



THE VILLAGE
AT INCARNATE WORD

THE VIEW

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

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TO CARE**



SUMMER 2026



God's Heavenly Winks

By Le Roy Fields Campbell, President & CEO



I love walking through The Village at Incarnate Word with the goal of being visible and available to anyone, for any need. As I make my rounds with purpose and mission-driven intention, I often encounter the most beautiful expressions of care taking place throughout our community. Not because I am looking for something extraordinary, but because I have come to find that the most meaningful expressions of God's presence are often found in the ordinary. They are the quiet moments of compassion, simple acts of kindness, and lives touched in ways that often go unnoticed.

I like to think of these moments as *God's heavenly winks*.

These winks appear in passing glances, around the turn of a corner, and in those authentic, beautifully imperfect moments that remind us God is quietly at work among us. Perhaps it's a caregiver gently holding a resident's hand without saying a word, a nurse lingering a little longer because someone simply needs to be heard, a resident comforting a neighbor, or a volunteer sharing the gift of their time.

These are tangible expressions of care that are seen, felt, and experienced every day here at The Village. These moments are not rehearsed; they are simply lived. And perhaps that is why they are so beautiful. For me, this is what care looks like.

Our foundation is greater than ourselves. As a ministry, we were founded upon a charism that calls us to make the love of God visible through compassionate service. It is more than our history—it is our birthright. It is the legacy we have inherited and the responsibility we are honored to carry forward.

We are grateful that The Village's commitment to excellence has been recognized through a variety of honors and distinctions over the years. Yet while we celebrate these accomplishments, they are not what define us. They are simply reflections of what happens when a community chooses to live its mission every day.

Our greatest measure of success cannot be displayed on a plaque or framed on a wall. It is found in the smile of a resident who feels at home, in the confidence of a family who places their trust in us, and in the countless moments of care unfolding when no one is looking. These moments tell the real story of our Village.

Distinguished care is born from hearts committed to serving others with authenticity, humility, faith, and love. Every day, I am blessed to witness heavenly winks that remind me that our mission is not just words. Our mission lives within the extraordinary people who call The Village home — our residents, families, Sisters, volunteers, donors, and dedicated team members.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of walking alongside you. Perhaps, if we pause long enough, we'll all catch a heavenly wink.

With gratitude,

Le Roy Fields Campbell



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The View magazine is created
and edited by Terri Landez,
The Village's Director of
Communications.



A History of Care



Written by Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI, MA
Mission Integration Director at The Village at Incarnate Word

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, suffering in the multitude of sick and infirm of every kind, seeks relief at your hands."

With these words in 1866, Bishop Claude Dubuis, the second bishop of Galveston, whose territory included the entire state of Texas, sought assistance from a cloistered nun in France to get women religious to come to Texas to care for the sick and for orphans. Although Mother Angelique could not send any of her cloistered nuns to answer his plea, she did offer to train any young women whom he would recruit, in the basics of religious life and in the practice of incarnational spirituality. Among the young volunteers she trained as Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word were Sisters Madeleine Chollet, St. Pierre Cinquin and Agnes Buisson. In 1869 when the mayor and City Council members of San Antonio asked Bishop Dubuis to send some of his Sisters from Galveston to care for the sick during an outbreak of cholera, these were the three he chose. Although they knew that the building that was to be their convent/infirmarium had been destroyed by fire, they were so anxious to serve Our Lord suffering in the sick of San Antonio that they set out for the city as had been planned. They found hospitality with the Ursuline nuns for eight months while the new Santa Rosa Infirmary was built. Within a year three more women asked to join them in their ministry and before long the need for a place other than Santa Rosa to care for orphans resulted in the establishment of St. Joseph's Home for Girls across Main Plaza from Santa Rosa and St. John's Orphanage for boys nearby.



Groundbreaking October 14, 1986

Thus it was as the Congregation grew and new needs were identified, ministries began in order to meet those needs. In 1986, the need for a new retirement setting for the Sisters as many were aging was recognized. Congregational leaders also recognized the same need in the greater community. Hence, plans began for a ministry to provide care for retired CCVI Sisters and lay men and women. On September 8, 1988, the doors of what we know today as The Village at Incarnate Word opened. Today, nearly 38 years later, the same spirit of service that motivated Sisters Madeleine, St. Pierre and Agnes motivates our staff to care for our most vulnerable residents in DeMatel Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care as well as in our Angelique House Memory Care.

Those residing in Alphonse and Angelique Assisted Living also receive whatever help they need to live as full a life as possible. Care for Independent Living residents means providing nutritious and delicious meals, a robust fitness program and interesting, stimulating activities and outings.

The Sisters and lay residents themselves show an awesome degree of care for one another and for the staff members with whom they interact. The spirit of care for others that led Bishop Dubuis to found the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word is alive and strong in The Village at Incarnate Word today!



Construction aerial view of The Village
February 28, 1988

A Community of Care



RESIDENT CORNER

At The Village, caring for each other is a way of life. Here are a few examples of how our residents support and uplift our community through acts of kindness and care.

Caring for God's Creatures

Our beautiful Village campus offers countless opportunities to enjoy nature and connect with the animals that call it home — including a beloved group of cats who have become cherished members of our community.

Residents, Sr. Jane and Valerie, oversee their care, feeding them twice daily, making sure they stay safe and comfortable during colder weather, and providing veterinary care whenever needed. Many other residents support our feline friends through donations or simple acts of kindness.

The care these cats receive is a wonderful example of the compassion and community spirit that define life at The Village. If you visit our campus, keep an eye out for these friendly furry companions — and be sure to say hello!



Fluffy



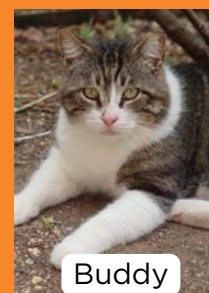
Duffy



Yoda



Percy



Buddy



Harry

SPIRITUAL POETRY GROUP

Wednesdays at 2:30 PM
in the Assembly Room



Top left: Kurt, top right: Beth,
Bottom photo: Beverly, Justa,
and Jack

A new club is reimagining spiritual care at The Village with a creative twist: the Spiritual Poetry Group.

Participants reflect on a different theme each week by writing original poems and sharing favorite works to create meaningful conversations. The group was founded by our Spring 2026 Pastoral Care Intern, Kurt, and continues now as a resident-led group.

Through creative expression and shared reflection, residents are able to explore life's joys, challenges, and deeper questions while supporting one another in a caring environment. The Spiritual Poetry Group is a beautiful example of how residents nurture one another's hearts, minds, and spirits to build meaningful connections throughout our Village.

Excerpt from "Dem' Village Bones"
By Valerie Arcement

In Alphonse, Dubuis and DeMatel
the floors began to tremble.
Angelique, Pierre and Madeleine
were soon buzzing
with song, guitar and
the sound of ivory keys!

The spirit of life and love
covered the bones.
Old scars became stars
of rejoicing, color and laughter
and I said,

Lord, these bones aren't
dry or brittle.

Their marrow is filled
with love and joy!
Their sinew and flesh rejoice
with spirit and life -
'Dem bones can dance!

AROUND THE HOUSE

APRIL - JUNE 2026



Merribell poses with the Easter bunny



Gordon collaborates with an IWHS student on a school project



Elodia, Celina, & Nelly enjoy a dragon parade in the Dubuis Courtyard by the SA Chinese Alliance



Residents & Staff cheer for our San Antonio Spurs!



Dan & Mary visit with Grimace from the JMV Family McDonald's



Helen handcrafts a custom picture frame in the Craft Room



Carolyn & family at Fiesta at The Village



Sr. Elizabeth & the Texas Cavaliers



The winners of our 2026 badminton tournament! Congratulations Karen, Irene, Rene, Doris, Liz, and Andrea



UIW students & Renate enjoy our annual "Age Strong, Live Long" Walk



Manuel & Rosemary welcome family for a housewarming lunch

COMPASSIONATE CARE

every step the way.

The Village at Incarnate Word is proud to offer every level of care, giving residents and families peace of mind knowing support is always nearby. As needs change over time, residents can continue to receive the right care while remaining part of the community they call home.

Interested in
life at The Village?
Call Alma Cosme at
(210) 829-7561
or learn more online at
[www.thevillageiw.org/
residential-living/](http://www.thevillageiw.org/residential-living/)



View of Dubuis House

Independent Living

Dubuis House, Pierre House, Madeleine House

While our independent living residences do not offer medical care, our concierge is available 24/7 to assist with other requests. Sisters Care is also an option for those who need daily help. Plus, residents have access to weekly fitness classes and activities, dining options, housekeeping and maintenance services, transportation, and other amenities designed to make life easier.

RESIDENT TESTIMONIAL

"The Village is not just an apartment; it's a home where "Love thy neighbor" is the guiding principle."

-Barry, resident



Walking trails near
Alphonse House

Assisted Living

Alphonse House & Angelique House

Residents of Alphonse House Assisted Living enjoy the comfort of a private apartment and a vibrant, active community while receiving individualized support with daily activities. As needs change, Angelique House Enhanced Assisted Living is available to provide additional assistance and around-the-clock support, helping residents remain safe, comfortable, and engaged. Our dedicated team promotes independence, honoring each resident's dignity and individuality, and providing peace of mind for residents and their families.

FAMILY TESTIMONIAL

"There is no equal to The Village for independent and assisted living. I have found a true community here of residents and professional staff committed to fruitful and joyful living."

-Suzette, resident family



Diana Smith,
Alphonse Assisted
Living Manager



Devona Council,
Angelique Assisted
Living Manager



Angelique House entrance



Garden view of DeMatel House



Rehabilitation gym

Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation DeMatel House

From short-term stays to long-term care, our dedicated DeMatel House team offers compassionate, person-centered care. Every resident receives individualized support tailored to their unique needs. Convenient in-house therapy services, regular physician visits, and exceptional quality of care help residents achieve their highest level of independence. DeMatel House has been CMS certified since 2021 and recently earned the 2026 Activated Insights Customer Experience Award, ranking us among the top 15% of skilled nursing facilities nationwide.

FAMILY TESTIMONIAL

"I searched for over a year nationwide for a facility that operated with superb care and compassion. Incarnate Word is unique in the country. It has been a blessing to have my sister in this community since September 2025."

-Lisa, resident family



Gwen Kline,
DeMatel House
Administrator



Dan Nixon,
Director
of Nursing



Memory Care garden and patio

Memory Care Angelique House

On the first floor of Angelique House, we offer a peaceful, secure, and home-like environment designed for Village residents living with Alzheimer's and dementia. Staff are on available 24/7 to supervise your loved one's care and enrich their lives with daily socialization, activities, exercise, and caring companionship to improve their overall quality of life.

FAMILY TESTIMONIAL

"Angelique is a great place for families that need help caring for a loved one with dementia. The staff make it feel like home. Thank you all for your dedication to serving others."

-Anonymous

Our Available Services, At A Glance

*This is not a comprehensive list of our services. If you don't see a service you're looking for, please ask us if we offer it.

	Wellness Offerings & Activities	Nurse on Duty 24/7	Activities of Daily Living Assistance (Bathing, Dressing, Grooming)	Medication Assistance	Transfer Assistance	Chronic Disease Management	Secure Entrances & Exits
Independent Living	X						
Assisted Living-A	X	X	X	X			
Assisted Living-B	X	X	X	X	X		
Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Memory Care	X	X	X	X	X		X

Sisters Care In-Home Care

Since 1992, Sisters Care In-Home Care has provided compassionate, person-centered care throughout the Greater San Antonio area. Trained caregivers offer clients assistance to continue living safely, comfortably, and independently in their own homes. Residents of The Village at Incarnate Word can also hire Sisters Care, offering added support and peace of mind when needed.

Sisters Care's dedicated leadership team and trained caregivers provide a wide range of supportive services tailored to each client's unique needs, including personal care, meal preparation, companionship, respite care, transportation, and more — all delivered with dignity, respect, and a commitment to helping individuals thrive at home.



Jennifer O'Brien (right) & Mary Jackson (left)
Sisters Care Administrator and Alternate Administrator

Personalized plans based on your individual needs.

-  Bathing and Hygiene Assistance
-  Ambulation and Transfer Assistance
-  Memory Care
-  Blood Glucose Checks & Insulin Administration
-  Incontinence Care
-  Medication Reminders or Administration
-  Meal Preparation
-  Respite Care
-  Light Housekeeping
-  Companionship
-  Blood Pressure Checks & Medication
-  Transportation & Help with Errands

Here's What Clients & Families are Saying

Bebbee & Mark B.

Family of Martha, client for 4 years

"We want to express our sincere gratitude to Sisters Care for the excellent care that Martha has received from each and every single one of the caregivers who have taken care of her for the past few years. They each have cared for Martha as though she were their own mother. They never missed a single detail of her care and Martha never wanted for anything. We are so blown away by their love for Martha. If all of your caregivers are as outstanding as these ladies, then your company must be rated #1 in San Antonio!"

Claudia S.

Client for 15+ years

"Linda helps me really live. Not just survive — live. She is dependable and caring, and every day is fun with her. This program has helped me live a normal, happy life. It's made my later years rich with meaning. With caregiving, nothing is beyond my reach."



Linda & Claudia
Caregiver and client, together for over 15 years

If you or a loved one could benefit from Sisters Care, call today to schedule a FREE consultation!

(210) 733-9800

Help us care for those in need.

The Big Give September 23-24, 2026



This year, The Village is participating in The Big Give to raise funds for our charitable ministry, Project Elder Help.

This vital program serves older adults and individuals with disabilities across San Antonio by providing Sisters Care In-Home Care services on a sliding-scale basis to those with limited financial resources. Through this program, we make compassionate, quality caregiving services available to those who would otherwise not have access to care.

Our goal for this year's Big Give is to raise \$25,000, which will provide approximately three months of financial assistance for clients in need. Every dollar raised helps ensure that older and disabled adults can continue receiving the care and support they need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Scan the QR code to learn more or call Rachel Castro at (210) 829-7561, ext. 150 or email rachel.castro@thevillageiw.org to donate.



**SAVE
THE
DATE!**

September 24, 2026

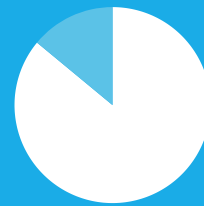
**B I N G O
BASH**



You're invited to The Village's first-ever Big Give BINGO Bash on September 24, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM in CHRISTUS Heritage Hall. Enjoy an evening of BINGO, great food and drinks, and fantastic prizes — all for a great cause. Scan the QR code to get your pre-sale tickets now!

Why Give to Project Elder Help?

Many older and disabled adults need help at home but cannot afford regular visits from a caregiver.



86%
of Americans aged 75+ cannot afford daily four hour in-home care visits.

Source: Housing America's Older Adults, Harvard University

Those who can't afford services often rely on unpaid family caregivers. Respite care can offer relief to family caregivers, but many lack access to these services.

9 in 10

family caregivers in Texas have never used respite care services due to lack of financial resources or availability.

Source: US 2025: Caring Across States, AARP and National Alliance for Caregiving,

Project Elder Help offers affordable services and respite care to clients, regardless of their ability to pay. In 2025, donor support helped provide

\$112,756

in financial assistance to qualifying Sisters Care clients, resulting in

8,479

hours of care provided to clients at a reduced rate or no cost at all.

Congratulations

EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH



APRIL

Graciela Vega
Housekeeping

A fan-favorite amongst our residents, Graciela has been a member of our housekeeping team for six years. Her attention to detail and caring heart shine through in every space she cares for — from resident apartments to shared community common areas. Thank you, Graciela, for always going above and beyond for our residents!



MAY

Hector Garanzuay
Maintenance

Hector is a valued member of our maintenance team who is dependable, consistently completes every task with care, and goes the extra mile whenever needed. He is always ready to lend a hand and brings a warm, hospitable presence when working with our residents. Thank you, Hector, for living our mission through your work!



JUNE

Diane Oviedo
DeMatel House

As the LVN Charge Nurse on the night shift in DeMatel House, Diane has been a steady source of comfort for our residents for the past five years. Her gentle demeanor and professionalism create a peaceful and caring environment during the overnight hours. Thank you, Diane, for always caring with patience, kindness, and a true servant's heart!



MANAGER OF THE QUARTER: Fernando Sorolla-Delgado

As Director of Resident Services and Volunteers, Fernando excels in managing a wide range of responsibilities — from leading the Resident Services team to overseeing operations of Noah's Cart gift shop, as well as supervising our transportation and beauty salon staff. Above all, he is dedicated to ensuring the happiness, comfort, and safety of our residents. Thank you, Fernando, for all you do for our Village community!

THE VILLAGE KUDOS

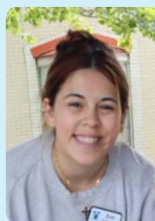
STAFF SPOTLIGHTS



Welcome, **Frances Jackson**, to The Village as our new Community Outreach & Programs Manager! With 16 years of experience in senior services and healthcare, Frances is passionate about connecting others and creating meaningful opportunities for engagement. In her new role, she looks forward to building strong relationships with community partners and welcoming friends of The Village to enjoy wellness activities, events, and social opportunities.



Congratulations to Dematel House staff members, **Anita Alcala** and **Erin Jimenez**, on earning their Resident Assessment Coordinator (RAC-CT) certification. This is the gold-standard professional credential for skilled nursing facility nurses who manage the Minimum Data Set (MDS). As certified professionals, Anita and Erin help coordinate residents' interdisciplinary care plans, lead MDS assessments, and ensure our facility meets CMS standards.



Kudos to **Lynda Jennings**, Vice President of Clinical Services and Compliance, on receiving the Distinguished Career Achievement Award from UTSA's School of Health Professions! Fifty alumni were honored at the school's 50th anniversary celebration. Lynda was one of nine alumni chosen to receive this prestigious award, recognizing her outstanding leadership and career achievements.

Thank you!

Gifts received April 1 - June 30, 2026

Anonymous
Olga Arias
JS Christenson
Lorraine C. Coleman
Virginia Green
Sarah Henderson
Mary & Walter Lockhart
Josephine Cormack
Revocable Trust
Jane Messbarger
Margaret Mary O'Brien
Lorraine Pruski
Valero Energy Foundation

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Robert Hodnett
C. Nan Kirkpatrick
Yvonne Weber

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Jacqueline Carr
Rachel Castro
Joan Dixon
Lynda Jennings
Terri Landez

In Memory of...

Annie Hu Chin
Anonymous
Wilfred "Bill" Loebig
Cindy Fagan
Mary Loebig Giles
Knights of Columbus
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Fr. Nicholas Rutkowski
Dr. V. Honrubia
Patricia Zinsmeister
Yvonne Larkin
Patricia Zinsmeister
Melvin Schrader
Patricia Zinsmeister

In Honor of...

2026 Jubilarians
Rick F. Grinnan Jr.
Sr. Margaret Snyder, CCVI
Sr. Teresa Stanley, CCVI
Sr. Anne Birmingham, CCVI
Rachel & Kevin Castro
Sr. Rosita Hyland, CCVI
Maryanne & Tom Guido

In Memoriam

April 1 - June 30, 2026

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

Residents

Patty Adair
Betty Berchermann
Laura Buran
Joan Carabin
Clifton Engel
Mary Hohman
Beatrice Husband
William "Bill" Kromer
Wilfred "Bill" Loebig
Ruth Meador
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Janette Sekula
Alvin Schmid
Isabel Schorp
Janice Schultze
Barbara Turcotte

Sisters Care Clients

Connie Wegert
Leonor Rodriguez

Courtyard Beautification

Rosario G. Gustamente
In honor of Manuel & Michelle
Gustamente, Teresa⁺ & Randy
Boyer, Ermelinda & Michael
Snapp, and Reynaldo
Gustamente
In memory of Manuel
Gustamente Jr. and
Teresa Ann Boyer
Sylvia Maddox
Patricia Olenick
In honor of Sr. Angela
Murdaugh, FSM
Sr. Mary Teresa Phelan, CCVI
In honor of the Phelan/Hickey
family

Become a Part of the Heritage Walkway



Leave a lasting legacy at The Village by honoring a loved one with a brick/paver on the Heritage Walkway, located in the Dubuis Courtyard.

As a supporting donor, you'll be honored with a personalized Engraved Brick (\$250) or a personalized Legacy Paver (\$1000). For questions, email rachel.castro@thevillageiw.org or call (210) 829-7561 ext. 150.



Scan the QR code to learn more.

**Thank you for
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ON THE COVER

Resident, Olga, celebrates at
The Village's biggest party of
the year: Fiesta at The Village!

Scan the
QR code
to see our
full album
of Fiesta
photos on
The Village's
website.

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Celebrating Jubilarians

In June, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word celebrated the consecration and commitment to caring of the following Sisters:

Platinum (70 years)

Sr. Anne Birmingham, CCVI
Co-Founder of Sisters Care

Sr. Bernadette Forck, CCVI*
Education

Sr. Rosita Hyland, CCVI
*Idea generator for founding
The Village at Incarnate Word*

Sr. Marian Jordan, CCVI*
Education

Sr. Teresa Stanley, CCVI*
Health Care

Diamond (60 years)

Sr. Maria Teresa Flores, CCVI
Counseling

Sr. Kathleen Reynolds, CCVI**
Education

Gold (50 years)

Sr. Christine Stavinoha, CCVI
Education



*Resident of The Village
at Incarnate Word

**Board Member of The
Village at Incarnate Word

As a sponsored ministry of The Sisters of Charity
of the Incarnate Word, The Village at Incarnate Word
is honored to recognize the 2026 CCVI Jubilarians
and thank them for their years of dedicated service and ministry. **Praised be the Incarnate Word!**



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