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Gratitude, Appreciation, Acknowledgement...

Today, I would like to share my heartfelt appreciation for the outstanding work and dedication displayed by the entire staff and Board of Trustees at St. John's Villa. It is with great pleasure that I take this opportunity to recognize and acknowledge the exceptional contributions each and every member of our team has made to the success of our organization.

As we navigate through the challenges and demands of our daily operations, it is the collective efforts and commitment of our staff that continue to propel us forward. Your unwavering dedication, professionalism, and passion for excellence are truly commendable. I have witnessed firsthand the tireless hours, the late nights, and the personal sacrifices that have been made to ensure the smooth functioning of our agency.

Your hard work and commitment have not gone unnoticed. The dedication you exhibit is an inspiration to your peers and sets a benchmark for our continued success. It is important to recognize that the success of any organization lies in the strength and cohesion of its team. We are fortunate to have such a talented and committed group of people working together to improve our services and enrich the lives of the individuals served. Your positive attitude, willingness to collaborate, and support for one another create an environment that fosters creativity, productivity, and mutual growth. Your efforts have helped foster a sense of camaraderie and unity, making our workplace a fun and enjoyable place to work.

Once again, thank you for your hard work, commitment, and dedication to St. John's Villa. Each one of you plays a crucial role in our collective success, and I am grateful to have such an extraordinary team by my side.

Richard Davis, CEO



#### Greetings from ADS Director, Steve DeFilippo:

Currently we have 41 Individuals that regularly attending full or part time.

The Individuals have been going out in to the community locally; Art Center, Friendship Center, personal shopping, out for lunches, to the library, DQ, Raven Wolf Ceramic Center, House of Cheesecake and Community parks. Larger trips taken and planned Include; Akron Zoo, C.C. Fair, Chuck E Cheese, Wilderness Center, Tuscarawas Park, Beech Creek Gardens, Greek Fest, Walnut Creek Farm, Umbrella Alley, Cinemark Movie Theater, Hartville & Rodgers Flea Markets, Massillon Aquarium, Hershberger Farms, petting zoo, Rubber Ducks Baseball game.

Day to day in-house activities include all kinds of seasonal and Holiday arts and crafts to decorate hallway bulletin boards, bingo, movie day, painting, playing Uno, connect four, listening to music, karaoke singing, TV movies and some vocational activities with Individuals working in the restaurant, doing paper shredding and now in our newly re-opened wood and t-shirt shops.

An educational program, W.O.W. Training through Aultman wellness program has continued with educational presentations covering topics such as first aide, sun safety, proper hygiene, poisons around us, a different topic every month.

An office space has been converted into a tech. room for Individuals to have access to computers for games, movie trailers and other searches of interest. Virtual Reality system is in place and at this time some additional program support is in the final stages so Individuals can put the goggles on and go on adventures, also a mounted Large Screen TV for games and videos.











# Meet our two new staff overseeing our Daycare





My name is Tammy VonWyl. I am the Director at the Growing Tree Daycare. I am married and have 4 children and 4 grandchildren. I have been in the Early Childhood Education field since 1995. I was a Head start teacher for 10 years, then I pursued a career in Administration of ECE. I was a foster parent for 19 years for Carroll County. My hobbies are camping at Lake Erie and watching drag racing. I love horses and cars. I have spent my career advocating for children. I am very excited to be the Director at The Growing Tree Center. I am looking forward to the new center opening and serving families and children with fun and educational services.



My name is Taryn Best and I am the Assistant Director at the Growing Tree. I received my Associate's Degree in Early Childhood in 2013 and was recently a lead preschool teacher at a different daycare. I recently just celebrated my 6th wedding anniversary with my husband whom I share 2 children with. My children attend the daycare as well and enjoy all of the fun activities and learning they get to partake in. I am enjoying my time back at St John's Villa and I love working with all of the amazing children!









Here at the Growing Tree we make it our responsibility to ensure every child's needs are met. Our program offers full-time and part-time care for ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age. We have 10 fully trained staffed members to fulfill the needs of all 4 of our classrooms. Our school-agers are now here all day and they are navagating through the walking trails and field finding creatures and playing fun games. Our preschoolers just had their graduation in May and are looking foward to their water day at the end of the month. They are sending their amazing teacher Ms. Sabrina off on such a high note and will miss her terribly. As for our toddlers, they are our rambunctious and forever learning group. We have 2 staff in the room with them and the kids always keep them on their toes! They are always the most entertaining class to walk in and obserse because they are such curious little friends. Finally, we round off with our infants. This group of little learners are our cuddly bunch. They all enjoy all the talks and cuddles they get. Not to mention, some of them are learning how to show their voices! We cannot wait to see what the rest of the Summer brings for us.



# Introducing: Sam Monk

Sam has been living at St. John's Villa since 2004.

One interesting fact about me is I love to sing "Happy Birthday"!







My favorite food is a cheese and pepperoni sandwiches with ketchup and a Coke to drink!

My favorite
TV show is
MASH.



# 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 January 2023 thru June 2023

Nick Codispoti

Anna Betro

**Deceased Family Members** 

Louis Mattevi Charitable Trust

George Gbur Sr.

George Gbur Jr.

Joseph Gorrell

Rita Brumbaugh-Jackson

Tina Miller

Robert & Carolyn David

Rachel Whitacre

Robert Devies Carol Woods Foundation's

Good Shepherd Foundation Kenneth L. & Katherine G. Koessler Family Foundation Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

Estate/Trust

Mary Alazaus Estate
Paul Arena Trust
Belden Brick Company
Charitable Trust
Anthony Pastore Foundation
John Sciarretti Trust
Tamara Seikel Trust
Louis A. Mattevi Charitable Trust

#### **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

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

# 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 Susan Williamson at 330.627.9789 for more information.



# Please join us for **FUNDAY**

August 10, 2023

Time: 11:00am-2:00pm Location: St John's Villa

Its going to be a "FUNDAY" of games, food and Hula dancing!

For information contact Melissa Young
@ 330-627-9789



**OHANA MEANS FAMILY...** 

NO ONE LEFT BEHIND
FUNDAY 2023

# Saturday, June 10th, 2023 11 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. LOCATION: DOWNTOWN CARROLLTON FREE ADMISSIONS St. John's Ville

This past June, St. John's Villa held it's 1st Annual Rib Burn-Off in downtown Carrollton, Ohio. It was a beautiful day filled with great food, music, games and the community! Though we do not have an exact number of attendance, we do know that our rib contestants cooked 200 racks of ribs and sold out by 3pm. Also, all of our vendors were out of food by the end of the night! It was a huge success and our rib burn off contestants are planning to be back next year June 8, 2023 with double the racks of ribs!! We want to thank all of our sponsors, Carrollton police & fire departments, Boy Scout Troup #141 for taking care of trash all day, staff and volunteers that made this day possible, all of our food vendors, as well as Starlight, and Mailey for providing games.

Our winners of the Rib Burn-Off were:



1st place 3Lil Piggies



2nd Place Carrollton Vet's Club



3rd Place K & T's Kanteen

## Thank you Bad Habits & Jon Doe for your amazing music!





#### Here are some pictures from the day:

















### **Resident Adventures**















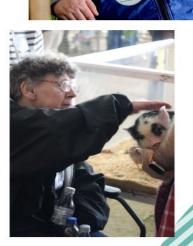
































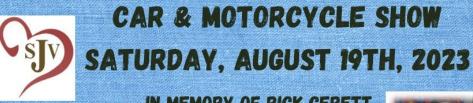








#### **Mark Your Calendars For Our Up Coming Events**



IN MEMORY OF RICK CERETT

WHERE:

ST. JOHN'S VILLA 701 CREST STREET CARROLLTON, OHIO



SHOW REGISTRATION:

9:00AM- 1:00PM

SHOW RUNS:

1:00PM-3:00PM

SHOW REGISTRATION FEE:\$10.00

REGISTER DAY OF EVENT OR

ONLINE: HTTP://WWW.STJOHNSVILLA.NET/EVENT-REGISTRATION

CONTACT: SUSAN WILLIAMS @ 330-627-9789





DJ TOM SPIKER "THE SPIKE MAN"







**September 15, 2023** 

ST. JOHN'S VILLA

Jon Capri Classic 2023

**Memorial Golf Outing** 





**Schedule of Events** Coffee & Donuts

• 8:00am Registration

• 9:00am Start

Dinner & Awards

