

THEVIEW

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



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The Village: A Burst of Spring A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

Dear Sisters, Residents, Families, and Friends of The Village,

Spring bursts forth in all its glory—colorful blooms, brighter days, and hearts lifted with joy. What a gift it is to step into this season of renewal, where every flower and breeze whispers of God's overflowing grace. It's a time to awaken our spirits, grow deeper in faith, and live boldly with love that knows no bounds, compassion that reaches all, and a purpose anchored in His will.

This is the essence of spiritual vitality and the enriched, authentic lifestyle at The Village at Incarnate Word. Here, vibrant living is not just a philosophy, it's a way of being. We are committed to engaging every resident in body, mind, and spirit through meaningful programs, faith-centered care, and a strong sense of community. From wellness classes to spiritual enrichment and lifelong learning, we strive to foster joy, connection, and a sense of purpose each day.

As we enter this season of reflection and celebration, I'm honored

to share a milestone that reflects this mission. The Village at Incarnate Word has been named San Antonio's Best Senior Living Community for three consecutive years — 2023, 2024, and 2025. This recognition highlights our unwavering dedication to compassionate, faith-based care and the vibrant life we cultivate here every day.

This year we also added to that legacy by being awarded 2nd Place for Friendliest Staff—a beautiful testament to the warm, faith-filled hospitality that defines our daily interactions with our team. The three-year streak as San Antonio's Best Senior Living Community exemplifies the impact of a team and community deeply committed to uplifting others. The team's achievement serves as a benchmark for others in the industry and a testament to the power of compassionate care and community spirit.

To receive these honors during Older Americans Month is especially meaningful, as we reflect on the wisdom, resilience, and contributions of our seniors. This recognition not only celebrates the quality of care we provide but affirms our calling to serve with special hearts, unwavering faith, and to strive for excellence.

We can only accomplish this status with support of our Sisters, residents, families, friendly staff and community advocates. Your trust and love have made this honor a reality. Thank you!

With warm regards,

Le Roy Fields Campbell

CEO, The Village at Incarnate Word



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OUR MISSION

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

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The View magazine is created and edited by Terri Landez, The Village's Social Media and Creative Manager.

Written by Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI, MA Mission Integration Director

In considering this year's theme for Older Americans Month, Flip the Script on Aging, I recalled a passage from the prophet Isaiah:

Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. - Isaiah 43:19

Isn't this what we are trying to do - to put both the contributions and the needs of older Americans into a different focus, into something new?

The days of looking at people over 65 as "over the hill" and ready to sit on the couch and watch soap operas or old movies are definitely passed. As the oldest Baby Boomers approach 80 years of age and the youngest have completed their 60th year, we see enormous accomplishments and dreams still being fulfilled.

One of the accomplishments of the Boomer generation has been a growth in philanthropy, charitable giving and volunteerism. This is not to say that these were not facets of life in previous generations, but rather to recognize that there has been a significant growth in these good deeds as many Boomers have generously

supported various nonprofits and causes that promote the greater good of humankind.

This phenomenon is easily seen among the residents of The Village, as is volunteerism. Whether it be as liturgical ministers during Mass or visiting and/or bringing Communion to room-bound residents, or serving as Resident Ambassadors to assist new residents to "learn the ropes" or knitting caps for cancer patients, our residents are happy to pitch in where there is a need.



Village resident learning how to loom hats for charity

Boomers are credited with bringing a greater emphasis on health and wellness by promoting fitness, healthy foods and regular check-ups. This has led to healthier lifestyles and increased longevity around the world. Our residents continue to seek fitness through participation in the many activities offered by our fitness instructor, Andrea Tercero.

Another important contribution of the Boomer generation is the promotion of higher education and efforts to make post-high school education available to more young people. Our residents continue to value ongoing learning through auditing classes at UIW, participating in a reading club sponsored by the Landa Public Library and by taking advantage of the many cultural and educational activities offered by our Life Enrichment Coordinator, Nellyvette Martinez-Gonzales. Likewise, residents in Angelique and **DeMatel Houses, benefit from** programs offered by their Activity Directors, Alma Muñoz and Anna Perez, respectively.

Stewardship of the environment and efforts to care for our planet have been dear to the hearts of many Boomers and continue to motivate our residents to participate in letter-writing and online petitions to promote the preservation of God's creation and the welfare of humanity. In the Book of Revelation, we read: "And the One who was sitting upon the throne, said, "Behold, I make all things new." In 2025, we say: "Flip the Script on Aging." What was old is now new!



Resident, Tony, participates in one of our community's favorite fitness classes: Badminton!

SENIOR MYTHS AND MUST-KNOWS Q&A with Alma Cosme

The answers to all the questions you and your loved ones have had about retirement living, but have been too afraid to ask!





MEET ALMA

Alma Cosme has worked at The Village for 16 years as Vice President of Marketing & Business Development. She has over 31 years of experience in the senior living industry. To learn more about life at The Village, call Alma at (210) 829-7561 ext. 114.

What are some of the most common myths about senior living communities—and specifically The Village?

A big myth about senior living is that it's only for people in their 80s or 90s. We welcome residents 55 and older — and most residents tell us that they wish they had moved in sooner! At The Village, we also hear myths that you have to be Catholic to live here or that only nuns live here. In reality, we are home to residents of all faiths and backgrounds.

Is senior living only for people who need daily care?

Not at all. Most residents at The Village live independently and enjoy an active lifestyle, with amenities like our indoor pool, wellness center, and the option to audit classes at UIW. If additional support is ever needed, we offer all levels of care and supportive services including our concierge "Peace of Mind" program, Select Rehabilitation services, and in-home care from dedicated Sisters Care caregivers.

Can I afford senior living or is it too expensive?

We offer floor plans and options for people of many income levels. Many people are surprised to find how cost-effective senior living can

be compared to staying at home — especially when factoring in expenses like dining, housekeeping, maintenance, gym memberships, property taxes, in-home care, and more. By taking advantage of our included amenities, you might even end up saving money. Not to mention, many residents and family members say that the peace of mind they find living here is priceless.

Do you have any tips or recommendations for downsizing?

It can be hard to part with items that hold special memories, but now is the time to think about blessing your family or your friends with your treasures that you want them to enjoy. If you feel overwhelmed, there are resources available. We partner with a moving company called Generations Team that specializes in senior living and can help you downsize, donate, or hold an estate sale.

How can I see if life at The Village is right for me or my loved one?

We offer a 30 day trial stay for new residents to come live at The Village and see what it's really like here. After experiencing it for themselves, we often hear people say, "I never knew senior living could be like this!" Nine out of ten times, they decide to stay and make The Village their new home.

When should I start looking into senior living for myself or my loved one?

It's never too early to educate yourself about your options. There's a common feeling that it's "too soon," but once people explore their options, they often feel relief. Planning early and understanding what's available can help you make an informed decision that doesn't feel rushed.

AROUND THE HOUSE



JANUARY - MARCH 2025



Bill attends a Ballet Folklorico show at the Tobin Center



Mavis & JoAnn pose with ballet dancers in CHRISTUS Heritage Hall



Jay, Joan, Patsy, Morgan, Sharon, & Kathy celebrate after winning Resident & Staff Trivia!



Sr. Carol meets a duck visiting DeMatel House



Sr. Brigid attends a welcome tea for the Sisters of Divine Providence



Alma & Bobbye toast on Incarnate Word Day



Sisters Sarah & Margaret celebrate St. Paddy's Day



Fr. Jim & Valerie at Ash Wednesday Mass



Sr. Mary T having fun in the courtyard



Barry, Gillian, & Gloria celebrate their birthdays in CHRISTUS Heritage Hall



Fannie Raye & Barbara attend a Mardi Gras party in the Main Dining Room



Karen, Bill, Jack, & Isabel go for a walk at the Japanese Tea Gardens.

FLIPPING THE SCRIPT ON AGING THROUGH

At The Village, creativity thrives at every age.
We are proud to showcase the artistic spirit of
our community. Whether through writing, poetry,
sewing, or handmade crafts, their work reflects a
lifetime of passion, skill, and imagination.





THE VILLAGE ABC'S

A Resident's Perspective Written by Rene Ornes

Artistic activities abound Blessed at Mass and adoration Central Market and CVS next door Dancing to music in the afternoon Each resident unique and valued Friends are quickly made Good food and plenty to drink Health and exercise promoted Interesting germane presentations Join in Bingo, cards or Mexican Train Kind words and smiles shared Lunch fun and creative at the Bistro Many opportunities to engage No one too old or too slow Only one check each month Pool that is indoors and heated Questions are given answers Recreation everyday Safe secure environment Trips to restaurants and shows Useful friendly maintenance crew Vaccinations offered Walks around campus or the Blue Hole. Xanadu of retirement communities You are special and cared for Zoo and Botanical Gardens nearby

NEEDLEWORK

Village residents have recently formed a Needlework Club which meets biweekly! Together, they work on projects including cross-stitch, quilting, embroidery, crochet, and more. Anyone is welcome to join.







Pictured here: Donna, Valerie, and Ruth

POEM

Written by Sr. Alice Holden, CCVI for a fellow Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Today Dear Lord, I'm 90

And there's so much I haven't done I hope dear Lord, you let me live until I'm 91.

But then, if I haven't finished all I want to do, Would you let me stay a while until I'm 92?

So many places I want to go, so very much to see, Do you think that you could manage to make it 93?

The world is changing very fast, There is so much in store, I'd like it very much to live until I'm 94.

And if by then I'm still alive, I'd like to stay until 95.

More planes will be up in the air, So I'd really like to stick — And see what happens to the world when I'm 96.

I know dear Lord it's much to ask, (and it must be nice in Heaven) But I would really like to stay until I'm 97.

I know by then I won't be fast And sometimes will be late But it would be so pleasant to be around at 98.

I will have seen so many things, And had a wonderful time, So I'm sure that I'll be willing to leave at 99 ... Maybe!

HAIKU

Written by Sr. Louise Delisi, CCVI

BELOVED JESUS
DIVINE ONE IN HUMAN FLESH,
MAKE ME MORE LIKE YOU.

EXTRAORDINARY TREASURES

By Sr. Juanita Albracht, CCVI

Nothing can match, in midsummer, the pristine blueness of a Texas sky; not even fields of clover and flowers waving in the fields nearby.

It somehow touches deep within this marvel of "pure blueness;" this gift of summer, feel it, sense it, in its deep-felt "fullness."

True blue! And God's love too; both felt in this blemish-less and beautiful sky. What a gift! Free. Open to all who care to see. And, some do, as they pass by.

Slowly, a cloud appears from the South, followed by another; and then, two more; beautiful whiteness; and shapes galore as in the clear blue sky they soar.

Almost vying with the radiant blue, the clouds, as they appear and pass by.

Double beauty; double giftedness.

Oh! How they complement the stunning blue sky.

Blessed are the eyes that see God's gift in both!

Treasures, signs of His love.

Nourishing one's interior and intimate growth.

STUDIO ART

Some residents – like Fredda W. & Tony P. – are lifelong artists. Fredda is pictured here with one of her bronze sculptures. Tony's original paintings are pictured to the right.







CIFT

By Sue Borden

Bouncing baby boy Source of joy

Special little boy Cherishing each toy

Special young student On questioning bent

Stubborn young student To holding on lent

Loving young child Sincere, without guile

Tender young child Tenacious yet mild.

POEM

By Anonymous Resident

The Law of Three
Describes the Trinity.
How God sent
The Holy Spirit
To dwell within me.



THE VILLAGE

By Bob Howard

At The Village, where the heart feels light, A home of warmth in the San Antonio night. The staff, with kindness, greet each day, Their caring hearts always lead the way.

A smile, a laugh, a hand to hold, A place where stories and memories unfold. Each step you take on these peaceful grounds, Where beauty blooms and joy surrounds.

The gardens are lush, the paths serene, A tranquil oasis, a lovely scene. Birds in the trees and flowers in bloom, Every corner whispers life's gentle tune.

The culinary delights, a feast to savor, Each meal a joy, each bite a flavor. From morning to night, the kitchen hums, Creating dishes that warm the soul, and make hearts succumb.

At The Village, life feels so sweet, A place where warmth and wonder meet. With friendly faces and meals divine, This is a place where you can truly shine.

The Village at Incarnate Word, a home so rare, Where love and laughter fill the air. Here, every moment is bright and new, A community that welcomes you.

Coted 2nd FRIENDLIEST STAFF IN THE CITYLE



We are thrilled to share that our team has ranked among the Friendliest Staff in San Antonio in the 2025 YourSA Express News Readers' Choice Awards! This recognition is a reflection of the care, dedication, and compassion each team member brings to work every day.

This honor belongs to every nurse, aide, caregiver, housekeeper, administrator, and maintenance team member who contributes to the loving environment we're known for. Thank you for embodying our mission and for making The Village a great place to work and live every day!

The Village at Incarnate Word is a great place to work! The people in this community show such passion in the work they do and care about the residents. Such a blessing to be a part of this great place!

Gwen Kline, DeMatel House Administrator

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

January - March 2025



JANUARY
Michael Ortiz
DeMatel House

Michael is a medication aide in DeMatel House and has been

employed at The Village for two years. He exemplifies our mission by providing compassionate care to the residents of DeMatel House each and every day. Along with his professional expertise, Michael's infectious sense of humor and positive energy make him a joy to work with. Thank you, Michael, for the smiles you bring to our Village!



FEBRUARY

Barbara Kuntz

Administration

Barbara is a receptionist at The Village and has been

employed at The Village for 2 1/2 years. She is kind and compassionate to everyone she encounters, from residents and coworkers to guests. She is dependable and picks up extra shifts when needed to help everything run smoothly. Thank you, Barbara, for greeting everyone with a smile and going above and beyond to provide excellent customer service!



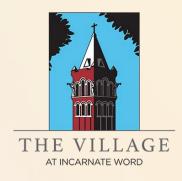
MARCH
Christian Flores
Housekeeping

Christian has worked at The Village for almost a year as a

member of the housekeeping team. He is known by teammates as "Flash," and lives up to his nickname by tackling every task with incredible speed and efficiency. His creative thinking, proactivity, and eye for detail ensure our community is always sparkling clean! Thank you, Christian, for the energy, initiative, and valuable ideas you bring to our Village every day.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGIVING CAMPAIGN



As we embark on our first-ever Annual Giving Campaign, we invite you to commit to joining our Village in support of our mission. Together, we can continue to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.

EASTER LILY TRIBUTES

This Easter season, generous donors blessed our community chapels with lilies given in honor or memory of their loved ones. The names of those recognized by these heartfelt tributes are listed below.

In Memory of...

Janet Boroski Clyde D. Cox Richard and Kathleen Conway Jim Coleman and Randy Coleman John, Leona, Geri, and Billye Eveler Eulalio and Susie Garza Robert Howard and Baby Boy Graham Father Hubert Halfmann Lillian Mae Speckels Kight Mary Jones Kight Robert Kusenberger Bill Langley The Lennon Family Margie Loebig Richard Natalicchio William H. O'Connor Betty Meyer Pouliadis Esther Rue **Douglas Semmes** Jean Springer

In Honor of...

James Tillman

Fr. Jim Rutkowski Olga Arias Martha Baker Joan Dixon Amanda Carol Kight Gentry Helen Small

WHY SUPPORT?

Donations sustain our community and charitable ministries serving older adults across San Antonio. Read more about our charitable ministries below!

CCVI LEGACY FUND

Provides monthly rent subsidies to current residents at The Village who are facing financial hardship.

PROJECT ELDER HELP

Provides quality in-home assistance for community members throughout San Antonio, for little to no cost.

SPIRITUAL LIFE AT THE VILLAGE

Provides spiritual enrichment including daily Mass, adoration, and non-denominational prayer services.

AREA OF MOST NEED

Provides ongoing facility maintenance, repairs and upgrades, staffing needs, resident services, and more.

DONATE NOW

Scan the QR code to donate online or call Rachel Castro, VP of Development, at (210) 829-7561 ext. 150 for assistance.



While donating, we invite you to share your special intentions to be placed in our Adoration Chapel —a quiet and sacred space where our Sisters and residents gather in daily prayer.

Thank you. Gifts received January 1 - March 31, 2025

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In Honor of...

A \$500 donation has been made, with appreciation from The Village residents, in honor of Hector Garanzuay, a valued member of the maintenance team, in recognition of his exceptional care of the pool and amenities at the Linda and Sid Williams III Aquatic Center.

In Memory of...

Peggy Aertker Molly Moss Ellen O'Gorman Laurie Upson Karin Wynn Terry Cortez Patricia Zinsmeister Kaete Edelstein Robert Edelstein Sr. Mattie Fagan, CCVI Nicholas Rutkowski Harriette Maverick Stanley & Leslie Allen **Anonymous** Steven Beeler Virginia Beeler Mary Benedum Michael Bolner Michael Bordovsky Lynne Breuer Rachel Castro Marilyn Church Rose Cruz Marthe Curry Carolyn Danysh Anne Fenstermaker Mary Fenstermaker Laurie Fitch Focal Point Vision Anne R. Hardinge Peter J Hennessy III Roger C. Hill Jr. J. Charles Hollimon Virginia S. Koehl Angeles Lechmann Bojana R. Mamuzic Katie McMahon Ellen O'Gorman Ann Parsons Mari P. Rabinowit Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dullnig S Harris Financial Group Whitney Schones Shawn Golden Andrea Sheerin Dana Terracina **Ronald Tietz** Jill & George Vassar Ann B. Watson Sidney Wilkins Sr. Ann McCaffery

Nicholas Rutkowski

In Memory of...(cont.)

Richard Natalicchio
Kitty Natalicchio
Sid Parchman
Gerard Troy Jr.
Pierre Riou
Pierre J. Riou
Katherine Schmidt
Carol Sue Schmidt
Clarence Simpson
Patricia Zinsmeister
Joseph John Weich
Olga Weich

In Memoriam

January 1 - March 31, 2025

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

Residents

Peggy Aertker Anne Bourg Betty Benson Robert Brown Iulian Gonzalez Hall Hammond Betty Hornbarger Sr. Margo Kelly, CCVI Preston Ketchum Sr. Mary Diane Langford, CDP Doug Martin Luis Martinez-Estrada Marie Middleton **Julia Louise Roach** Olive Roen Teresa Savo Kathleen "Kathie" Sisolak Beverly White

Sisters Care Clients Joe Bernal Josephine "Jo" Cormack Santa Villarreal

Spirit of Service

2025 AWARD LUNCHEON

On February 11, 2025, The Village hosted the Spirit of Service Award Luncheon, honoring Maryanne & Tom Guido. We welcomed 224 guests, including 25 sponsors, who helped us raised over \$121,000 to support our mission!



Thank you, Sponsors

HEART OF THE VILLAGE





BILL & MARGIE KLESSE



SPIRIT OF TRADITION

GEOFF CRABTREE







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Donations received Jan. 1 - Mar. 31

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Hyland, CCVI

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ON THE COVER

Residents and staff enjoy a Spring walk in the Headwaters Nature Sanctuary, located adjacent to The Village at Incarnate Word. Pictured from left to right: Ricardo, Isabel, Kathy, Olga, Andrea, Rose, Bea, Le Roy, Valerie, and Charles.



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