



**SAINT JOSEPH HOME**  
OF CINCINNATI  
Summer 2008

# THE INSIDER

*News from our home to yours*



## ST. JOSEPH HOME ROCKS!

Once a month St. Joseph Home rocks with the sounds of Classic Rock, Rhythm, & Blues music, and everything in between to celebrate the residents' birthdays. You might wonder who is this player of tunes, this DJ king of rock and roll. It is none other than Sgt. Rock! Sgt. Rock is Chris Kruse and his DJ partner Thad Wessel.

As a Cincinnati native, Chris has always loved music and even had his own "garage band" back in his younger days with Thad. Chris's first DJ gig was an event at French park in 1974 where he rented a generator, got a park permit and played at a day-long picnic. Even while in the Army, Chris continued his DJ gigs overseas.

Chris's old friend Thad joined Sgt. Rock about eight years ago when Chris needed help on a DJ gig, and after only one job Thad was hooked. Sgt. Rock has come a long way since then. Chris and Thad stay very busy in their professional bookings, but one of their favorite parts of the business is being able to volunteer and give back to the community. After signing on to volunteer at St. Joseph Home in 2007, they have become a staple spinning the tunes at the monthly birthday parties, and they've even lent us their energy by emceeing our last two annual 5K races.

Chris's favorite part of being a DJ is participating in outdoor events and family friendly/church events. "I love it when I make a connection with the audience, you can feel the enthusiasm and energy. That's why I love volunteering for the birthday parties at St. Joseph Home. The residents and staff love the music and I've been impressed with the activities that Greg Cox and Amy Arnold put together." Not only does Chris enjoy being a DJ but he has lived on three continents and loves to cook. In fact he is getting ready to start career number five by returning to school to become a chef!

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Thad Wessel and Chris Kruse  
AKA Sgt. Rock!



Chris and Thad at  
the Luau Birthday Party

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## From the Administrator

Dear Friends,



As we continue celebrating our 135 years of service since the inception of St. Joseph Infant & Maternity Home, we've had staff and a media company working on a video to document our history. In doing research for this video, we had a wonderful time reading some of the early accounts of the founding of St. Joseph Home and learning about all the amaz-

ing women such as Sister Anthony O'Connell who founded our organization and helped build it into what it is today. We even learned that at our original location on Reading Road in Bond Hill, we had dairy cows on the acres of property to provide milk for the children!

In perusing our history and taking that pleasurable walk down memory lane, I couldn't help but think how much we've grown and changed over the years from our earliest days of providing maternity care to young unwed mothers and their newborns, to our current mission of providing care for severe or profoundly mentally and physically challenged infants, children and adults. We've had so much help along the way from our warm and caring family of supporters, beginning with Joseph C. Butler, who gave the property on Reading Road to Sister Anthony O'Connell as the site of St. Joseph Infant Asylum and Maternity Hospital. Without steadfast support

like this over the years, we surely would not have reached this important milestone.

One of my most important tasks is to ensure that St. Joseph Home continues to provide compassionate care for the residents in our charge far into the future. One of the ways you can help is to consider becoming a member of our Caring Companions Society. This group was formed to recognize those who have made a planned gift in the form of a bequest, charitable remainder annuity trust, a charitable gift annuity, a gift of life insurance, a cash gift to our endowment fund, or other significant acts of generosity and support. Planned gifts are very popular with donors of every income level these days because of the potential tax benefits, as well as providing a way for donors to give back to their community. What better way to leave a mark on the world for generations to come?

When Joseph C. Butler deeded the property on Reading Road to Sister Anthony O'Connell 135 years ago, he wrote in hopes of his gift, "that it may be of some service to the poor and afflicted and soften the burdens of a few wonderful hearts for generations". This spirit of generosity has continued throughout our history, and we thank everyone who has given of themselves to St. Joseph Home and made such a wonderful impact on the lives of our residents.

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## ST. JOSEPH HOME ROCKS! *(Cont.)*

When asked how volunteering at St. Joseph Home has affected him, Thad replied, "After every gig I have a sense of fulfillment. The reward is seeing the residents, parents and staff all enjoying themselves." Thad and Chris really enjoy working with our special residents, and if you ever get a chance to join in on the one of the monthly birthday parties or our annual 5K, stop by and let Sgt. Rock! know how much we appreciate their time and talents.



# 20TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

## AUGUST 4, 2008



The Vineyard Golf Course  
at Hamilton County Park District's  
Woodland Mound Park in Anderson Township.

We could not have asked for a better day for the golf outing this year. We were blessed with milder heat than originally predicted for this August day. The golfers and volunteers had such a great time that we had to practically drag them off the course! More than 100 golfers came out to join us for food, fellowship, and friendly competition. Over \$44,000 was raised for programs and equipment to benefit our residents. Congratulations to the Youtsey Insurance team for coming in 1st place!

As in past years, many of the prize winners returned their gifts to help make the live auction and the awards ceremony an even bigger success. Thanks to Doug McMillan for serving as auctioneer, and to everyone for their outstanding generosity.

Our heartfelt thanks to the Hole sponsors listed below, we couldn't do this without your support. Thanks as well to all of the participants, volunteers, and donors who helped make the Golf Classic so successful.

St. Joseph Home Golf Classic,  
Presented by SC Ministry Foundation

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Turner Construction Co.  
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Youtsey Insurance Team - 1st Place



A special thanks to Good Samaritan Hospital of Dayton who upgraded their foursome to a Hole sponsorship this year!

After 20 years the Golf Classic is still going strong. We are looking forward to our 21st Annual Golf Classic on August 3, 2009 and hope you can join us next year.

# PROJECT HEART ReSTART

Recently St. Joseph Home of Cincinnati received an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Unit through a grant from the Project Heart ReStart program at The Christ Hospital.

The Christ Hospital's Project Heart ReStart is leading the Tristate in a nationwide effort to increase the awareness of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) and to support placement of lifesaving automated external defibrillators (AEDs) throughout the community. The AED unit is a portable device used to restore the heart's normal rhythm during a sudden cardiac arrest. Project Heart ReStart is an exciting educational program with the ultimate goal to save more lives from SCA. Each year, SCA claims the lives of more than 330,000 Americans and often occurs without warning. The timely administration of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and rapid defibrillation of the heart are the only effective treatments.

Having access to an AED for staff, visitors, and residents allows St. Joseph home to be proactive about the health and safety of those who visit, work, or live in our facility. Training for our nurses was conducted on June 19, 2008 by Mark Johnston, the Community Public Access to Defibrillation (PAD) Coordinator at The Christ Hospital. Our deepest thanks to Mark, The Christ Hospital and Project Heart ReStart for this wonderful lifesaving device!



Mark Johnston, Community PAD Coordinator presents Sr. Marianne Van Vurst with our AED unit.



Jean Walsh, RN gets hands on training for the new AED unit

## CHI VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE AT ST. JOSEPH HOME OF CINCINNATI

On Friday, September 5th, over 70 volunteers from Catholic Health Initiatives (CHI) arrived on the St. Joseph Home campus to volunteer their time and talents helping with projects which included painting, cleaning, laundry, and clerical work.

After a brief welcome from Sr. Marianne Van Vurst and Sr. Lynn Heper, the volunteers were partnered up with St. Joseph Home employees for their assignments. The light rain could not dampen the spirits or deter this hard-working group of volunteers from completing their tasks.

We could not have asked for a more dedicated volunteer group and words cannot express how grateful we are to have had them here. Their gift of time, over 310 total hours, and talents are greatly appreciated.



What a wonderful group of volunteers!



CHI volunteers cleaning the statue of St. Joseph at our entrance



*St. Joseph Home  
Style*

## 2008 SUMMER CAMP



*St. Joseph Home  
Style*

We began our Summer Camp program this year on Monday, June 16th and the program ran through Friday, August 15th. The theme this year

was Survivor Hawaii – St. Joseph Home style, and featured lots of fun competitions between the cottages. Everyone had a great time creating tribal masks, glittery fish scenes and sand castles.

The residents, with help from staff, tried their hand at gardening this year and grew tomatoes, chocolate peppers, brussels sprouts, and flowers in the planter boxes. There was even a competition between cottages for the best homemade salsa from all the tomatoes we harvested! Residents were able to activate the blender to mix the salsa by pushing a switch, so they truly had a hand in the delicious outcome. Other cooking challenges included Hawaiian Butter Cakes, decorating fish-shaped cakes, and baking banana nut cupcakes.

Music truly has the ability to transcend disabilities and really touches our residents; during the summer they enjoyed the string quintet from the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Luna TANZ Folk/Classic Rock Group, the Appalachian Grass Areo and the Gaiananda Middle Eastern and Indian Dancers to name a few.

We ended the summer with a luncheon where staff received a souvenir t-shirt and awards were given to our residents for their accomplishments during summer camp.

A big thanks to P&G's Live, Learn & Thrive Fund, GE Employees Community Service Fund, and The Greater Cincinnati Foundation's Summertime Kids Program for again helping to fund our Summer Camp. With the arrival of Fall, our residents are back in school with many happy summertime memories to last until next year's Summer Camp.



Tommy and Sr. Joan Carole check out the turtle brought in by the Museum Center



Matt and Tammy water the Summer Camp's beautiful flower garden



Mimi and Nick making salsa



Fish cake decorating contest entry



Staff and residents enjoy bubbles!

# Memorials and Remembrances

Donations can be made to St. Joseph Home of Cincinnati to express sympathy, congratulations, best wishes and remembrances for loved ones in lieu of flowers or other gifts. Most often, gifts are given to express sympathy at the death of a loved one, but many families choose to express congratulations for birthdays, weddings, ordinations, anniversaries and other occasions.

A special card is sent to the family of the deceased or to the person being honored notifying them of the gift, without disclosing the amount. Each individual is remembered in a special Mass celebrated monthly in the St. Joseph Home Chapel.

## May 2008

### IN MEMORY

George Diersing  
Raymond Harry  
Lewis T. Hetz  
Michael Keller  
Colleen E. Kelley  
Phyllis J. Kreiner  
Paul Luersen  
Joseph Martinelli  
Dennis McMurray  
Esther Meinking  
Amy J. Pollman  
Bernard Pollman  
Howard Sanders  
Betty Sanker  
Marian Sparks  
Donald A. Uhrich

### IN HONOR

Ralph Heil  
*Recognition of recovery*  
Robert T. Luckey  
Colin McMillan  
Ron A. Showes

## June 2008

### IN MEMORY

John P. 'Jack' Apking  
Virginia Beckert  
Justin S. Blackburn  
Jeffrey L. Bowie  
Elizabeth David  
Shirley Dent  
Dorothy Ehrschwender

Patricia Goggin Eheman  
Allen Groneman  
William Hafner  
Don Knueven  
Diana Lawrence  
Gail MacNeil  
Edward Meinking  
Helen E. Ostmann  
Gabriel David Plagge  
Samuel H. Plagge  
Sonny Shaffer  
Josephine Teski  
Bob Utnehmer  
Jaime Veloira  
Paul L. Zimmerman

### IN HONOR

Pat Altenau  
*Birthday*  
Betty and Al Ehrman  
*50th Wedding Anniversary*  
Reagan Gerdson  
Arlene and Guy Hawes  
*31st Anniversary*  
Sr. Lynn Heper, S.C.  
Kristina Moehr  
*Birthday*  
Rev. David Page  
*50th Anniversary Ordination*

## July 2008

### IN MEMORY

Mary Catherine Appel  
Charles R. Beck  
Katie Beerman

Kevin Bernard  
Jeffrey L. Bowie  
James & Helen Broe  
Clarence E. Brown  
Nancy Bruening  
Charles J. Garbon  
Ted Garmann  
Marvin Goddard  
Donald F. Hagerty  
Margaret Hammersmith  
Thomas J. Heidler  
Mary K. Krell  
Ruth Lally  
Charles Leverone  
Eleanor Matey  
Howard Sanders  
Elizabeth Scheck  
Shirley Schwartz  
Sisters of Charity,  
*Deceased Members*  
Carolyn Sulfridge  
Mary S. Swartzel  
Gloria Works

### IN HONOR

Ron A. Showes

## August 2008

### IN MEMORY

Alvin Adleta  
John P. 'Jack' Apking  
David G. Baum  
Maxine Becker  
Patricia A. Brossart  
Rosemary Dillman

Charlie A. Eling  
Earl Felock  
Lola Ford  
B. Marlene Hoehne  
Howard Y. Mao  
James Miller  
Rita Naber  
Nancy O'Connell Maxfield  
Raymond S. Pender  
Virginia Pharo  
Gabriel David Plagge  
Samuel H. Plagge  
Amy J. Pollman  
Catherine Reinhart  
Tony Reinhart  
Dorothy Roll  
Mary R. Scherl  
Walter Scherl  
Kyle J. Simmons  
Kay Suffredini  
John Sullivan  
Catherine Zipfel

### IN HONOR

Mary Lynn Kelley  
Colin McMillan  
Leo G. Naber  
Emma Savarese  
*Successful surgery*  
Special Intention

# IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO STARTING THINKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS!

If you are wondering what we might need - - or like to have - - for Christmas, here are some suggestions!



- HDTV converter boxes
- Combination VCR/DVD players
- CD/Cassette players
- Music CD's – classical, show tunes, children's songs
- CD and cassette tape holders
- Books on tape, CD or DVD
- Canvas backpacks, Clear plastic backpacks
- Batteries – AA, C, 9-volt
- Toys with lights and music
- Art supplies – paints, glue, bulletin board materials, poster board, push pins scissors
- Various kinds of adaptive communication switches \*\*
- Triple head electric razors, Blow dryers
- Pastel colored large bath towels
- White wash cloths
- Twin size sheets
- Toothpaste
- Battery-powered toothbrushes
- Nail clippers
- Long tube socks (boys' size only)
- White T-shirts (boys' Med., Large, XL; men's Med., Large)
- DOVE bar soap/bodywash
- Lotion – scented and unscented (no larger than 12 oz)
- Deodorant (no aerosol)
- Shampoo and Conditioner, De-tangler (no larger than 12 oz)
- Hair brush and combs
- Gift certificates – Wal-Mart, Target, Gas Cards (for Activities Outings)

PLEASE NO STUFFED ANIMALS

Thanks, the St. Joseph Home Residents and Respite Center

\*\* Would need to be ordered by St. Joseph Home



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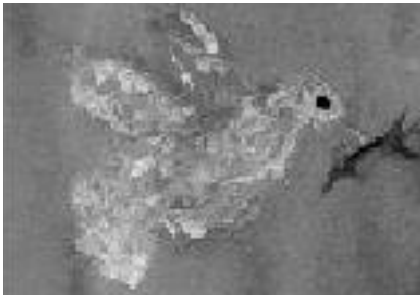
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## Christmas Card Sale to Benefit St. Joseph Home

Back by popular demand! Blank cards for Christmas or any occasion that feature the artwork of our residents are on sale now. The cards are in packages of 20 that we will be selling for \$15.00 each while supplies last. Please call (513) 563-2520 to reserve yours today!



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