

# Creating Families



## St. Joe's Picnic for the Kids

The 166<sup>th</sup> St. Joe's Picnic kicks-off with the Picnic Pre-Party on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 4-10 PM, featuring live music, great food, craft beer, and select gaming booths. Picnic Day is Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> from noon - midnight with the famous chicken dinner, gaming booths, raffles, cake booth, quilts, and much, much more.

All proceeds from the picnic directly benefit the children in our programs.

In addition to the traditional favorites of past years, this year's picnic will include some new things:

■ **Picnic Pre-Party (Friday night August 7<sup>th</sup>)**, will feature local food trucks, craft beer, and live music by Louisville favorite Thumper and the Plaid Rabbits. A Special happy hour

will be from 4pm-7pm along with a live broadcast from Summit Media.

■ **The V.I.P. tent on Picnic Day (August 8<sup>th</sup>)** allows guests a private dining area with chicken dinner buffet (12pm - 6pm), private bar service, private potties, snacks, and private blackjack (6pm-12am), all for \$50. A limited number of tickets are available. Limited V.I.P. parking is also available for an additional fee (\$10). Visit [www.sjkids.org/picnic](http://www.sjkids.org/picnic) for more information or to purchase tickets.

■ For the first time ever St. Joe's will host **Live Band Karaoke** on Picnic evening from 7-11pm. Come on out, take the stage and let your inner rock star shine! Or just watch the show.



### Support Kentucky's Largest Picnic Cake Booth

St. Joseph Children's Home boasts the largest picnic cake booth in Kentucky!

Contact one of these participating bakeries to donate a cake that will be delivered to St. Joe's for the Picnic:

Bussmann's .....	502-893-3822
Gigi's Cupcakes .....	502-499-4998
Heitzman's.....	502-426-7736
Nord's .....	502-634-0931
Plehn's.....	502-896-4438

### Volunteer at Picnic!

There are many volunteer opportunities available during the Picnic as well as helping with set up and clean-up. For more information, or to sign-up online, visit [www.sjkids.org/picnic](http://www.sjkids.org/picnic) and click on the Volunteer link.



## Historic Ribbon Cutting for New Cottages

The four new cottages for our residential children are nearly finished. It has been exciting to watch the construction and see the buildings take shape over the past year. The staff and kids are thrilled as the much-anticipated move-in date is drawing near. To celebrate the opening of the new cottages, we will have a ribbon cutting on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM; open to the public.

St. Joseph Children's Home is overwhelmingly grateful for the community support of so many individuals, foundations, companies, and organizations to support the new cottages. The funds raised via the campaign covered the cost of the construction and major furnishings for the cottages. As is often the case when moving into a new living space, there are a number of smaller items needed to make the new houses feel more home-like for the kids.

### Would you like to welcome the kids home?

If you would like to give a "home-warming" gift to St. Joe's kids you can find online gift registries for the cottages at Target.com, Kohls.com, and Amazon.com by searching for "Saint Joseph". Monetary gifts designated for Cottage Furnishings are also welcome and appreciated.



## Unbreakable

Becky and Kristen, (pictured right before they each left for their new forever families), developed a strong, sisterly bond during their time here at St. Joe's. Their families have been committed to make sure the two best friends stay in close contact since their departure. The two girls now live many miles apart, but they still Skype weekly and keep in touch with what the other is doing. Since leaving St. Joe's they have both been on family vacations and horse riding for the first time ever! Congratulations to both of them and we wish them all the best.

The bond that children often develop while living at St. Joe's has been called unbreakable. Alumni who lived here fifty years ago say the same of their experience. We are so proud of that! Are you a St. Joe's Alumni? Would you like to be more involved? If so, please call Sally Walko at 502.893.0241, or sallyw@sjkids.org.



### St. Joseph Children's Home would like to say a special thank you to the lead contributors of this project:

J Graham Brown Foundation  
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Left) Doing special pottery at the Paint Spot.  
Below) Thank you to Nick Schneider and LaMont Melson at the Galt House Hotel and Suites for providing special visits for our kids!



Above) Thank you to Councilman Bill Hollander for hosting St. Joe's kids for a Louisville Bats game recently!

## St. Joe's by the Numbers: What We are Proud of...

- 40**..... Number of children in Residential Program  
(our capacity will increase to 48 with the new cottages)
- 5 to 15** ..... Ages of children in the Residential Program
- 11**..... Average age of current residents
- 4.69** (out of 5 being the highest)  
Average Level of Care of current residents (based on behavioral difficulties due to trauma experiences)
- 12**..... Average number of foster homes and/or psychiatric placements children have been in before they arrived at St. Joe's
- 1 ½ years**.... Average time children live at St. Joe's before transitioning to Foster Care or adoption
- 94%**..... Our success rate on permanent placement for children (state average is around 60%) This success rate is accomplished while accepting the youngest and most behaviorally difficult children in the state.
- 0 to 18** ..... Ages of children in the Foster Care Program
- 50**..... Current number of certified foster families
- 42**..... Number of children currently in foster care at St. Joe's
- 11**..... Adoptions in 2014
- 116**..... Total number of adoptions since 2003

**Our goal is for their next home to be their forever home.**



## Two Easy Ways (and Free!) to Help Our Kids

**S**upport St. Joseph Children's Home while you shop at Amazon and Kroger. Register with Amazon Smile and they will donate a percentage of the purchase price for all Amazon orders you place to St. Joseph Children's Home. The donation comes directly from Amazon. There is no cost to customers, and no additional amount will be added to your order. Once you are registered, donations will automatically be made to the charity of your choice each time you make a purchase. To register for the program and have your Amazon purchases benefit St. Joseph Children's Home, click on the Amazon Smile logo on the home page of our website [www.sjkids.org](http://www.sjkids.org).

You can also support St. Joseph Children's Home when you shop at Kroger. Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com). Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Click on Sign In/Register. To choose St. Joseph Children's Home as your preferred charity, enter our name or NPO number 12008.

Please sign up today to let your purchases support our kids.



### Giving Children a Home

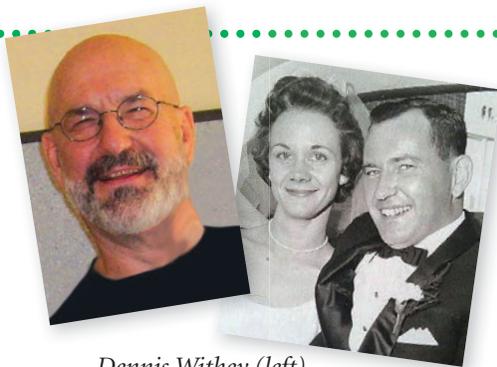
Residential Treatment  
Child Development Center  
Therapeutic Foster Care & Adoption Services

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## Leave a Legacy to St. Joe's Kids



Dennis Withey (left)  
and John & Mary Lou Arkenau

**D**ennis Withey and Kathy Wilson are two great friends of St. Joseph Children's Home. They learned about St. Joe's through their involvement with the Greater Louisville Dart Association which has sponsored an annual darting event to benefit St. Joe's for over ten years.

As part of their commitment to St. Joseph Children's Home, Dennis and Kathy recently let us know that they included St. Joseph Children's Home in their wills. Regarding this decision, Dennis and Kathy said,

"We initially became involved with St. Joe's in 2006 by participating

in an annual charity benefit for the St. Joe's children sponsored by the Greater Louisville Darting Association. After we married in 2011, Kathy and I prepared a joint financial and estate plan. We have no children. Therefore, as part of our planning process, we looked for ways to make a difference in the lives of children. St. Joe's mission of helping "at-risk" kids was at this point well known to us. We thought, what better way to do what we desired to do than to: support the kids at St. Joe's through continued involvement both while we're living, by becoming lifetime members of the St. Joseph Catholic Orphans' Society in 2013; and by providing planned gifting to St. Joe's when we are no longer of this world."

Another couple who were long-time supporters of St. Joseph Children's Home is John and Mary Lou Arkenau. We recently received a very generous donation from their estate which will be a legacy to their dedication to the wellbeing of our community's children for many years to come.

Planned giving is a wonderful way to provide ongoing support to organizations whose mission you feel strongly about and want to help succeed. For more information about how you can include St. Joseph Children's Home in your planned giving designations, please contact Sally Walko at 502-893-0241 ext. 281.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### ST. JOE'S PICNIC FOR THE KIDS

August 7th and 8th  
www.sjkids.org/picnic

### "EAT AND GREET"

Thursday, September 17th  
11:30-12:30pm  
Wednesday, November 11th  
11:30-12:30pm  
Join us for a brief tour to learn about more about St. Joe's, then join the kids for lunch!  
Please R.S.V.P. to Kate at kateb@sjkids.org or 502-893-0241

### 2015 FOSTER CARE TRAINING SCHEDULE

July 9th-September 3rd  
September 22nd-November 17th  
Please R.S.V.P. to Lisa lisab@sjkids.org or 502-893-0241

### WISH LIST

Diapers and Pull-Ups of all sizes  
Swimsuits and pajamas *youth small-adult medium*  
Backpacks and school supplies  
School uniforms, all sizes  
Toiletries  
Infant items  
Gift cards for special outings

Grace Akers, MDIV  
Executive Director

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