



#sjkids update

June

There's no doubt June has been an exciting month as we kicked off Picnic 172 with Virtual Trivia Night, celebrated St. Joe's families during PRIDE Month, enjoyed the start of summer break with our #sjkids and a whole lot more!

We can't wait to see you for this year's **unique Picnic experience during our two-night ticketed live music events for the 172nd Picnic for the Kids.** We hope you'll join us to support our mission of "Giving Children a Home."

Check out some of our June highlights and see how you can get involved for this year's Picnic!

Here's How You Can Get Involved for Picnic 172



While this year's event looks different from years past, we're excited to welcome you back for **St. Joe's Picnic for the Kids two-night ticketed, live music events** on Friday, Aug. 13 and Saturday, Aug. 14 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

For this year's unique Picnic experience, we need your support more than ever to help make Picnic 172 one for the history books. Watch the video and read below on how you can get involved for this year's Picnic.



Attend Our Picnic Live Music Events August 13 & 14

Enjoy live music, food, drinks, raffles and fun! \$10 general admission tickets are on sale now or enjoy a

special table starting at \$500 each night for a group of six.

**PURCHASE PICNIC TICKETS
NOW**



Serve as a Picnic Volunteer

Several volunteer opportunities are available for this year's event. To sign up, contact Volunteer Manager Shannon Paddymo at shannonp@sjkids.org to get involved as an individual or with a team.

**SIGN UP AS A
VOLUNTEER**

Become a Picnic Ambassador

As an ambassador, you'll help raise funds for our #sjkids by sharing your Picnic stories with family and friends to invite them to make a gift on your page. Register as an individual or as a team to become a Picnic Ambassador and you'll have a shot at winning exciting prizes.

REGISTER NOW



Encourage Family & Friends to Donate

Encourage family and friends who can't attend this year's event to donate through our Text to Give. It's easy! Just text **STJOESPICNICFORTHEKIDS** to 243725 to make a Picnic donation for our #sjkids.

**SEND A TEXT TO
SUPPORT OUR
#SJKIDS**



#MissionMoment Celebrating Our Families During PRIDE Month



For our June #MissionMoment, we're spotlighting some of our St. Joe's adoptive and foster families in celebration of PRIDE Month.

Thank you to dedicated families like Mannie, Sam, Carol and Jen who live out our mission of "Giving Children a Home!"

The Mandina-Stone Family

Mannie Stone and Sam Mandina began their journey as foster parents through St. Joe's because of their passion for helping children in need.

Through their journey as foster parents, they



had the opportunity to adopt their two children and are now a beautiful family of four!

"I think the biggest thing for us in deciding to foster is that we wanted to provide homes for kids because we love kids. The support we've received from St. Joe's as foster parents has meant a lot, especially during our entire adoption process," said Mannie.

The Kraemer-Straub Family

Jen and Carol Kraemer-Straub began their journey as foster parents, but quickly fell in love with their daughter Marina, who they adopted two years after fostering.

Jen and Carol recently spoke with WAVE Country's Dawne Gee about the transformational impact of foster families as they shared their own foster care and adoption journey with Marina.

[WATCH THE INTERVIEW](#)



"Through adopting Marina, we are continuing to receive more love than we ever imagined. I think we know her impact when we see the many ways she lights up a room through her fierceness, determination and sense of humor. All of those things, even the challenges, bring such richness to our lives," said Jen.

Building Forever Families Campus Renovations Continue



The excitement around our campus renovations continued this month as the Kelley Construction team installed our brand new HVAC system which will help reduce cost and increase energy efficiency across campus.



Each HVAC unit weighs around 6,500 pounds and was installed on the third floor of our landmark building, so it was no easy task!

The team also found a water pump from the original 1885 landmark building structure that served to pull water out of the cellar to keep it dry for food storage.

#SJKids Celebrate Summer Break



Our residential #sjkids kicked off summer break with some fun activities! The boys enjoyed playing putt putt and riding go karts, while the girls enjoyed a night-in making strawberry shortcakes and playing Just Dance!

The #sjkids also enjoyed a visit from Judge Derwin Webb who discussed his journey as a family court judge, a father and a former college basketball player. They can't wait to see Judge Webb again soon for a little 1x1 hoops session!

If you're interested in helping provide our #sjkids with some summer essentials, view our Amazon wish list and consider donating a few items. We appreciate your support.



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Foster Care & Adoption Info Sessions & Certification Training Available



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Mark your calendars for the next virtual foster care and adoption information session on Tuesday, July 6 at 5:45 p.m. To RSVP or learn more, email info@sjkids.org.

Additionally, we have two more foster care and adoption certification training sessions this year during the dates below.

- Session 3: Thursday evenings 6-9 p.m. July 15 to Sept. 9 (Skip Picnic week)
- Session 4: Tuesday evenings 6-9 p.m. Sept. 28 to Nov. 16

St. Joe's Staff Spotlight: Marianne Hay, CDC Classroom Teacher



Marianne Hay,
Senior Classroom Teacher

What is the most challenging aspect of my job? That I only have 2 hands; to help, stop/redirect, read, hug, & change diapers as fast as I would like.

What is the most rewarding aspect of my job? The hugs! When a child sees you in the morning and runs into your arms. It's a great feeling.

The best advice I could give to someone who is considering a career within our Child Development Center is to be patient with the construction. When it's done it's going to be amazing!

Check out this month's staff spotlight featuring CDC Senior Classroom Teacher Marianne Hay! As a teacher, Marianne does it all while reading, playing and helping her kiddos throughout the day. She knows it's all worth it when she receives hugs from her #sjkids every morning.

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the St. Joe's family? Visit sjkids.org/careers/ to view our available positions and employee benefits.

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