

ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY NEWS

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

Making the Right Lifestyle Choice is an Investment in the Future

What is it about being part of a community that makes it so comforting?

It creates a sense of belonging and connection. It allows us to share common experiences that define who we are. Or, as a resident of St. Ann's Community at Chapel Oaks said of her neighbors, "What's important in my life is important in theirs."

That's one of the reasons Rochester is one of the best places for senior living. We offer opportunities to age in communities like St. Ann's that can support us as our lifestyle and health care needs change.

Consider this: A couple who no longer wants the hassle of home repairs, lawn maintenance, snow removal, and cleaning a two-story house can opt for a cottage home at St. Ann's Community at Cherry Ridge or a spacious apartment at Cherry Ridge or Chapel Oaks.

Should fully independent living become difficult, they can move to assisted living in the same community. If one eventually requires memory care, they can find it in the same community. And as their health needs change, they may require 24-hour skilled nursing. Guess what? They can find it in the same community.

That's what we at St. Ann's refer to as our continuum of care. Our housing and lifestyle options allow people to age in place, remaining in the community they're familiar with while having their changing needs met. Same comfortable environment, same friendly faces, just a higher level of care as it is needed.

If that sounds wonderful to you, you're not alone. The one regret I hear from some of our independent living residents is, "I wish I'd moved here sooner." So why not start the conversation now? Think about what's important to you at this stage in life. Then consider the options at St. Ann's Community and how they can make that possible. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised at what a great fit it can be.

As part of the St. Ann's family, you won't be alone. We will be with you every step of the way, ready to provide the level of care you need as your lifestyle changes.

As our new Chapel Oaks resident put it, "It was important for me to make this decision now, while I'm healthy and able to do it on my own terms. It's a joy to be here with people of my generation who have the same memories, like the same music, and can relate to the same experiences."

That's what community is all about.



Michael E. McRae, President & CEO



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Photo: Elders, families and friends at the St. Ann's Community Walk 2024

ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY WALK BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

On September 14, 2024, St. Ann's Community Walk united elders, families and supporters for a morning of fun! The event, held on the beautiful grounds of St. Ann's Community's Irondequoit Campus, celebrated the strength and spirit of older adults while raising critical funds to support programs that enhance their quality of life.

Over 150 participants of all ages joined in the walk, some in teams and others as individuals, each with a shared commitment to making a difference. Many walked in honor of loved ones, while others participated to show appreciation for the dedicated caregivers at St. Ann's.

In addition to the 2-mile walk around our grounds, the event included live music, refreshments, and family-friendly activities. Community partners and local businesses showed their support through sponsorships and philanthropic support, reinforcing the impact of collective generosity. Thanks to the incredible efforts of our participants, we raised \$75,000, surpassing our goal.

"The St. Ann's Community Walk is more than just an event to raise funds—it's a celebration of the people who make

our community special," said President & CEO, Michael E. McRae. "It's heartwarming to see so many come together to support our mission."

Planning is well underway for the 2025 St. Ann's Community Walk! Join us on **Saturday, September 13, 2025**, for a day of community, celebration and supporting our elders. Whether you walk, donate, volunteer, or fundraise, there are many ways to get involved. Learn more at stannscommunity.com/walk or by scanning the QR code.

SCAN TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THIS
YEAR'S WALK!





Photo: John Osadnick with his wife, Carol

DONOR PROFILE

JOHN & CAROL OSADNICK

In 2022, Carol Osadnick found a new home in St. Ann's Community's Special Care Unit (SCU), where her husband, John, witnessed the extraordinary compassion and care his beloved wife receives daily. Inspired by this exceptional support, John established the *John & Carol Osadnick Endowment* to enhance the quality of life for individuals living with dementia and to support their caregivers.

Over the past decade, since Carol's Alzheimer's diagnosis, John's journey has been filled with challenges and heartache. The SCU staff, with their kindness and dedication, have become his second family, their support brings him immense comfort. "I have never known finer folks. The beauty of those souls is blinding," he says.

John lovingly remembers Carol as the backbone of their family. Once a dedicated traveling nurse, Carol chose to

stay home and raise their children, her selfless love and care shaping their family's success.

"I have never known finer folks. The beauty of those souls is blinding."

John and his children, including daughter Erin and sons Peter and Mark, are united in their appreciation for the love and support Carol receives at St. Ann's. Through this endowment, they hope to create a legacy of compassion, ensuring that future elders and caregivers experience the same love and support that has brought them comfort during their most difficult time.

2024 MARTIN F. BIRMINGHAM LEADER IN PHILANTHROPY AWARD

TOM RILEY & BARBARA KELLEY

Over the past five decades, St. Ann's Community has been blessed with the leadership, vision, and generosity of Tom Riley and Barbara Kelley. Their heartfelt dedication to public service shines through their active involvement on boards and committees across diverse fields, including the arts, sciences, business, and health care. They epitomize engaged philanthropy.

Tom joined the St. Ann's of Greater Rochester, Inc. Board in 1968, serving with distinction for 40 years. During his tenure, St. Ann's experienced significant growth and transformation. His invaluable contributions to the Human Resources Committee, as well as his pivotal role in the creation of Chapel Oaks and the Cherry Ridge campus, left an everlasting mark.

Tom and Barbara have generously shared their talents to advance philanthropy at St. Ann's. Barbara's marketing expertise was key in revitalizing St. Ann's brand, culminating in the launch of the "Caring for the Most Important People on Earth" campaign.

The profound generosity of Tom and Barbara towards St. Ann's has deeply touched our hearts. They have actively participated in all our fundraising campaigns and emerged

as leaders during our 150th anniversary in 2023, helping to establish the *Sisters of St. Joseph Endowment*. Their commitment and dedication are truly inspiring.

Their philanthropy, coupled with their dedication of time and expertise, will leave an enduring legacy at St. Ann's, creating a lasting impact on those we serve now and in the future.



Photo: Tom Riley and Barbara Kelley, Martin F. Birmingham Leader in Philanthropy Award recipients

MARTIN F. BIRMINGHAM LEADER IN PHILANTHROPY

Established in 1999, this award recognizes the leadership, dedication and philanthropic commitment to St. Ann's Community made by an individual, family, organization, corporation or foundation.

2024 Tom Riley and Barbara Kelley	2011 Sherwood Deutsch
2023 Ron and Sharon Salluzzo	2010 Frank* and Mary Lou* Stotz
2022 Anthony R. Palermo	2009 Jim and Kathleen Leo
2021 LECESE Construction	2008 Ann and Jim Gould
2020 Not Awarded +	2007 Davenport-Hatch Foundation
2019 Rachel Bandy	2006 Margaret D. Lortie
2018 Walter and Barbara Parkes	2005 Turula Family Fund, Inc.
2017 Tom and Bernice Seibert	2004 Anthony J. Malone
2016 Patrick C. Burke	2003 Jeanne B. Hutchins*
2015 Marie Roth*	2002 Joseph Lobo
2014 Thomas Tette & Ginny Kennedy-Tette	2001 Josephine* and Gerald* Aresty
2013 Robert F. Ryan	2000 Jack* and Beverly Dunn
2012 St. Ann's Angels	1999 Martin F. Birmingham*

PARTNER IN PHILANTHROPY

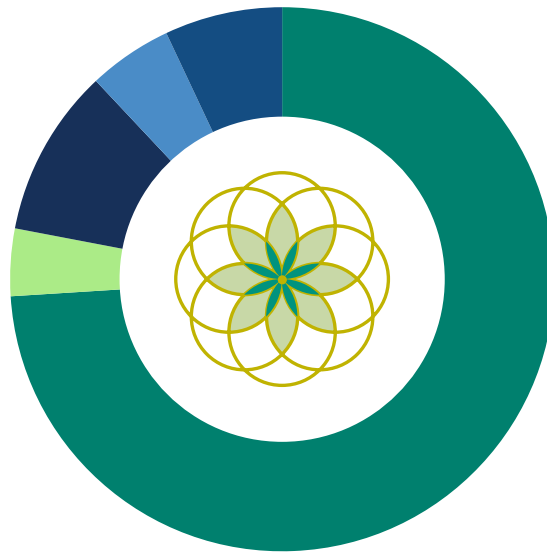
Introduced in 2004, this award recognizes a St. Ann's Community employee who demonstrates an exceptional level of support for those we serve through personal and professional commitment to philanthropy.

2024 Holly Carmona	2011 Robert S. Bourg
2023 Patricia Finnigan	2010 Beth Flanagan
2022 Heather Reiff	2009 Guy and Tina Cennamo
2021 Rebecca Ahrens-Walker	2008 Linda M. Best
2020 Not Awarded +	2007 Father Peter T. Bayer
2019 Shelly Woodworth	2006 Stephen M. Clark
2018 Rola O'Meally	2005 Christine Van Vessum
2017 Lisa Giles	2004 Stanley Jachimczak*
2016 Edward H. Neal III	
2015 Matthew Carr	
2014 Susan Murty	
2013 Pasquale Conca	
2012 Julie Calunio	

*Deceased / + Not awarded due to Covid-19 pandemic

2024 IMPACT REPORT

In 2024, the generosity of our donors made an extraordinary difference in the lives of those we serve.



EXPENSES:

- Skilled Nursing**
\$76,108,000
- Assisted Living**
\$4,406,000
- Independent Living**
\$10,633,000
- Other Service Areas**
\$5,538,000
- Other Administrative & General**
\$6,738,000

TOTAL: \$103,423,000

SIGNIFICANT AREAS SUPPORTED IN 2024



Employee
Recognition &
Education



Leo Center
for Caring



Life Enrichment
Activities



Music
Therapy



Pastoral
Care



Flower's Café
Renovation



Wegman Care
Center Kitchen
Renovation

LIVES SERVED BY SERVICE AREA

2024 TOTAL: 3,196

336

ADULT DAY
SERVICES

114

ASSISTED
LIVING

237

GERIATRIC
PRIMARY CARE
(PILLAR MEDICAL)

325

INDEPENDENT
LIVING

55

HOSPICE CARE
(LEO CENTER FOR CARING)

567

OUTPATIENT
WOUND CARE

571

SKILLED
NURSING CARE

991

REHABILITATION &
TRANSITIONAL CARE

Raised over
\$2.4 MILLION
in philanthropic support

Over
3,000
Music Therapy
hours



15,681 HOURS
provided by 415 volunteers

6,000+ HOURS
of staff education



STAR awards
presented

65

Community Groups
engaged with elders

148

1873 Society
members

1,776
donors



OVER 20,000

Pastoral Care visits to our elders

Elders received

OVER 118,200

visits from family and friends

Over
\$40,000
awarded in employee
scholarships

Employees gave over
\$90,000
back to St. Ann's

Over
6,900
hours of life
enrichment support

IN APPRECIATION OF YOU – OUR MOST GENEROUS AND DEDICATED DONORS

We're so grateful for your kindness and generosity in 2024. Because of you, the elders at St. Ann's Community enjoy lives filled with independence, fulfillment, and meaningful choices. Thank you for making a difference!

\$100,000+

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Finger Lakes Performing
Provider System
Joan H. Frazier
Billie Lebda Gale & Doug Gale
James J. & Kathleen "Flower" Leo
Mary L. Moffit*
Mother Cabrini Health
Foundation
John & Carol Osadnick

\$50,000 - \$99,999

James Boehler*
Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation
Lena DeLelys*

\$25,000 - \$49,999

ESL Charitable Foundation
Robert J. Estephan
Ann & Jim Gould
Laurel Ann Tarcinale
The Rochester Area Community
Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Mary Beauchamp
The Bernard and Patricia
Iacovangelo Family Foundation
The Frank & Jean Iacovangelo
Family Foundation
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M&T Charitable Foundation
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The Rubacha Family
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Margaret and Stephen Schwartz
Endowment Fund
Thomas & Bernice Seibert
Turula Family Fund, Inc.

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Reverend Daniel F. Holland
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Sheral Maloy
Michael & Kellie McRae
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Maureen McCoy
Michael & Kristin Parkes
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Joseph and Irene Skalny
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Anna & Leonard Stein
Summers Foundation Inc.

\$1,873 - \$4,999

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Jennifer Blackchief
Kevin & Kristine Brown
Andy Burke
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Ralph Cyr
Joan Dalberth
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Christopher Maruke**
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\$1,000 - \$1,872

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Adelaida Samuels
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2024 IMPACT REPORT

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Ann Younger

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Nelson & Lisa George
Lucille Gillette

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Carol Helferich
Dawn Heuer
Marvin Hill
Rachel Holmes
Nancy Hughes
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United Way of Buffalo & Erie Co.
Kathleen Vaughn
Erin Ward
William Welch
Shelly Woodworth
Sharon Zink

*Deceased / Bold = St. Ann's Employee

2024 BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

AD Finance Team
Aetna Insurance
Alesco Advisors LLC
Alzheimer's Association
Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Atlantic Granite
Benefits Representatives of America
Bison Elevator
Bond, Schoeneck & King
Cameron Roofing
Canandaigua National Bank and Trust,
Wealth Strategies Group
CCOR
Chestnut Ridge Elementary School
Chubb Insurance
Compeer
Doyle Security Systems
EFRP Group
Empire Justice Center - CASH Program
Excellus BlueCross BlueShield
Genesee Office Interiors, Inc.
Genesee Regional Bank
Genesee Valley Regional Association for
Healthcare Engineers
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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery &
Ascension Gardens
Howe & Rusling Wealth Management
ImageNow by Mahar
Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester
Jines Family Restaurant
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Baseball, Inc.
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Association, Inc.
Rochester Regional Health
Sage Rutty & Co. Inc.
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Servomation
Shortz Landscape Associates, Inc.
Sisters of St. Joseph
Small Business Council of Rochester
St. Paul Blvd. Professional Firefighters Assoc.
Special Care Systems, LLC
SWBR
The Bonadio Group
The Burke Group, part of
USI Consulting Group
The GLN Wealth Management Group,
Merrill Lynch
The Sertl Partnership
Tipping Point Communications
Tokio Marine North American Services
Underberg & Kessler LLP
USI Insurance Services LLC
Webster Fire Department Ladies Auxillary
West Fire Systems (Sciens Building Solutions)
Wright Beverage Distributing

CORPORATE PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

A PARTNERSHIP BUILT ON KINDNESS AND COMMUNITY

ImageNow

For over 15 years, ImageNow has been a trusted partner with St. Ann's Community, providing valuable services and building meaningful relationships along the way. At the heart of this collaboration is Al Mahar, owner of ImageNow.

When asked what makes the partnership most rewarding, Al's answer is simple: the people. The respect and pride that

comes with working alongside an organization dedicated to elder care is invaluable. It's the small, everyday moments of kindness that stand out—people helping one another not because they must, but because they genuinely want to.

One of the highlights of this collaboration was the 2024 St. Ann's Community Walk. Al and his team at ImageNow were thrilled to see an event that welcomed people of all ages and, most importantly, included the elders of St. Ann's in the celebration. The accessibility and inclusivity of the event resonated deeply with them, and being part of its success was a rewarding experience. Looking ahead, ImageNow is excited to continue its partnership with St. Ann's, offering its services and support to a community that has given them so much in return.

For Al Mahar and ImageNow, St. Ann's is more than just a client—it's a place of connection, kindness, and shared values. Their long-standing partnership is a testament to the power of working together to make a difference in the lives of others.



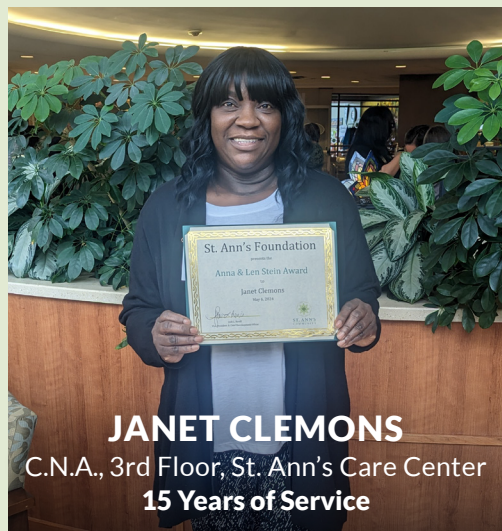
Photo: Al Mahar with his wife, Patti at the 2024 St. Ann's Community Walk

ANNA AND LEN STEIN AWARDS

The 2024 Anna and Len Stein Award was presented to three deserving members of the St. Ann's Community nursing team. The awards were presented by Cindy Lovetro, St. Ann's Chief Nursing Officer. Cindy spoke of each recipient's positive attitude, selfless dedication to serving our elders, and the

inspiring effect they have on their fellow colleagues. This presentation is one of the many ways St. Ann's celebrates Nursing Caregivers Week annually. **Congratulations to our 2024 recipients!**

Established in 2020, the Anna & Len Stein Award recognizes outstanding members of the St. Ann's Nursing staff.



JANET CLEMONS

C.N.A., 3rd Floor, St. Ann's Care Center
15 Years of Service

"She demonstrates an unparalleled work ethic and contagious optimistic attitude that sets a positive example for everyone around her."



**MARIE OMBELE
MPANDZOU SOLO**

L.P.N., 8th Floor, St. Ann's Home
8 Years of Service

"Marie comes to work with a positive attitude, willing to share her knowledge, and ready to work wherever she may be needed."



GARESHA REID

C.N.A., 2nd Floor, Wegman Care Center
5 Years of Service

"Garesha has a sense of humor and will make the best of a tough situation. She is known to crack a joke or to just start dancing."



Photo: Cheryl Ryan and her parents

ST. ANN'S OF GREATER ROCHESTER, INC. BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

CHERYL RYAN

It was a simple survey that led Cheryl Ryan to a decades-long connection to St. Ann's Community.

"This was years ago at Xerox," she says. "When you were promoted to middle management, you were asked about your interests in serving on a non-profit board. Many want to work with kids or animals. For me it was seniors, who don't get the attention they deserve."

Cheryl was contacted by St. Ann's. That was in 1998, and she's been on the Board of Directors ever since, currently serving as Board Chair.

"The Board was looking to beef up its human resources competency; they were ahead of their time," says Cheryl, who was an HR executive at Xerox for more than 30 years before joining Highland Hospital as Chief Human Resources Officer in 2024. "It was a perfect fit."

It didn't hurt that St. Ann's was right in her family's backyard.

"For the first 22 years of my life I lived close to St. Ann's," she says. "When I was first driving, I'd use The Heritage [the former tower on the Irondequoit campus] as a landmark when I was driving home."

That proximity was also a factor in her parents' decision to move to Chapel Oaks when they sold their home in 2021.

"The geography aligned for them, so it was an easy transition," she says, noting that both parents had also received "outstanding care" in St. Ann's rehab unit in years

prior. "They've made great friends at Chapel Oaks and the staff is wonderful. It's been extremely positive."

As Board Chair, Cheryl views the changing demographic of older adults as a prime focus.

"In 10 years baby boomers--adults 65 and older--will outnumber people 18 and under," she says. "Boomers have a greater number of chronic health conditions than previous generations. So, the landscape is changing dramatically."

By offering a full continuum of care, from independent and assisted living to memory care and skilled nursing, Cheryl believes St. Ann's is prepared for those changes.

In addition to her family connection and Board service, Cheryl has been supporting St. Ann's as a donor for many years. It's something she considers a sound investment.

"For me it was seniors, who don't get the attention they deserve."

"People trust that 150+ years of outstanding service to older adults means St. Ann's is worthy of their charitable support," she says. "That's why I've doubled down on my involvement. And it's why I encourage others to give generously to support this pillar of our community."

GROSODONIA & MIRABELLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Joanna and Michael Grosodonia's connection with St. Ann's Community dates back to the 1960s when Michael's grandfather experienced our care. Since then, St. Ann's has also provided care to many others in their family.

Years later, Joanna and Michael faced one of the most difficult decisions of their lives: Joanna's mother, Victoria, required more care than they could provide at home. After many emotional conversations, Victoria, who once worked at St. Ann's as a nurse, agreed that it was the right place for her, and in 2019, she moved to her new home, our Special Care Unit (SCU).

"When my mother entered the SCU, my heart broke, but I also felt an immense sense of relief knowing she was in such capable hands," Joanna recalled. Victoria, who had spent her life caring for others, was now being cared for with dignity, respect, and compassion. "No matter what she remembered—or didn't—the staff treated her like family," Joanna shared. "St. Ann's is a place of comfort and care, and I saw that truth in every interaction."

In 2022, it felt like everything had come full circle when Joanna had the privilege of being the keynote speaker at St. Ann's annual Employee Scholarship Celebration. "Michael and I were so moved to see the Special Care Unit staff still remembering my mom so fondly," Joanna said.

Hearing the scholarship recipients' stories of growth and gratitude inspired them to establish *The Grosodonia & Mirabella Family Scholarship Fund*, an endowed scholarship to support caregivers now and in the future.

"The process of working with the Foundation team was an extension of the care and compassion that defines St. Ann's," Joanna said. "For me, this wasn't just a formal agreement—it was a way to honor my mother's legacy and ensure that the exceptional care she received would continue for generations to come."



Photo: Joanna and Michael Grosodonia at the 2024 Employee Scholarship Celebration

THE GROSODONIA & MIRABELLA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT BRENNA WILCOX



"My dream profession has always been to be a nurse," says Brenna. After three years as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) on the 5th floor of St. Ann's Home, Brenna is making that dream a reality, with the help from *The Grosodonia & Mirabella Family Scholarship*.

For more than two years, Brenna has been a mentor, always encouraging her mentees to uphold a high standard of excellence. Currently enrolled at Bryant & Stratton College, Brenna is pursuing her Associate Degree in Nursing, on her way to becoming a Registered Nurse. "A successful

healthcare worker is attentive, compassionate, and responsible," she shares. "Returning to school is always a great opportunity to elevate yourself as a professional," she reflects.

The scholarship has been life-changing, not just for her but also for her 3-year-old son. "Living paycheck to paycheck in this current economy does not allow me to be flexible with the income I receive," she admits. "I am so thankful to the Grosodonia and Mirabella family; this scholarship is truly heaven-sent!"

"I take pride in being the strength for my elders," Brenna says. "Nursing has been my passion. I feel like I was made for it, and this is my calling."

STAR PROGRAM THANKING EXCEPTIONAL STAFF

Rehab Recognition

"All are angels of mercy." That's what Josie Gangemi says about the staff on the 9th floor of St. Ann's Home. "While I was in rehabilitation, I met the most wonderful and caring people who are devoted to their profession," Josie says.

When Josie arrived, the staff extended a warm welcome and took the time to get her settled into her room. "They answered the questions concerning my care with such kindness, which really put me at ease," Josie shares.

The Pastoral Care Staff, understanding the depth of her faith, provided communion, a gesture Josie appreciated. She was also blessed with a visit from Father Bill Donnelly, a longtime friend who brought comfort.

After her surgery, Josie knew the right and only choice was to rehab at St. Ann's. "I feel absolutely blessed for all the care I received in such a well-equipped facility along with exemplary staff," Josie expresses.

Upon returning home, Josie and her husband, Dr. Richard Gangemi, made a generous gift to the STAR Fund in honor of the entire 9th floor team, acknowledging over 40 staff members who provided extraordinary care.



Photo: STAR certificate presented to the 6th Floor Team, St. Ann's Home

A Special Community

"This is a special community," say Patricia and Michael Keenahan, whose parents both received exceptional care at St. Ann's Community.

For over two years, Patricia's father, Ted, was cared for in the Wegman Care Center (WCC). The staff, especially Gina, treated him like he was her own family member.

"Gina not only cared for dad's physical needs but also his emotional needs. Dad loved to help people. Gina always found a small task for dad to help with," says Patricia. "Tim, Life Enrichment Advocate, had a great knack to get dad to participate in a variety of activities, respectfully helping as dad's abilities declined," Patricia shares.

Michael's mother, Mary, was cared for on the 6th floor in St. Ann's Home. "Mom had many difficult days during her stay. The staff took care of mom with patience, humor, kindness and respect," says Michael. "Staff went above and beyond their nursing role – always with a smile."

Michael's mother was also cared for at Rainer Grove, at our Cherry Ridge campus, where Sheila made it much easier. "Sheila always went out of her way to help mom be as independent as possible. Mom held a special place in her heart for Sheila," Michael recalls.

Patricia and Michael provided a generous gift to the STAR Fund to recognize all who cared for Ted and Mary.



Photo: STAR certificate presented to the 9th Floor Team, St. Ann's Home

The **STAR Program** allows family members and independent living residents to thank exceptional staff caring for the most important people on earth.



Photo: Sheila Fitzgerald of Rainer Grove, Cherry Ridge, with her STAR certificate

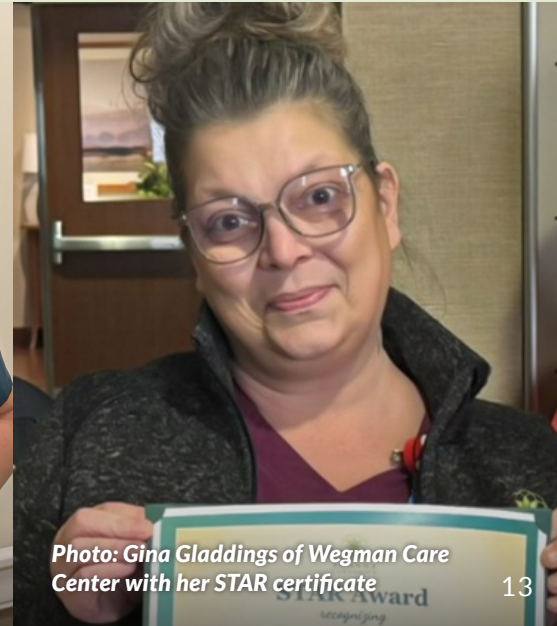


Photo: Gina Gladdings of Wegman Care Center with her STAR certificate

LEAVING A LEGACY AND GIVING BACK

RACHEL AND DAVID BANDYCH

Rachel Bandych joined the St. Ann's Foundation Board of Directors in 2009, and St. Ann's became the fortunate beneficiary of her leadership, expertise and philanthropic support.

Rachel and David's deep appreciation for the care provided at St. Ann's was strengthened when her father, Emeritus Board Member Dr. Bernie Brody, was served in the original Palliative Center for Caring in our Heritage building, in 2011.

Their connection to St. Ann's continued to grow as Rachel served as Foundation Board Chair twice, and as Chair for the Planned Giving Committee for several years.

"Our estate gift reflects our desire to further the mission of St. Ann's to provide quality care for elders for generations to come. We join in support of St. Ann's in the belief that their values and commitment to exceptional care will create a legacy for our community."



Photo: Rachel and David Bandych

HOGAN LEGACY SOCIETY

The Hogan Legacy Society is for the special donors who have made a gift to St. Ann's through their will or other planned gifts. St. Ann's is blessed by these individuals and families for their generosity, leadership and foresight in benefiting our community for generations to come:

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Established in 2003, the Hogan Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have funded a life-income gift or included St. Ann's Foundation in their estate plan. **Do You Have a Plan for the Future?** For more information visit: stannscmmunity.giftplans.org

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

M&T BANK

Since 2023, M&T Bank's Rochester-area branches have been volunteering with St. Ann's Community, brightening the lives of our elders with countless acts of kindness and connection.

Each Valentine's Day for the last three years, M&T employees have ensured every elder at St. Ann's received a heartfelt, handwritten card—totaling over 1,800 valentines! Beyond this tradition, they have spent meaningful time with our elders, joining Christmas and the inaugural St. Ann's Community Walk in 2024.

M&T's generosity also extended to donating blankets as Christmas gifts for Adult Day Service participants and through our Bringing Community to St. Ann's initiative, providing comfort for elders in Skilled Nursing.

M&T employees deeply appreciate the chance to partner with St. Ann's Community, with one volunteer saying their motivation was to "connect our team with elders," and another adding it's about "bringing joy to others."

We are truly grateful for M&T Bank's ongoing support and are excited about future opportunities.



Photo: M&T Bank employees bringing joy and connection to St. Ann's Community



Photo: St. Ann's Community Elder enjoying Valentine's Day

Are you or an organization looking to give back and build meaningful connections? Partner with St. Ann's Community! Contact **Colleen Holcomb** at cholcomb@mystanns.com | 585-697-6523.

The place you call home has never been more important, and we're here to help.



St. Ann's Community at Chapel Oaks, nestled on 14 acres in Irondequoit, offers one and two-bedroom apartments and amenities for seniors aged 60 and above. Residents can dine in the Newport Room for fine dining or at Marie's Bar and Bistro for a more casual experience. The campus features a beautiful indoor heated pool and fitness center, emphasizing wellness. Residents also benefit from an active social calendar and convenient transportation services.

Contact: Teresa Plumeri
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St. Ann's Community at Cherry Ridge, located in Webster on 41 private wooded acres, offers charming cottage homes or spacious one or two-bedroom apartments. Residents enjoy a range of amenities and on-site certified fitness instructors providing wellness programming. Priority access to on-campus assisted living and skilled nursing is available if needed.

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