



THE VILLAGE
AT INCARNATE WORD

THE VIEW

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

Celebrations!

Everyday triumphs,
hope, and more!



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FALL 2021



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OUR MISSION

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



Message From Paul Harrison

President and
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends,

September 1st marked the beginning of The Village at Incarnate Word's fiscal year. As we approach two years of dealing with the negative effects of the global pandemic, we struggle with significant operational costs while our resident population remains 20% below pre-pandemic levels.

TVIW is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. To continue our mission and be good stewards, it was necessary to identify ways to reduce expenses in the new operating year.

It is with a heavy heart that I have decided to dissolve our Connections Community Outreach Program as part of our cost saving initiatives. The Village values its relationships with our community partners and instructors so this decision was not made lightly. If the right environment presents itself in the future, Connections can be brought back.

I want to thank Debbie Gonzales, past program manager, and Jennifer Sotello, current program manager. Both were committed to Connections, its members, donors, and enjoyed seeing the impact their efforts brought to peoples' lives. Jennifer is a great asset to The Village and will be transferring to our Human Resource Department.

A Mass of Thanksgiving had been planned in August by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word to say thank you to all those who have helped keep the Sisters and our residential community safe through the pandemic. Unfortunately, the Mass had to be cancelled due to the COVID surge caused by the Delta variant.

In lieu of the Mass, the Congregation commissioned artwork by local artist, and Texas Master Naturalist, Joy Fisher Hein to create a "Spiritual Bouquet of Prayers" to say thank you to The Village. A Spiritual Bouquet is a devotional practice for Catholics; acts and prayers on behalf of someone.

On the facing page, see the Spiritual Bouquet art and read a description by Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI Congregational Leader.

Thank you for your continued support of The Village at Incarnate Word.

Kindest regards to all,

"Prayers, like seeds, grow into God's great blessings."

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word present this work of art in honor of those who have worked so tirelessly the last few months to keep so many safe. We present this work of prayer -- this promise of spiritual energy flowing through The Village at Incarnate Word -- with deep gratitude for how you bless those you serve.

Each flower, plant, and tree, each butterfly and winged bird is a prayer that one of my sisters has offered over the last few months and will say for each of you into the future. Joy Fisher Hein painted into her work the reminder: "Prayers, like seeds, grow into God's great blessings."



Original art by Joy Fisher Hein,
Texas Master Naturalist

As we face yet another challenge, with staffing and morale and loss of life, I know that we have little else than the blessing of prayer to get us through one more day.

Thank you, and may God continue to bless the hands that extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ.

Yours in the Incarnate Word,

S. Teresa Maya

Sr. Teresa Maya, CCVI
Congregational Leader

Thank You, Connections

For 24 years, Connections served the greater San Antonio community. We are grateful to the staff, instructors, volunteers, participants, and donors who made this program so special.





Celebrations

Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI, MA
Mission Integration Director

In reflecting on the theme of celebrations, many events come to mind, some religious, some patriotic, and some just for fun.

During the summer, we celebrated the wondrous outpouring of the Holy Spirit on about 120 people, including the Apostles, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and other men and women who believed in Jesus and who were gathered in the upper room praying for “the gift of the Father” that Jesus had promised to them. This event is regarded as the Birthday of the Church.

On July 4th, we celebrated Independence Day commemorating the signing and publication of the Declaration of Independence by the members of the Continental Congress. It is regarded as the Birthday of our nation.

Also in July, we celebrated Employee Appreciation Day with deep gratitude for our committed employees who give of themselves daily to extend the healing ministry of Jesus to our residents and our whole community. It has been a very stressful year for everyone. Some gave up; some went elsewhere; many remained faithful, and we celebrated them.

Celebrations usually include rituals, particular actions or behaviors that somehow embody the event being celebrated. For example, Independence Day observances often include parades and fireworks, reminding us that our freedom required, not only in the Revolutionary War, but in many that followed, the commitment of men and women who fought for our freedom in the armed services. Parades remind us of soldiers marching into battle and fireworks remind us of the explosions made by cannons and bombs. Concerts of patriotic music move our souls to renew our own commitment to be faithful citizens.

The Catholic Christian tradition is rich in ritual and the use of symbols. When we come to worship God through the celebration of the Mass, we are recalling the Last Supper, the death of Jesus on the cross and his glorious resurrection on the third day. Our recalling is not just a remembering of past events, but an entering into those realities by the power of God’s grace.



Fourth
of July



Fiesta



Employee
Appreciation
Day

ON THE COVER

TVIW staff member, Norma, and TVIW resident, June, enjoy The Village’s annual Fiesta celebration. For more Fiesta photos, see page 10.

We celebrated the 33rd anniversary of the opening of The Village at Incarnate Word on September 8, 1988. Although Covid protocols and repair projects hampered some of our usual rituals, we most certainly gathered in prayer to thank God for 33 years of blessings upon our thousands of residents, co-workers, volunteers, and benefactors. Though we have had moments of sorrow, times of struggle and challenges, these were outweighed by experiences of great joy, of generosity, of community and of God’s presence in our midst.



YEARS OF TVIW

Groundbreaking,
1986



Sr. Angelica
Coleman, CCVI†



Jeanette Eisenmenger and
Sr. Margaret Nugent, CCVI†



The Village at Incarnate Word's Feast Day is March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord when the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she was to be the Mother of God, the Incarnate Word.

*"...and the Word was made flesh;
and dwells among us."*

Our History

The Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word's Motherhouse Convent and surrounding grounds were rebuilt to become a retirement community accepting lay and religious residents. For more than a century in San Antonio the Sisters had only lived among themselves, yet they were opening their "home" to all - religious and lay people. At the time, this was a big deal, and the enormous undertaking was spearheaded by former administrator Sister Angelica Coleman, CCVI†.

On September 8, 1988, Sisters from St. Joseph's Convent moved to The Village at Incarnate Word's new facilities; including DeMatel House licensed nursing and independent living in Alphonse, Madeline, Pierre, and Ignatius Houses.

Since our founding, The Village has continued to grow and meet the needs of older adults. In 2001, services expanded with the opening of Angelique House, assisted living Type B, the transition of Alphonse House to assisted living Type A, and the addition of a memory care unit. In 2008, Dubuis House was completed offering additional independent living apartments, a bistro, and a resident wellness center. 2008 also marked TVIW's merger with Sisters Care, a personal assistance service providing in-home care for individuals throughout greater San Antonio.

TVIW Today

There have been many changes over the years, but what has endured is our mission to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.

The Village at Incarnate Word is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and the only Catholic retirement community in San Antonio offering the full continuum of care. Included is independent living, three levels of assisted living, Medicare/Medicaid/private pay extended care nursing, and personal in-home care services through Sisters Care. Our campus is in the heart of San Antonio, adjacent to the University of the Incarnate Word and the Headwaters Sanctuary.

Although the faces of The Village have changed throughout the years, the imprint of each of their lives live within us. For more than three decades, we have been blessed to care for many wonderful people who have chosen to make The Village their home. Serving older adults - hearing their stories, learning from them, getting to know their families - is an awesome endeavor for which we are truly grateful.

"In the 27 years I have worked with the Sisters, I have admired their commitment to always putting the person first - not other's expectations, not the rules, not the shoulds and should nots - the person. Who does this remind you of? Jesus Christ. Making the needs of the person a priority."

- Jeanette Eisenmenger, Chief Operating Officer



Evening in the Garden

Benefiting The Village at Incarnate Word

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021 | VIRTUAL 12 P.M.



The Village at Incarnate Word serves older adults, a most vulnerable population to the unrelenting transmission of COVID-19. We have closely monitored how the Delta variant has impacted San Antonio. Due to fluctuations in the positivity rate, combined with a high transmission rate, it is with appropriate caution for the safety of our residents, beneficiaries, staff, donors, volunteers, families, and friends that we have decided to revise the format of our largest fundraiser of the year.

However, the needs of seniors do not stop for a pandemic. Your continued support is vital in sustaining TVIW's mission to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.

It has been 19 months since our last major special event. Although we had looked forward to meeting again in person for the Evening in the Garden, we will reimagine a modified version on Facebook Live. For a convenient break in your day, make plans to join us online Thursday, October 28th at 12 noon for a short program. TVIW will present awards to this year's honorees then draw raffle winners for prizes including a \$2,500 gift card, restaurant and entertainment packages, wine, spirits, craft beer, and more.

Honorees



Very Rev. Kevin
P. Fausz, C.M., V.U.



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Now, more than ever, support of this event is essential to TVIW's charitable ministries. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our sponsors, those who purchased individual tickets, and TVIW donors. With the new format, your sponsorship/ticket is 100 percent tax-deductible. For current participants, updated receipts will be forwarded.

SPONSORSHIP

100% of Contribution Tax-Deductible

Trailblazers \$7,500

- Special recognition on Facebook Live event
- 20-second sponsor provided video about partnership with TVIW to be aired
- Logo in event invitation, program, website, and all other print/digital materials
- 6 Pre-event and 2 Post-event social media posts

Leaders \$5,000

- Facebook Live Shoutout
- Name listed in event invitation, program, website, and all other print/digital materials
- 4 Pre-event and 1 Post-event social media posts

Influencers \$2,500

- Name listed in event program and post-event print/digital

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- Name listed in post-event print

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**Listing as of September 1, 2021*

TVIW BIG GIVE



SEPTEMBER
23, 2021

Help our community generate HOPE and SECURITY

The winter storm that hit San Antonio in February was a shock to our entire community. Loss of power posed the biggest threat to the health and safety of our residents. We were able to maintain power to essential areas including extended care nursing, kitchens, and some elevators with the use of many smaller back-up generators. However, this was a short-term solution.

In accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) COVID-19 Operational Guidance, long-term care facilities should have functional emergency generators to keep power systems operational during an emergency to reduce patient movement.

To purchase and install a 150kw emergency back-up generator, we must raise a total of \$80,000. To date, \$10,000 has been committed and pending grants are \$57,000, but that's not a guarantee.

Please help us fill the gap!

Why is power so essential for retirement and assisted living communities?

- In extreme cases, loss of heating or cooling can lead to negative health outcomes
- Loss of lighting increases likelihood of falls and/or other accidents
- Mobility devices including elevators, motorized wheelchairs, and chair lifts are affected
- Interruptions in electricity can make medical and monitoring devices ineffective
- Residents' ability to use phones to contact family or staff for help can be impacted
- No refrigeration may lead to spoiled medication and food



Help us reach our Big Give goal by
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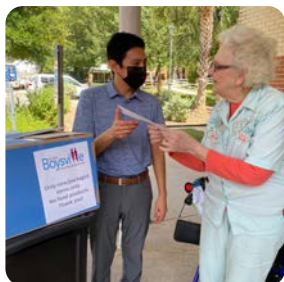
Celebrating our Village

Resident Superstars!



Residents Give Back

In recognition of World Humanitarian Day, residents gathered donations of socks and undergarments for Boysville and toilet paper for Visitation House Ministries.



They also raised over \$300 for both charities. Thank you, TVIW residents, for your generosity and commitment to serving our community!

Staff Success Story

CCVI sister and TVIW resident, Sr. Bernardine, is still teaching and changing lives, even in retirement! Dietary staff member, Jorge, shared that for two years, he would come in on his days off to meet with Sr. Bernardine to receive English lessons. Thanks to Jorge's determination and Sr. Bernardine's generosity, Jorge passed his citizenship test in June 2021. Congratulations, Jorge, and thank you, Sr. Bernardine for being an example to us all!



Back to School

This August, several TVIW residents continued their education at The University of Incarnate Word. Congrats to the following individuals on their studies: Tom Bridges, Beverly McDonald, Jo Ella Doggett, and Joan Carabin (not pictured).

Resident Spotlight The Broadway Players

TVIW's resident acting group, The Broadway Players, was founded in 2019 by TVIW resident and retired teacher, Robert Poole. They have produced and performed four original plays, all written by Mr. Poole and Sr. Juanita Albracht, CCVI.

All plays are in the style of Readers Theatre, one of the most popular performance styles in Senior Theatre, which offers a flexible and creative format and doesn't require actors to memorize. All original plays are performed seated with limited props and costumes. The plays have ranged from comedies to dramas, offering a wide variety of theatrics that every actor really gets into. The Broadway Players have brought so much fun and creativity to The Village!

Residents interested in joining should sign up at the activity board. Actors must attend all rehearsals and performances. No experience is required.

Pictured in Header: The cast of The Broadway Players recent production: Bob, Sharon, Joan, Sr. Mary T, Robert, Sr. Josetta, and Sr. Angela

Celebrating our Staff



Employees of the Month

May



Yolanda Teniente
Concierge

June



Maria Salas
Dietary

July



Linda Rios
Assisted Living

August



Doris Singleton
Marketing

To see all 2020 and 2021 Employees of the Month, visit thevillageiw.org/blog

2021 Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to these team members on their landmark anniversaries.*
Thank you for your dedication!

20 Years

Ruth Esparza
Christine Inouye
Darlene Martinez
Sherry Shaver
Nancy Blythe
Mary Jane Aguirre

10 Years

Crystal Morales
Stacey Jones
Mary Saldana
Dolores Pimentel
Topacio Rodriguez

15 Years

Irene Puentes
Kathy Brooks

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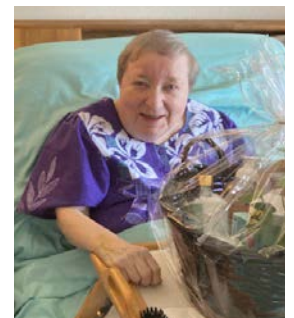
Sisters Care at The Village has been extremely blessed to have so many dedicated caregivers as part of the Sisters Care team.

To show our appreciation, Sisters Care office staff treated our caregivers to an afternoon of pampering! All caregivers were gifted different skin care products, cosmetics, and each left with a scented bath bomb. This pampering event gave our caregivers a well-deserved break, and an opportunity to be celebrated for their dedication and service during these challenging times.

Sisters Care is thankful for each member of our staff and everything they do to embody our mission: extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.



Congratulations also to our Sisters Care client, pictured on the right, who won our gift basket raffle! After such a long and strenuous year, everyone deserves a little pampering.



AROUND THE HOUSE

Viva Fiesta



Joyce and Terry



John and Sr. Louise



Sally and Virginia



Xonia



Sr. Joseetta and Nelly



Sr. Juanita and Texas Cavaliers



Stephanie and Connie



Bob and Esther



Patsy and Mary Alice visit an art exhibit at UIW



Terri poses with Connie after a cello concert in the Bistro



Bob and Joan enjoy a visit to the McNay



Therese celebrates Helen at Birthday Feast Day



Carmen says hello to a critter during a Happy Tails visit



Independent Living residents listen to a Musical Monday performance



Gifts received:

May 25, 2021 - September 1, 2021

During this season of gratitude, we would like to express our appreciation for the many donors and volunteers who have supported The Village at Incarnate Word over the years. Thank you for your continued support and belief in our mission.

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In Memoriam

May 26, 2021 -
September 1, 2021

The Village at Incarnate Word is grateful for the opportunity to have served the following individuals:

Margaret Birmingham
James "Jim" Coleman
Sr. Margaret Mary Daly, CCVI
Gladys Guido
Anna Hollingsworth
Susan Hosek
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Evening in the Garden

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