



The Green Thumbs Group

Gardening with the Residents



Jenny Uglow, a British writer, once wrote, “We might think we are nurturing our garden, but of course it’s our garden that is really nurturing us.” At St. Paul’s Home we have found these words to be true.

Residents Helen Blom, Mary Ann Doyle, Joe Hollman, Janet Schmits, and Ruth Schnurr volunteered to take care of some tomato plants or flowers growing rapidly on the patios throughout the Home. Many of them did not do a lick of gardening before living here but “Sr. Josephine asked us and we said yes!”

The group was begun by Sr. Josephine, whose spark of imagination continues through these five Residents.

All together there are seventeen tomato plants, a large variety of annuals and chicks plants and celosia flowers. Every day the Residents check on the plants to see if they are thriving, if they have enough water, or if they need to be trimmed or tied up. Some tomatoes are ripe and ready to be shared by the Residents, who are always eager to share the fruits of their labors!

Each member of the group has designated plants to keep an eye on. Joe, Helen, and Mary Ann are in charge of the tomatoes and Ruth and Janet are in charge of the flowers. Everyone works together to make sure the garden is thriving and blooming beautifully.

Helen Blom recalls, “Sr. Josephine

came to me with an idea and asked if I would like to take care of some tomato plants. I used to do a lot of gardening with vegetables, but seldom flowers, so I immediately said yes! My son was gracious enough to get me five potted tomato plants already started and Sister planted another four on the patio I am in charge of. I love it and I am happy to share the tomatoes with the employees, Sisters, and other Residents.”

“My Mother always grew tomatoes and so helping take care of these tomato plants reminds me of her, Mary Ann Doyle shares. “I never took part in any gardening until now, but I love to see them grow!”

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Clifton Community Golf Outing

Do you like to golf? We have been chosen to receive the proceeds from the Clifton Town Meeting (CTM) Annual Golf Outing!



Each year Clifton comes together at Avon Fields Golf Course to celebrate the community and support local businesses. Over the past six years the Golf Outing has raised over \$50,000 to support the Clifton community including: Burnet Woods, Cancer Center at Good Sam Hospital, Clifton's Fairview German Language School, and the Clifton Cultural Arts Center. It is an honor to be chosen as the beneficiary for this year.

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The 7th Annual Clifton Town Meeting Golf Outing at Avon Fields Golf Course will take place Saturday, August 24th. The 2 pm Shotgun Start has slots for 72 golfers. We need you to be one of them!

Again this year, golfers have the chance to "Beat the Lady Bearcat." A female golfer from the University of Cincinnati will be in attendance to see if you can "out-golf" her. The event features dinner on the clubhouse deck at 6pm for families, followed by a kids putting contest. Raffles are featured throughout the day.

Opened in 1914, Avon Fields is the oldest municipal golf course west of the Allegheny Mountains. The course does not have a single par 5, instead a dozen par 4s; the rest are par 3s. The tight greens, with as little as 20 feet away from some out-of-bounds stakes, are quite challenging. Dave Parker, Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame athlete, says "it's the best kept secret in the Tristate."

Put on your golfing gear and come out to show the Clifton Community how grateful we are to be chosen and! Sign up your foursome. If you don't have a group you can sign up as an individual golfer and be teamed up!

Visit their website for all details! We hope to see you there. <http://www.cliftoncommunity.org/annual-golf-outing/>

Keeping Smiles on Faces Staff Highlight: Activity Department

An active lifestyle is important for the mind and body. Activities bring people together and the residents here thrive because of our Activity Department. Activity Director, Mandy Thomas and Activity Assistant, Mona Ferguson. Together, Mandy and Mona have fostered caring relationships to the Residents through their activities programs but most important of all, brought smiles to their faces.

Mandy has been the Director for seventeen years. "I just really love making the residents happy. It is the best part about my job and it doesn't hurt that I get to partake in the festivities myself! I could not ask for a better place to work and I love being a part of this work family. We also could not do this without our volunteers, they are vital to our department."

Mona has been a part of the team for about a year now. "I feel like I have the best job in the house! Not only do I get to meet and greet with the

residents and their families, I also get the chance to get to know them, what their lives were like and hear all the exciting stories of their past."

Derby Day at St. Paul's Home involves hats for the women with ribbons, flowers, and streamers. A trip to Putz's Ice Cream store is a sure sign that summer has arrived. For serious gamers, there is BINGO! For bakers, there are cookie days. For crafters, there is the Christmas Boutique for which Resident are busy creating goodies for all year long.

St. Paul's Home is honored to have a dynamic pair to bring joy into the lives of the residents. Without them we would not be able to provide the same opportunities to the residents here at St. Paul's Home. Thank you Mandy and Mona for bringing smiles to the residents faces. Thank you for offering a wide variety of activities. And most of all thank you for bringing happiness to our Home.



Mona and Mandy

Green Thumbs continued...



Joe, Mary Ann, and Helen taking care of their tomato plants.

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“Sr. Josephine asked and I said sure!” Joe Hollman adds. “My son has a landscaping business that has been around for over 40 years but gardening was never my thing.”

For Janet Schmits gardening is a new experience. “I am not a gardener, but when I was asked to help I did not hesitate. I am in charge of about five petunias and I love it!”

Ruth Schnurr has a bit more experience, “In the past I did have a nice flower garden in my yard, but I am no professional,” she admits. “I help keep up the flowers, annuals and chicks and celosias. Every time I go out to check the flowers I remember Sr. Josephine and I hope she is doing well in her new assignment. And of course I love to

see the flowers in bloom. I enjoy being helpful!”

The Green Thumbs group has been working on the patios for about two months. If you stop by the Home you can request a fresh tomato from Joe, Helen, or Mary Ann, or take a peek at Janet and Ruth’s colorful flower patio!

Here’s to Another 150 years of Service!

Our celebration took place last year at St. Monica-St. George Parish with Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. It was a great day to honor Cincinnati as the Little Sisters have been in this city since 1868. Cincinnati was home to the second Little Sisters Home in America.

“It has been a terrific year and very humbling to know so many of our friends and family have joined us in our celebration to make this year so special and successful. You all are a part of our Little Sisters family and know that we could not do this without all of you!” said Sr. George. Now enjoying time with Residents, she was once the mother superior of the Home on Florence Ave, the first Little Sisters’ location in Cincinnati.

We will have a Mass to close this special year on the feast day of our foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, Friday, August 30th. We would like to invite all of you, our friends and family, to celebrate 150 years of service to Cincinnati in our chapel on Friday evening. A small reception will follow in our auditorium. For more details please call our Home or visit our website.

Please join us for this special Mass!



Little Sisters from near and far at last year’s Celebration with Archbishop

Visit our website for more details closer to August 30! www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org

MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

St. Augustine of Hippo once said "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy."

I witnessed the reality of these words upon my arrival here at St. Paul's Home in early June. It was so heartwarming, so humbling to see the Residents, staff and volunteers holding the sign "Welcome Mother Marie Edward".

I am looking forward to serving the Lord's elderly with an anticipated joy and honor to perform this awesome responsibility. I ask for your prayers. Speaking of prayer, Sr. Elizabeth and I will soon embark on a trip to our motherhouse in France for our annual retreat. You and your family will be remembered as we visit the crypt where our Mother Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan is buried.

As we continue our spiritual journey, perhaps our paths will cross here at the Home, where love is put into action with the help of your support.

Thankfully,



Sr. Marie Edward
Mother Superior

New Joyful Hospitality Video Online

If a picture is worth a thousand words, the Joyful Hospitality video is a book of a thousand stories featuring beautiful portraits of some of our Residents, current and past.

The video was adapted from a design project that was created by Jessica Oldiges, a Graphic Design student from the University of Cincinnati. The original art project was converted into a short video by Jim Sutter of DVP Multimedia.

Joyful Hospitality captures the spirit, the warmth, and the wisdom of Residents of St. Paul's Home.



Along with Mother Marie Edward, we welcome two new Sisters to St. Paul's Home. **Sr. Dorothy Christine**, from our Home in Pittsburgh, she is originally from Michigan.
Sr. Georgia, from our Home in Indianapolis, she is originally from India, specifically Kerala.

Welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

August 24, 2019

Clifton Golf Outing
Avon Fields Golf Course – 2pm
An afternoon of golf and charity to benefit our Home.

August 30, 2019

150th Anniversary Closing Mass
St. Paul's Home – Time TBD
Join us for mass and a reception to follow in the evening. Please call closer to the date for official details.

November 8 & 9, 2019

Christmas Boutique
St. Paul's Home - 10am – 4pm
Join us for affordable gifts and Holiday décor to benefit the Activity Department.
Baked goods and more for sale!

December 3, 2019

#GivingTuesday
Giving Tuesday is a national day of giving the Tuesday after black Friday. More details to come!

MISSION

Our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

