

Heart to Heart



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Becoming a Philanthropist

For generations, Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community has remained committed to one simple promise: no resident has ever been asked to leave because they could no longer afford their care. By becoming a monthly donor, you help ensure that this tradition of compassion continues, providing the dependable support needed to care for our residents with dignity, love, and respect—today and for years to come.

Becoming a monthly donor is more than a convenient way to give—it is an opportunity to experience the joy of making a lasting difference. Studies have found that people who give regularly often report:

- greater happiness
- a deeper sense of purpose
- satisfaction that comes from helping others

Month after month, you'll know your generosity is making a meaningful impact, creating a legacy of kindness that enriches both the lives of our residents and the heart of the one who gives.

The Impact

If Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community could develop a robust monthly giving campaign, the impact on the Mission would be incredible. For example,

- If 100 compassionate supporters committed to a monthly gift of \$100, their collective generosity would provide the equivalent of a month of Personal Care support for **two** of our residents—helping ensure that those entrusted to our care continue to experience dignity, security, and a true sense of home.

OR



- If 100 compassionate supporters each committed to a monthly gift of \$50, their combined generosity would provide the equivalent of a month of Personal Care support for **one** resident—helping ensure that a loved one continues to receive the comfort, dignity, and compassionate care they deserve.

The Process

How do you become a monthly donor? Believe it or not, we have made it an incredibly easy process:

1. Hover your camera over the QR code provided on page 8 of this publication. This will take you directly to our donation page.
2. If you do not have the ability to utilize the QR code, just go to www.mariajosephccc.org and click on the Development tab and then click on Donate.
3. Choose your amount.
4. Click on Recurring Donation.
5. Complete the form with identifying information as well as credit card information.
6. You are all set!!!

So EASY and now you have become a philanthropist!

Thank you for your donation!!! Look for regular updates on our social media to see how we are doing with our campaign. And, if you become a monthly donor, look for special invitations coming your way for events occurring on campus.



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Home with the Heart

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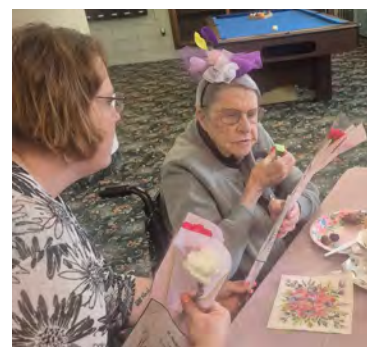


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Giving Our Gifts to God

Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.
General Superior of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius

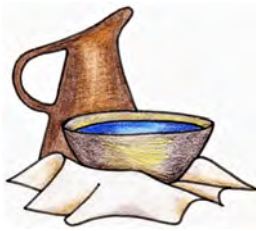


In thinking about the value of service which we are featuring in this issue of **Heart to Heart**, I am drawn to consider the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. Before the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, the Gospel tells us that Jesus had just withdrawn to a deserted place to pray. Yet when the crowds found him, He was moved with pity for the hungry crowd. While the disciples saw only scarcity: "We have only five loaves and two fish," these seven gifts became sufficient because they were entrusted to Christ. Jesus did not create bread from nothing. He chose to perform the miracle with what the people offered. Throughout the Gospels, Christ delights in drawing human cooperation into the work that only He can accomplish. In the same way, the multiplication of the loaves teaches that our compassion, our generosity, and our willingness to offer even our small gifts are the means through which He chooses to work. The miracle concludes with twelve baskets left over; a sign of the fullness of God's providence for His people. Jesus, who multiplies our humble offerings, never provides merely enough; but His grace always overflows.

The same invitation is extended to us today. Christ asks us to place into His hands whatever we have—our time, talents, prayers and love. What seems insignificant in our eyes becomes, through his grace, more than enough. The miracle continues as Christ continues His work through hearts willing to place their gifts in His hands.

I see the staff at Maria Joseph Manor, Emmanuel, Nazareth and the Meadows doing exactly that. They offer whatever gifts they have in service to the residents, knowing that what they give will be blessed and multiplied by Christ. Let us all follow this example in giving generously what we have with love in service to others.

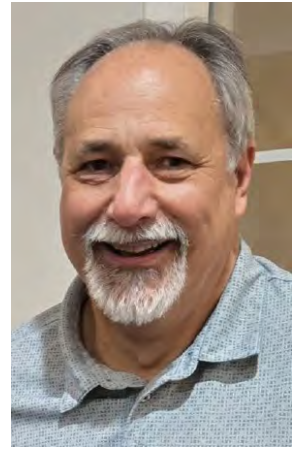




Service: Our Calling, Our Commitment

Ted Spotts

Executive Director of Maria Joseph CCC



One of the greatest privileges I have as Executive Director of Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community is witnessing acts of service every day. While our campus is filled with beautiful spaces and excellent clinical care, what truly distinguishes our community is not our buildings—it is our people. True service begins with seeing each resident as a person created in the image of God, worthy of dignity, attention, and love. It means listening carefully, responding kindly, and recognizing that even the smallest act of care can have a profound impact on someone's day.

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius have long taught that service is an expression of faith in action. Their example reminds us that caring for older adults is not simply a profession; it is a vocation. Whether we work in nursing, dining services, housekeeping, maintenance, therapy, administration, or any other department, we are united in a shared mission: to create a community where residents feel safe, valued, and at home.

As a ministry of the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, we have inherited a legacy that extends far beyond providing healthcare or housing for older adults. The Sisters have demonstrated for generations that genuine service begins with seeing Christ in every person we encounter. Their example challenges us to lead with humility, to care with compassion, and to place the needs of others before our own.

Every role at Maria Joseph is a caregiving role. Whether someone provides direct resident care, prepares meals, maintains our campus, welcomes visitors at the front desk, balances financial records, or supports our technology systems, each person contributes to the well-being of those who call Maria Joseph home. Service is not confined to one department—it is woven into everything we do.

Service is also closely connected to our other core values: **Hospitality** invites others in and makes them feel welcome. **Love** inspires us to give generously of ourselves. **Respect** honors the unique story and worth of every person. **Compassionate care** responds to physical, emotional, and spiritual needs with tenderness and understanding. Together, these values shape the spirit of our community and guide our daily interactions.

What inspires me most is that many of the most memorable moments of service are the ones no one else sees. It is the nursing assistant who stays an extra few minutes to comfort a resident. The housekeeper who notices someone is having a difficult day and offers words of encouragement. The maintenance technician who stops to help a resident safely navigate the hallway. The receptionist who greets every visitor with warmth and kindness. These quiet acts of generosity may never receive recognition, but they reflect the very heart of our mission.

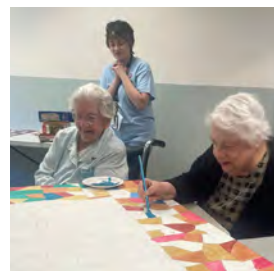
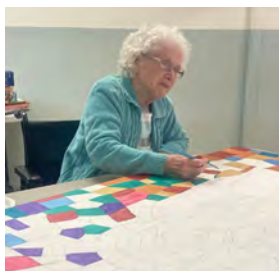
In today's world, healthcare continues to face tremendous challenges. Yet I remain optimistic because I see our employees choosing service each day despite those challenges. They consistently demonstrate professionalism, resilience, and compassion, reminding us that excellence is not achieved solely through clinical expertise—it is achieved through relationships built on trust, respect, and genuine concern for others.

I am deeply grateful to every employee, volunteer, resident, family member, and Sister who contributes to the spirit of Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community. Together, we create more than a place to live or work; we create a community where hospitality, service, love, respect, and compassionate care are experienced every day. The kindness we extend, the dignity we preserve, and the compassion we show leave an impact that reaches far beyond a single day.

Blessed With a Gift of Beauty

The idea of a mural of the Holy Family for the entrance of the Emmanuel Center came from a student at St. Joseph School in Danville. The construction of the piece was funded by a National Student Council grant, and the design was conceived by a talented art student. As part of a community outreach program, students from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade brought the mural to Emmanuel on Wednesday, May 6, 2026, to have the residents paint some of the stained-glass-like pieces surrounding the figures. Students of St. Joseph School also joined in the painting of the mural so that the finished project can boast of participants who range in age from 3 to 102!

The unveiling and blessing of the mural took place on Thursday, May 28, 2026, in the Emmanuel Chapel. Students instrumental in the design and creation of the mural, Saanui Khara and Amelia Ridings, presented the mural together with St. Joseph School Principal Kim Winters and Instructional Support Teacher Julie Ridings. Following Sister Barbara Sable's heartfelt thanks for this lovely addition to the Center, both Emmanuel Chaplain Father Charles Ocul, A.J., and St. Joseph Pastor Father Kenneth Roth blessed the piece which was then displayed in the entrance of Emmanuel Center.



Help Us Build a Kitchen, Where Every Meal Awakens a Memory

At **Nazareth Memory Center**, residents living with dementia thrive in a safe, faith-filled environment where dignity, comfort, and meaningful connections are part of daily life. We are seeking your support to install a fully **functioning kitchen** that will enhance the quality of life for our residents by providing opportunities for **familiar household activities, sensory engagement, baking experiences, and special gatherings with family and friends.**

The total cost of this important project is **\$163,300.**

Your gift will help create a warm, homelike setting where cherished memories can be sparked through the sights, sounds, and aromas of a working kitchen. **Every donation**, regardless of size, will bring us one step closer to making this vision a reality.

Thank you for helping us provide compassionate, person-centered care for the residents of **Nazareth Memory Center.**



Bocce Ball, Anyone?

Meadows residents have multiple activities to choose from, now including playing Bocce Ball. Bocce Ball is a lawn game where two teams compete to throw heavy balls underhand as close as possible to a small target ball called the pallino (or jack).

The dedicated court was constructed near the gazebo to the south of Maria Joseph Manor. It was the donation of the Pennino Family. Anne Pennino threw out the first ball on July 17, 2026, when Sister Barbara blessed the court.

Let the games begin!



.....FYI

Did you know that you might be able to maximize your gift to Maria Joseph CCC while also reducing your tax liability? In addition to cash gifts, you can also support Maria Joseph Continuing Care Community through:

- Appreciated stocks and other assets
- IRA qualified charitable distribution (QCD) - for those 70½ or older up to \$105,000
- Donor Advised Funds
- Planned giving – include Maria Joseph CCC in your estate plan/will or as an account beneficiary

For more information about any of these options, please contact Dawn Orzechowski at dorzechowski@mariajosephccc.org or (570) 275-1000 Ext 1708.

Never a Dull Moment

Indoors and outdoors, on campus or on a trip, for exercise or for fun, the residents of the Meadows, Maria Joseph Manor, Nazareth and Emmanuel have their calendars full of things to do, places to go and people with which to enjoy all this activity.



Chair volleyball



Cornhole



Kayaking



Planting a Garden



Dinner Out



At Knoebels



Out for Ice Cream



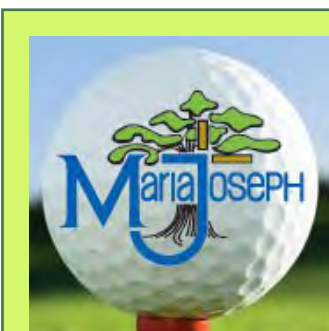
Ah! Watermelon



Bingo!



Kudos to those who make the Activities happen!



Save the Date

Calling all Golfers:
September 18, 2026
Three Ponds Golf Course
Elysburg, PA
Registration 9 am; Start 10 am



At the Park



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