

Join us at the 163rd Annual Orphans' Picnic August 11!



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Homecoming. Reunion. Fundraiser. Carnival. Festival. Party. The St. Joseph Orphans' Picnic goes by many names, but

no matter what it is called, it is a major community event that brings families and friends together to raise money for the children at St. Joseph Children's Home. The volunteers, donors, employees and visitors are all here that day to support us in our mission of **Giving Children a Home**. Since 1850, whether it is the cakes, the blackjack, the toys and novelties, or the delicious chicken dinner, **two things remain the same: it is all about the kids...and the food!**

Food preserves our family and heritage, just like the Orphans' Picnic! Preparing special recipes or family dishes, and sharing them with 50,000 people year after year, is something to cherish and hold on to. St. Joe's Orphans' Picnic is truly handed down every year. A new generation is always watching, taking notes and absorbing it all. Stories are told while we wait in line, and experiences are shared. We eat and we drink well, and we spend time together. The picnic really is a homecoming, a reunion, a fundraiser, a carnival, a festival and a party. **So come on out to the Picnic this year on Saturday August 11th, and COME HUNGRY!**

The **Kickin' Chicken Crew** has been together since 1997, headed up by Louis Jenks, from Apple-



traditional southern picnic-fare. The chicken is fried, the potatoes boiled, green beans simmered, and the summer salad so many of you love is all cut by hand! People come from all over for St. Joe's picnic food, some even just stop by for carry-out! Best of all, all the revenues from the Picnic go back into supporting our mission: **Giving Children a Home**.

As always, we can use volunteers for our cafeteria on Picnic Day! If you would like to join this incredible group of people and help the children of St. Joseph, by volunteering, please call Debra Thompson at 893-0241, extension 272. **We look forward to seeing you on August 11th from noon until midnight!**



Hailey

**Friday
Night Live!
August 10,
5-10 p.m.**

bee's, and Scott Lewis, a friend of St. Joseph, Orphan Society member. Along with other Applebee's managers and staff, Scott and Louis have partnered with so many hard working groups to create the **best chicken dinner in town (over 5,000 in one night!)**. The home-made chicken dinner is just that:

Change is Coming!



over 160 years. What started as an orphanage now serves children who suffered terrible neglect, abuse, and often violence. The home is aging, though. Our Landmark building has served us well, but we are looking towards our future, and making some changes. You may have already noticed the beautiful new wrought iron fence along Frankfort Avenue, or the new storage building in the rear of the property. Additionally, we plan to build several new residential cottages behind the current building. Each cottage will house twelve children and provide a group-home setting with a more 'homelike' environment. St. Joe's has adapted and changed over the years to meet the needs of children. We must continue to do so in order to stay current and relevant, and provide these children with the most therapeutic environment possible. Change is inevitable, but also exciting!

SUMMER for St. Joe's kids is like summer for all kids. They look forward to sleeping in, eating more ice cream, and seeing the fireflies come out. The children have been doing so many fun things this summer: going to Soccer Camp, Holiday World, Patoka Lake, drive-in movies, swimming, having dance parties, playing kickball, and so much more. These happy moments mean everything to the children and the staff here at St. Joe's. We remain focused and committed to providing excellent quality and continuity of care to the 40 children who call St. Joe's home. It is a privilege to witness these children grow and change during their time here. Summertime especially, holds such fond memories for children.

No matter what the season, **Giving Children a Home** is what we do. It is what we have been doing for

Would you like to help with any of these or future projects? For more information call us at 502.893.0241, or visit us at www.sjkidsfoundation.org.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the children. See you at the Picnic!

Pamela Cotton

Hello,

We are kids living here at St. Joe's right now and we really **NEED** cottages! WE are asking you to **PLEASE, PLEASE** Help us raise money for new cottages! Here are our reasons:

First and most important, we all live on the same floor. If one child is mad about something all of us can hear it, no matter where they are. It stresses us all out. WE need more peace, to focus on our own issues.

Second, our building is 127 years old and it's always either too hot or too cold. In the summer we use fans but the building won't cool down!

Third, we would like St. Joe's to feel more like a home. We asked most of the kids that live here and they all agreed. We ALL think it would help prepare us for a REAL home.

Last, this is an OLD building. Would you want your kids living in a HUGE, chopped up building made in 1885? Think about it. Old pipes. Weird noises.

We are nice kids living here. Don't you think we deserve a nice place to stay while getting our individual lives together? We do. Thanks for listening. We appreciate any donation! (If you already gave, thank you!)

Allie (13), Nate (13), Christy (11), and Alex (12)

A letter from our kids

PAM'S CORNER



Pamela Cotton, Executive Director

ALUMNI NEWS



Above, May 20, the Alumni Association's Concert on the Lawn. Frances Paalz receives the Alumni of the Year plaque from Rob Gividen and Pam Cotton.

Rob Gividen, President of the St. Joseph Alumni Association, invites St. Joseph alumni and friends to attend the **Alumni Blue Hawaii Dance Party on Saturday, October 13 from 6 pm until 11 pm.**

Rob also encourages all St. Joseph Alumni to go online to Flickr.com and type in "St. Joseph Orphanage Louisville, Ky." There are over 1,000 photos. You can comment on the photos or contact him if you know anyone in the photos. The site is free to browse. Call Rob at 502-802-6032 with questions, or email him at robgividenonyx@yahoo.com.

If you are planning to attend the Annual Orphans' Picnic and want to sign up to join the St. Joseph Alumni Association, go by the Information Booth at the front of the building and someone will be glad to help.

Check out the St. Joseph Children's Home Facebook Fan Page for more alumni news.



A Special Thanks to our Donors

It is always such a joy to work with all of the wonderful people who support our mission of **Giving Children a Home**. Most of you don't want the public recognition; you only want to know that your gifts and talents are benefiting the children in the best way possible. We pride ourselves on the quality of care we provide to the children, and you help us do that! St. Joe's cares for forty residential children daily. We support their basic needs; provide them with intensive therapy, schooling on and off campus, and any special activities we can provide. We also provide therapeutic and support services to our Foster care children and families all year long.

As the seasons change, the children's needs change. During the summer they need: field trip and summer camp support, summer supplies like bathing suits, sunscreen and beach towels, then in August they need school supplies, etc. When December comes, they anticipate gifts under their Christmas tree, like all kids do! They enjoy their special meals on-and off-campus with their St. Joseph family. On behalf of the children—THANK YOU for all of your support!



Dawn Lee, Executive Director, WHAS Crusade for Children.



We value the opportunity to appreciate special donors at the Partner Appreciation Luncheon each year. Thanks to Paul Flohn, Proprietor of Carrabbas' Italian Grille for underwriting this event.



Thanks to the Greater Louisville Dart Association for their yearly support.



The kids loved when the WDIX DJs Ben Davis and Kelly K came to lunch. Thanks for their annual support at the WDIX Bunco Breakfast.



The British Car show benefits our kids each year. This year there was a raffle on this fabulous car.



Thanks to Phillip and Kimberly Marshall with the Marshall Family Foundation for their leadership gift to our Capital Campaign.

A Special Thanks to our Volunteers...

April 15-22 was Mayor Fischer's annual "Give a Day Week of Service." During the event, we welcomed hundreds of talented volunteers to St. Joe's. They did everything from working with the children to cleaning different areas; painting rooms and doing landscaping projects. St. Joe's benefited from over 200 volunteers who gave a combined 767 hours of services. This helped Louisville set a World Record for "Most Compassionate Acts" with 90,000 volunteers.



Thanks to Kentucky Select Properties for volunteering at St. Joe's.



The 5th District Louisville Police officers after sprucing up the children's courtyard.



Kate Biagi is our Volunteer Coordinator and does an amazing job of connecting volunteers to our mission at St. Joe's — **Giving Children a Home**. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact her at kateb@skids.org.

The Art Room after Kroger employees worked their organizational magic.

The Experience of Missing Home

THE RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM

By Bobbi Mattingly, Residential Director

The residents that live at St. Joe's for various amounts of time often talk to staff about missing their parents, siblings or other family members. The staff is left to pick up the pieces when our residents start feeling homesick.

This summer, thanks to the Salvation Army, several of our kids got to experience a "normal" camp experience. They also experienced



Photos courtesy of Camp Paradise, Salvation Army

how a week "away from home" can cause them to miss their home at St. Joe's. These children were chosen to attend a week at **Camp Paradise Valley** in Burkesville, KY.

When approaching one of the 8 year olds, Jason, he looked up at me with excited eyes and then added, "but I'll miss you guys!" It was a very sweet moment and I'm sure one many parents get to experience when sending their own child to camp. With some encouraging and explaining, Jason started getting really excited about going.

Preparations began and packing was completed. The children were loaded in the van

for the long trip to Camp. There was some anxiety of the unknown and excitement of what was in store. The check in was complete, hugs given all around and then Joann, Activities Coordinator and I got back in the van to head home alone.

The following day, I received a call that we needed to come and get Jason, he was not doing well and the staff at camp requested that we come get him. Joann loaded back up and made the trip. Once arriving, she found Jason to be in a positive mood and not wanting to leave. He said, he just missed St. Joe's and wanted to go home. He did not know how to handle that emotion and he let it get the best of him.

Our mission at St. Joe's is **Giving Children a Home**. The residential program is designed to give children a home where they can find safety, security and comfort. We continue to work hard everyday to ensure that our kids are cared for and receive the benefits of being in a good home environment, even if at times it causes them to be homesick from their St. Joseph home.



from January through June.

Ten of the kids, who have been through so many traumas in their lives, completed the Triple Crown, including the 13.1 mile Derby Mini-Marathon. As fans cheered the kids crossing the finish line, it was obvious by their huge smiles and tears that this would be a moment etched in their memories forever.

For more information on this amazing group of kids, go online at www.sjkids.org

"It takes a village to raise a child."

THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE & ADOPTION PROGRAM

By Patty Murphy
Director of Clinical Services & Foster Care

This proverb is proven true day after day at St. Joe's, and in our Therapeutic Foster Care Program we are thankful every day for our growing village. What we are asking our foster parents to do is no easy feat; take someone else's child, a very hurt child, and give them a new life – help them grow.

We are so blessed to see the miracles that a good village can bring – the miracle of Family and a new future for our kids. An adoptive family and college future took place for the teen-aged girl who had previously been written off as "delinquent." A permanent family and healthy future occurred for the baby whose medical needs were so high it was unclear if she would survive, nonetheless grow and mature.

The members of our village are sometimes a quiet force behind the scenes. The generosity of our community is amazing, donors and sponsors support us in so many ways; providing basic needs for new children in our care by donating new clothes and supplies to our resource room so that our foster children can step away from hand-me-downs and get a fresh start.

They provide food and volunteers so that we can host events throughout the year, an important support for our foster parents so they can network with other families and know how much they are valued by St. Joe's.

Sometimes the most amazing village members are from the foster families themselves – when a relative or friend of an existing foster family decides to become a foster parent themselves, or when their church or workplace supports us year after year through the donation of time, gifts, or funds; or when our foster parents themselves volunteer their time at recruitment events to share their stories, so that we can have more Forever Families ready for our kids.

What this all adds up to is a very special moment in a child's life when they get to say, and feel, and believe, "I am Home."

So to our Village – the staff and their families, our Foster Families, the companies and churches who have donated and supported us, our treatment team partners and partnering agencies who all have an important role in our children's lives, thank you...Thank you for helping us in our mission of **Giving Children a Home**.

To become a Foster Parent:

Call Lisa Barber 893-0241 #208.

Informational meetings are held the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:45 (RSVP to Lisa).

Tuesday trainings start September 18th thru November 13th [6-930pm]



St. Joe's Run Club

Our 2012 Run Club consisted of 20 kids whose passion and inspiring attitude was infectious and left the staff and volunteers involved with this group in awe. The kids were positive and supportive of their run club teammates. Truly, a special group of kids!

The kids practiced, and ran races

Congratulations to the Ladies Sewing Society



Mary Pontrich carefully stitches the top of an appliquéd quilt.

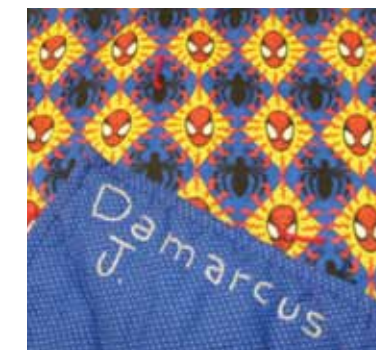
On March 21, St. Joseph Children's Home celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the Ladies Sewing Society. The Society has been dedicated since 1912 to making items for the residents at St. Joe's. Back in 1912 they were meeting our mission of **Giving Children a Home** by making clothing and linens for the children. **Although they no longer make clothes for the children, the ladies make a "blankie" for every boy and girl that enters the residential program.** When a child is adopted, the ladies make a special quilt that has the child's name and adoption date embroidered on it. These quilts are indeed heirlooms and are treasured by the children all their lives.

The Society meets three days a week and focuses on making quilts. A quilt takes 15-30 hours of assembling the pieces, then 300-500 hours to quilt. The quilts are all sizes, from baby quilts to king-size. Some quilt tops are appliquéd; others are sewn together in a variety of traditional designs. Some members work from home.

The majority of quilts are raffled at the picnic, with others raffled around Christmas and Mother's Day. The Society also hand embroideries beautiful pillow cases to be raffled at the picnic and sold throughout the year.



The St. Joseph Sewing Ladies gather for a 100th Anniversary picture.



This blanket was given to Damarcus when he arrived at St. Joe's.



Would you like to learn to quilt? They will teach you! The Sewing Society welcomes new members – men and women. They meet on Monday and Wednesday from 9 am until 2 pm, and also on Tuesday evening at 6 pm. Come join in the fun, learn a new craft and support St. Joe's kids all at the same time!

Gloria Fortwengler, Teresa Spellman, Lois Pendleton and Joy Brumleve represent four generations of the Sewing Society.

THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

By Laura Paine, CDC Director

Call Laura Paine to enroll your child.



Left, CDC Music class. Above, Children pictured (left to right): Nicholas Showalter, Owen Pulliam and Mason Gravatte

St. Joseph Child Development Center is **Giving Children a Home** this summer! Our Summer Camp Program for children ages 6-12 is in full swing and the kids are having an awesome time. Our staff that work in our Summer Camp Program are, without a doubt, some talented ladies. They have different themes planned for all 11 weeks of summer break and the kids take some off campus field trips that are always intertwined in their weekly theme. As you can see in the picture, these kids are getting dirty during their "Gettin' down and Dirty" week! During this week of camp the children got to experience all things that are "dirty".

These children are a major part of our community and St. Joe's is



CDC children celebrated Independence Day with a parade on the grounds.

committed to giving them a safe and healthy place to grow and learn during the summer months while school is out of session. While here

at St. Joe's we offer a fun filled schedule that provides endless hours of summer fun while still keeping their brains active and learning.

Welcome to the NEW Thrift Store

After a four month renovation, the St. Joseph Thrift Store opened in April 2012. The Store is open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. The store is filled with a huge assortment of new and gently used clothing as well as items to fill your whole house. Do you need a gift for a special person? Treasures are uncovered daily – jewelry, one of a kind keepsakes, artwork and books. The best part of the Thrift Store is that the proceeds benefit children in all programs.

If you would like to donate to the Thrift Store, we will kindly accept it during our regular hours. If you arrive at a different time, there is a donation box right outside our building. Call Margaret Thomas, Thrift Store Manager at 893-0241 if you have any other questions.



One-of-a-kind treasures are discovered every day in the newly renovated Thrift Store.



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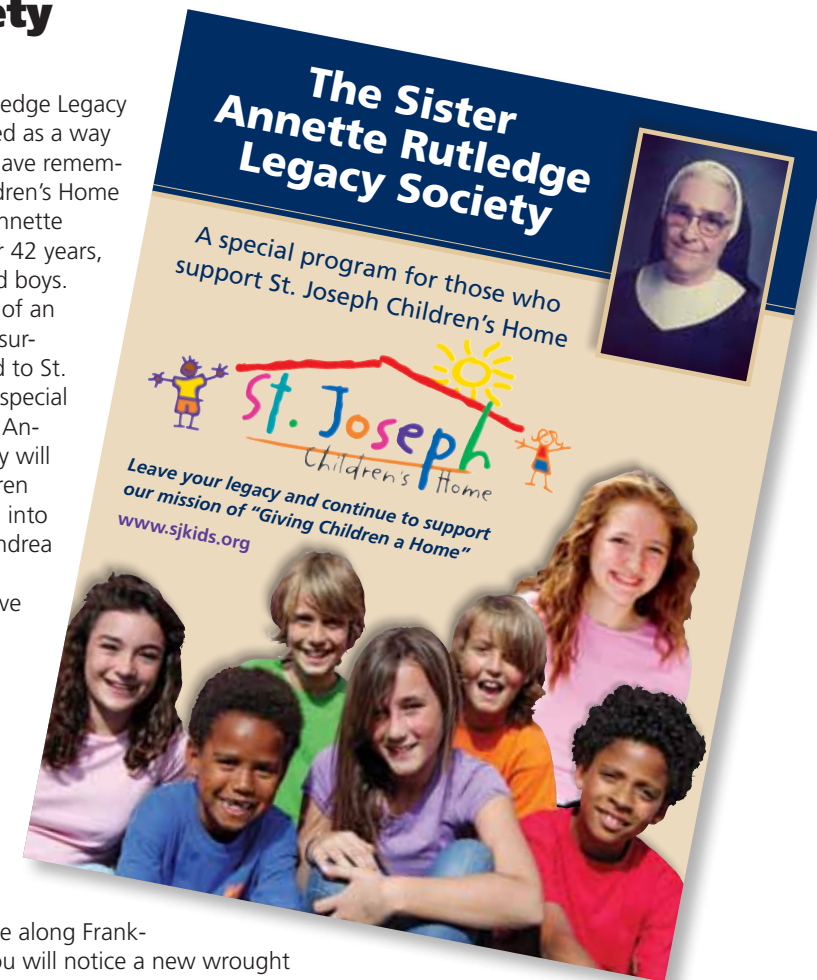
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The Sister Annette Rutledge Legacy Society

The Sister Annette Rutledge Legacy Society was established as a way to honor those who have remembered St. Joseph Children's Home with a planned gift. Sister Annette worked at St. Joseph for over 42 years, and raised over one thousand boys. Your gift may be in the form of an estate gift charitable trust, insurance policy or gift designated to St. Joseph's through a will. The special contributions from the Sister Annette Rutledge Legacy Society will help provide service for children and families in Kentucky well into the future. Please contact Andrea Pridham at 502.893.0241 or andrep@sjkids.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for our New Fence!

When you drive by St. Joseph Children's Home along Frankfort Avenue, you will notice a new wrought iron fence with stone pillars facing the street. This is one of many recent changes to the property. Thanks to the Families of Matt, Brooks and Thurman Senn; and the St. Joseph Children's Home Alumni Association for providing the funds for this majestic fence. Join the Senn Family and the Alumni Association and BE A PART OF THIS EXCITING TIME IN ST. JOE'S HISTORY. **Naming opportunities for the new residential cottages, living areas, gardens and more are still available!** Go online at SJKidsFoundation.org for more information on our Capital Campaign, or contact Pam Cotton at 502-893-0241 or pamc@sjkids.org.





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August 10-11
Friday Night Live
163rd Annual Orphans' Picnic

August 14
Foster Care Instructional meeting
RSVP to Lisa Barber 893-0241, ext 208

August 18
St. Joseph Volleyball Tournament

Sept 18
Foster Care Training begins

October 13
Alumni Blue Hawaii Dance Party

Dec TBD
WDJX Bunco Breakfast

If you or your organization would like to volunteer, contact Kate Biagi at kateb@sjkids.org, or (502) 893-0241, ext 279.

Wish List

Gift cards (Visa, MasterCard, Target, Wal-Mart, GameStop, movie theaters, bowling, restaurants, fast food, malls)
Digital camera
Hand-held video games (Nintendo DS, etc)
Wii/PlayStation controllers and games
CD players and radios
Computer supplies
Batteries (all sizes)
Residential clothing needs: (sizes Child M to Adult 2X) winter coats, socks, underwear, hoodies, pajamas, shoes
Educational toys and games: Legos, action figures, dolls, remote control cars and trucks
Art and scrapbooking supplies

Foster Care Resource Room Needs:
Backpacks, school supplies, new clothing in all sizes infancy through Adult 2X, especially underwear for smaller children; and storage containers
Sporting equipment (indoor and outdoor)
Tricycles
Infant supplies (bibs, sippy cups, etc)
Personal hygiene products
Towels and washcloths
Large storage containers
Household cleaning supplies
Gift bags – all occasions

Please visit our website for more items.

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