable technology! Zooming is for the birds!!!



or visit bit.ly/tviwplaylist

AROUND THE HOUSE

Happy Holidays



Volunteers and TVIW residents decorate



Rosario and Margaret



Betty and Byron



Virginia with her Christmas stocking



Jacqueline and family



Juliette with her Christmas craft



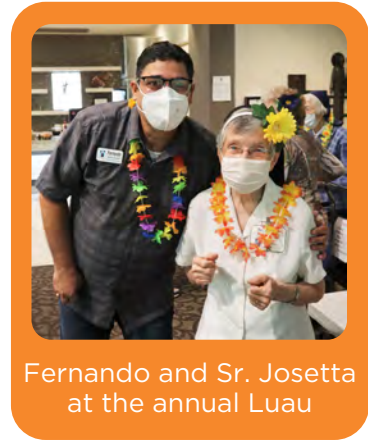
Rosita holding her handmade wreath



Sr. Angela and Nelly



Charlie and Kathy at a UIW football tailgate party



Fernando and Sr. Joetta at the annual Luau



Valerie, Sharon, and Betsy visit the Botanical Garden



Jeanine holds a slithery friend from Happy Tails



Jo Ann with Pat and Virginia



Residents go on a walk and have tea at Brackenridge Park

Thank you!

Gifts received Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2021

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George Burton
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Shirley Wagner

In Memory of...

Don Beeler
Susan Brotheman
Niki Simpson
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boehm
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In Memory of...

Nancy Daleiden
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In Memoriam

Sept. 1 - Dec. 31, 2021

Residents

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Emma Campbell
Marietta Casanova
Dr. Joseph "Joe" DeGaspari
Maria Griffith
Betty Harmon
Antonio "Tony" Kazen
Catherine Kolodejczak
Fr. Bob Lampert
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Helen Mason
Barrett "Travis" McKinney
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Raul Sandoval
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Rebecca Bustamante
Sisters Care

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



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Daniel Martin
Maintenance



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Ana Cantu
Extended Care



DEC
Jorge Rodriguez
Dietary

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Employees of the Month,
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ON THE COVER

TVIW residents Gladys, Myriam, Kathy, Rene, and Jack pose with sparklers at the 2021 resident Christmas dinner. For more resident pictures, go to page 9.



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