

The Villa Pulse

January, 2024

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Friends,

As 2023 draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all we've accomplished together this year and share what is to come in 2024.

The last few years have created a fundamental shift in how we work, and 2023 was an important year for St. John's Villa as we took significant steps toward evolving our agency in response. We would not be able to step so confidently into the future without your trust, loyalty and patience, and for that myself and the entire SJV team thanks you.

This year, we launched two campaigns — our DSP merit-based incentive campaign to increase wages for all DSPs, as well as our DSA scholarship-to-work campaign designed to help high-school juniors and seniors earn money for college by working for SJV, the first and most significant external acknowledgment of SJV's changing role in the workplace. These campaigns emphasize our dedication to continuous quality improvement and staff development. We are building on our foundational strengths of accountability and person-centered services while ensuring health and safety for persons served.

As a natural next step to these campaigns, we announced the rollout of our Strategic Plan. This is an incredibly important milestone for our organization and for our individuals, showcasing how SJV is evolving to support our staffing challenges and system changes within disabilities.

We will continue to address our most challenging workplace productivity needs with investments in staff



Richard Davis, President

training and technology focusing on the tools and services needed to improve core competencies and achieve outcomes for the person served.

Looking ahead to 2024, our strategic priorities, Efficiency, Effectiveness, and Satisfaction, remain top-of-mind as we form the foundation of a long-term plan to deliver sustainability and growth in a challenging environment.

We look forward to continuing to work closely with parents, guardians and external stakeholders to share their input as we move forward.

Again, thank you for your trust and commitment to St. John's Villa. Wishing you a restful joyous holiday season and prosperous new year.

Here's to our continued success, together, in 2024 and beyond.

Regards,

Richard Davis

Richard Davis, President

“Disability is natural. We must stop believing that disabilities keep a person from doing something. Because that’s not true...”

Having a disability doesn’t stop me from doing anything.”

— Benjamin Snow

“My advice to other disabled people would be, concentrate on things your disability doesn’t prevent you doing well, and don’t regret the things it interferes with. Don’t be disabled in spirit as well as physically.”

— Stephen Hawking

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Adult Day & Vocational Services

The Adult Day and Vocational Services Department has undergone some changes lately.

Stephanie McCartney has rejoined the SJV family as the director. Steve DeFilippo has assumed the habilitation supervisor position, and Pat Kidd has joined Stephanie as her assistant. We are all very excited about these changes and look forward to working together.

Individuals have been very involved in our community and love being out and about making new friends. Some of their favorite places to go are the Friendship Center, Raven & Wolf Ceramic Center, Carroll County Arts Center, the Carroll County Coffee House, and the new Reminisce Ice Cream Shop.

They have also enjoyed taking a train ride on the Cuyahoga Scenic Railroad, and attending Warther's Christmas Tree Festival.

Christmas is definitely a favorite time of year and they have been busy planning parties, baking and decorating cookies, putting up Christmas trees, and plotting to win the Door Decorating Contest! In the midst of that, we had a visit from a beautiful therapy dog named, Maggie, who everyone greatly enjoyed and we celebrated our own Finn "the dog's" birthday with a cupcake party in the Gathering Room.

We look forward to planning some more fun adventures in the future so stay tuned to see what happens next!



~ Stephanie McCartney





Kim Hilliard

Client



How long have you lived at St. John's Villa: It was 10 years on Jan. 5.

One interesting fact about you? I love music especially Elvis and Billy Joel.

Who is your best friend? Bridget.

What do you like about living at St. John's Villa? She likes people being around her peers, and that it is so close to her mom and dad so she can see them regularly.

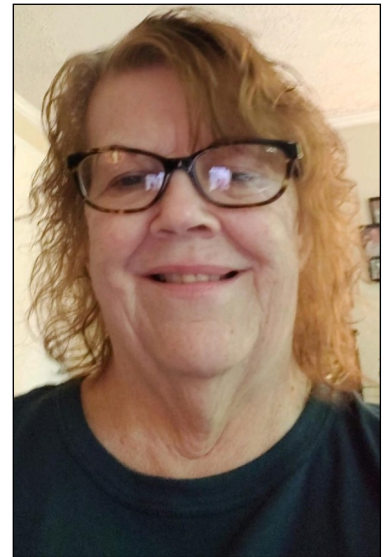
Favorite TV Show/Video Game: Golden Girls and old westerns like Gun Smoke and Bonanza.

Favorite Food: French fries, mocha coffees, Texas Roadhouse, McDonald's and Bob Evans.



Pat Kidd

Employee



Position at St. John's Villa: Assistant to the Director of ADS

How long have you worked here? 32 years.

What brings you joy in your job? Love the clients.

Tell us about your family and life outside of St. John's Villa: I have a son, a daughter and three grandchildren.

One interesting fact about you: I like to have fun.

Would you rather read or watch a movie? Movie.

What is your dream vacation? Switzerland or Poland.

Favorite Food: Steak and salad.

Favorite Holiday & Why? Christmas. I love to watch my grandchildren open up their gifts.

Clients Celebrate Christmas



Quality Improvement

St. John's Villa is excited to announce it started its Direct Support Assistant Program for high-school students, age 16-18, during 2023.

At this time, there are six students participating in the program, which provides support services to individuals residing in the residential homes at St. John's Villa. The goal is to have one for each of the seven residences.

Participants in the DSA program have expressed interest in the healthcare field with plans of a career in the field.

"This is an awesome job experience (for those interested in the developmental-disabilities field)," explains Mary Fe Dearth, director of Quality Improvement. "This gives the students opportunities for job exploration."

House Manager Pam Chalmers notes, "The program provides the students with hands-on experience in a career they are planning to pursue while earning money for college."

Quality Improvement Coordinator Holly Hutchison agrees, "The students are getting a chance to fine tune their career plans by determining what they like or don't like about the jobs. This allows them to focus on their interests as they plan for their careers."

The DSAs are under the direction of the house manager and adhere to the individuals' Individual Service Plan. They also provide a positive and rewarding home-like experience for the residents and serve a positive role model for the individuals served.

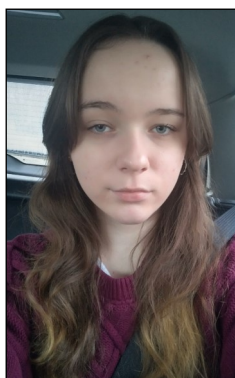
While the DSAs assist the individuals with their housekeeping tasks, they do not provide personal care, transport, administer medication, or implement behavior supports. Since the DSAs are in high school, they usually work the afternoon shift and/or weekends.

The individuals have been very receptive and enjoy having the teens around. This program helps provide more one-on-one time to the residents and provides more opportunities for activities in the home.

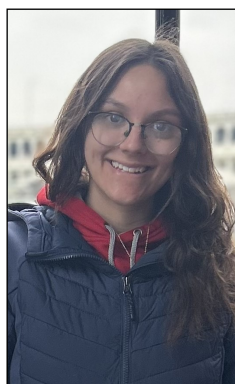
The DSAs are making a positive impact on the residents. Hutchison recounts how two residents have become more active and are exercising. A DSA assisted another resident to create a healthy snack list, and go online to determine which snacks fit their budget. On shopping day, the resident stuck to their list to purchase healthier snacks.



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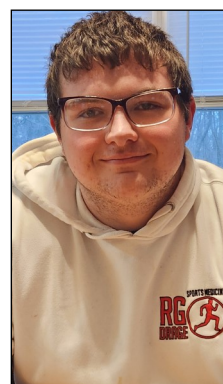
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St. John's Villa 2023 Golf Outing

The Jon Capri Memorial Golf Outing was held September 15, 2023 at Carroll Meadows Golf Course in Carrollton, OH.

The day began with coffee and donuts for the 18 teams that were registered to enjoy the day. During registration, the teams were able to purchase additional items that could help benefit their game such as: the magic ball, mulligans and the 4ft string. After registration, the teams were sent to tee off at 9 a.m. by Mike Pozderac, owner of Carroll Meadows Golf Course.

The teams got to enjoy a beautiful day on a scenic golf course with an attempt to win some pretty amazing prizes. The teams finished up the day by meeting back at the pavilion for a steak dinner and an awards ceremony. The 1st Place Team was the NORAMCO, 2nd Place Team was ALONOVUS and the 3rd Place Team was KIMBLE COMPANY-- Congratulations Guys!

Our family at St. John's Villa would like to also send out a BIG Thank you to Dale Highsmith and family for helping to make this event a fun and successful day. Thank you again and God bless! We are truly looking forward to our next years event scheduled—**SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2024 AT CARROLL MEADOWS**, in hopes for the same successful outcome!

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 & All Who Joined Us!**



A Beautiful Way To Remember Loved Ones

When someone loses a loved one, it is often impossible to know what to say. A gift in memoriam to St. John's Villa can be a beautiful way to express your condolences. Not only do you show that you care, but your donation will have a direct and positive effect on the individuals with disabilities served by St. John's.

Memorials August 2023 thru January 2024

Mary Argento

James Smith

Cam & Mary Abbott

Donna Abbott

Judith Gill

Ann Clark

Tim Schilling

John & Diane Wachter

May Gamarano

Joan Coyle

Virginia Doyle

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Regis Huck

St. John's Villa Volunteer Program

Join a team of people committed to serving together in the St. John's Villa Volunteer Program. At this time, we are seeking caring individuals to work in our Volunteer Department. Volunteers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Interested individuals should contact Kimberly Lewis or Susan Williamson at 330.627.9789 for more information.



BEQUESTS

Assure the continuation and growth of our programs for the developmentally disabled adults in our care by mention in your Will.

The following general form is suggested:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. John's Villa, an Ohio non-profit organization located at

701 Crest Street
P.O. Box 457
Carrollton, OH 44615

The sum of \$ _____ (or specifically described property.)" Inquires regarding bequests are always welcome.

2024 UPCOMING SJV Events

Saturday, June 8, 2024
New Location - 3rd Street, Carrollton, OH!

RIB BURN-OFF & CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

On-site Judges for the Best Ribs - Contest 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place DJ: Tom "The Spike Man" Spiker Judges: Kevin Butterfield

BAD HAIRIES Band Food Vendors Raffles & Games Beer Garden

**SJV FAMILY
Fun DAY**
 August 8, 2024

BLOCK PARTY

Resident & Staff
 Block Party
 DTB

ST. JOHN'S VILLA

2024 GOLF OUTING

in memory of Tom Capri

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

<p>SCHEDULE OF EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 A.M. - REGISTRATION • 9:00 A.M. - START • DINNER & AWARDS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EVENT 	<p>CARROLL MEADOWS GOLF COURSE 1130 MEADOWBROOK LANE NE CARROLLTON, OH 44615</p>
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: CONTACT SUSAN WILLIAMSON AT (330) 627-9799 EXT. 1305



SJV Events help raise funds to offset the cost of resident needs.