

# ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY NEWS

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*Full of Life*



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# FROM OUR PRESIDENT & CEO

## MEETING THE FUTURE OF SENIOR LIVING

 *Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens,  
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens*

If you were born the year Julie Andrews sang “My Favorite Things” in *The Sound of Music* (1965), you’re at the tail end of the generation known as the Baby Boomers.

And just four years from now, you’ll be among the last of the Boomers to turn 65. That milestone represents something phenomenal: the first time the generation of people age 65 and older will outnumber those 17 and under.

In the senior living profession, it’s called the Silver Tsunami. That’s a lighthearted term for a serious challenge facing providers of health care and housing for people over 65. St. Ann’s Community has seen it coming and has prepared in two major ways.

**We are expanding our services and amenities.** Through an investment in our housing, infrastructure, programming, and transportation services, we’re ready to accommodate the influx of Boomers and offer them options that are important to them. One small example: our residences are now equipped with the highest internet speeds available, a key ingredient of daily life for today’s tech savvy seniors.

**We are also investing in our workforce.** Through benefits like scholarships, tuition assistance, and career pathways, we provide an amazing environment where our employees feel valued and can build a rewarding future, which translates into superior care for those we serve. We’re also investing in the next generation of employees through a newly established internship program for high school juniors and seniors. These students will become familiar with the world of health care in a senior community, laying the foundation for potential employment in the future.

These are just some of the ways we are making St. Ann’s a welcoming place for our aging Boomer population and their future caregivers. Our goal is to make living and working at St. Ann’s one of their “favorite things.”



*Michael E. McRae*

Michael E. McRae, President & CEO

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Photos: Residents across St. Ann's play with Tovertafel®

## PURPOSEFUL PLAY

# ST. ANN'S INTRODUCES TOVERTAFEL®

At St. Ann's Community, a new chapter in dementia care is taking shape—one filled with light, movement, and connection. Thanks to the generous support of the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, Seniorsfirst Foundation, and individual donors, St. Ann's is the first in Western New York to implement the Tovertafel® systems, bringing innovative and interactive experiences to our elders.

The Tovertafel® (Dutch for "Magic Table") was created in 2015 by Tover, a Dutch company pioneering the use of purposeful play to improve the quality of life and care for people with cognitive challenges. Purposeful play is play with intention. In care and education, it helps stimulate the mind, encourage movement, and support emotional well-being.

Initially introduced on select skilled nursing floors at our Irondequoit campus, the Tovertafel® systems quickly demonstrated their impact. Elders who once struggled to engage, both those with dementia and those without, are now reaching, laughing, and interacting—sparking

memory. The early success allowed St. Ann's to expand the technology across all skilled nursing floors, Assisted Living, and Adult Day Services program.

Our Life Enrichment team reports increased participation and positive responses from elders and families, and ongoing evaluation will continue to measure its impact on quality of life.

This initiative goes beyond technology. With support from our annual St. Ann's Community Walk and M&T Charitable Foundation, a Dementia Care Specialist role was created to strengthen staff training and deepen person-centered care practices. Together, these efforts are equipping our team with the tools and confidence to better support elders at every stage of their journey.

The implementation of this technology and dedicated education for staff reflects St. Ann's ongoing commitment to reimagining dementia care.



Photos: 2025 St. Ann's Community Walk

# ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY WALK

## WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Jean Galofaro, a resident of our Chapel Oaks community, proudly supported the 2025 St. Ann's Community Walk as both a fundraiser and an advocate for the aging population. Together with Jean and 250 others, **over \$100,000** was raised for St. Ann's at this event.

Grateful for the supportive staff and strong sense of community she experiences every day, Jean saw this event as a meaningful way to give back to the place she calls home.

To raise funds, Jean reached out to her family and friends, sharing her story and inviting them to sponsor her walk. Posting a photo of herself by the Chapel Oaks welcome sign on social media, she asked for support—and the response was heartfelt. Her family was delighted to see her participating in such a healthy, active endeavor and proud of her willingness to step up and raise funds for a cause she believes in.

Jean's favorite part of the day was the cheerful atmosphere. With music, balloons, food and families gathered, it was a true celebration of community. That spirit carried extra meaning for Jean, who is passionate about raising awareness around aging and the real-life impacts of Medicaid shortfalls on older adults' daily lives.

In addition to fundraising, Jean helped kick off the event by serving as one of our bell ringers, an energizing moment that symbolized her commitment to St. Ann's. Through her involvement, she hopes fellow residents are inspired to speak up, get involved, and remember an important truth: **no matter our age, we all matter.**

TO REGISTER FOR THE 2026  
ST. ANN'S COMMUNITY WALK  
ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, VISIT:  
[STANNSCOMMUNITY.COM/WALK](https://stanncommunity.com/walk)



# 2025 PARTNER IN PHILANTHROPY

Since 2016, Rene Barnes has been known throughout St. Ann's Community for her collaborative spirit, steady leadership, and empathetic approach. She supports her colleagues with genuine care and is a trusted partner in advancing the mission we all share.

Rene began her tenure at St. Ann's as the Administrator of St. Ann's Care Center on our Cherry Ridge campus in

Webster. Over the past decade, she has served in several key roles, most recently being promoted to Vice-President of Housing. **At every step, her passion for serving older adults has been unmistakable.**

Rene is also a dedicated philanthropic donor, leading by example and inspiring others to join her in supporting St. Ann's mission.



Photo: Rene Barnes



Photo: Joan Frazier

## HONORING A LEGACY OF GENEROSITY

# 2025 MARTIN F. BIRMINGHAM LEADER IN PHILANTHROPY

Joan Frazier's connection to St. Ann's Community is rooted in personal experience. Her mother and aunt called The Heritage their home, and recently her cousin lived at St. Ann's Home. These experiences fostered a profound appreciation for compassionate care—one that has shaped her enduring support of our mission.

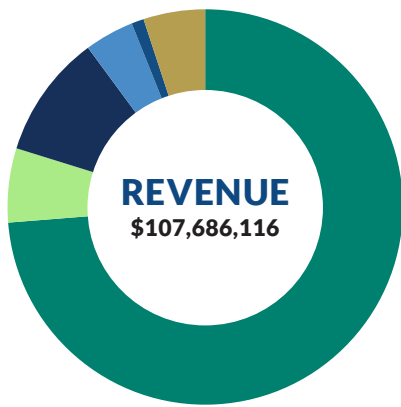
A generous donor since 2002, Joan contributed faithfully through annual gifts and further extended her legacy by including St. Ann's Foundation in her estate plans. Her time as a resident at Chapel Oaks strengthened her commitment even further. There, Joan became a passionate advocate for philanthropy, engaging her neighbors in thoughtful conversations about estate planning and the importance of supporting nonprofit organizations that make a difference.

We were deeply saddened by Joan's passing in December 2025, and we are grateful to have had the opportunity to honor her with this award during her lifetime. Joan's generosity—both as a donor and as a passionate ambassador for our mission—will continue to touch the lives of everyone who calls St. Ann's home for generations to come.

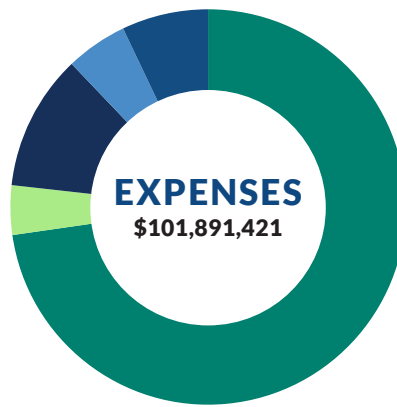
Joan's profound legacy will live through her significant estate gift, which establishes the Joan H. Frazier Endowed Scholarship and the Joan H. Frazier Life Enrichment Endowment, ensuring ongoing support for elders, staff, and programs in perpetuity. Joan's commitment to caring for others will remain a lasting source of inspiration for our community.

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT

In 2025, the commitment of our donors helped strengthen the care and support we provide to those who call St. Ann's their home.



- Skilled Nursing: **73%**
- Assisted Living: **6%**
- Independent Living: **10%**
- Contributions, Gifts, and Grants: **4%**
- Foundation Operating Support: **1%**
- Other Operating Revenue: **5%**



- Skilled Nursing: **72%**
- Assisted Living: **4%**
- Independent Living: **11%**
- Other Service Areas: **5%**
- Other Administrative & General: **7%**

*\*Percentages are rounded and may not total 100%*

## SIGNIFICANT AREAS SUPPORTED IN 2025



Life Enrichment Activities



Pastoral and Spiritual Care



Leo Center for Caring



Employee Investment: Education, Recognition & Leadership Development



Music Therapy

## LIVES SERVED BY SERVICE AREA

**2025 TOTAL: 3,343**

**429**

ADULT DAY SERVICES

**105**

ASSISTED LIVING

**320**

INDEPENDENT LIVING

**57**

HOSPICE CARE  
(LEO CENTER FOR CARING)

**897**

OUTPATIENT WOUND CARE

**505**

SKILLED NURSING CARE

**1,030**

REHABILITATION & TRANSITIONAL CARE

Raised over  
**\$2.1 MILLION**  
in philanthropic support

**162**  
1873 Society  
members

**1,794**  
donors

**16,667** VOLUNTEER  
HOURS  
provided by **805** volunteers



**69**  
Star Recognitions

Employees gave over  
**\$88,000**  
back to St. Ann's

Over  
**6,500**  
hours of life enrichment  
support

**OVER 21,000**  
Pastoral Care visits with our elders

**OVER 98,000**  
visits with family and friends

**OVER \$44,000**  
awarded in employee scholarships

Over  
**3,000**  
music therapy  
hours



# IN APPRECIATION OF YOU – OUR MOST GENEROUS AND DEDICATED DONORS

We're extremely grateful for your kindness and generosity in 2025. You have made it possible for elders at St. Ann's Community to enjoy lives filled with independence, fulfillment, and meaningful choices. Thank you for making a difference!

## \$100,000+

Ab Lapine Charitable Unitrust  
Finger Lakes Performing  
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*\*Deceased / Bold = St. Ann's Employee*

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Photo: Michael Parkes

## ST. ANN'S FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

# MICHAEL PARKES

As a boy, Michael Parkes spent many a weekend visiting his great grandfather at St. Ann's.

"My father and I would sit in Great Grandpa's room and listen to his stories," says Michael. "It was often the same stories," he adds with a laugh, "but it was a special time and something I'll always remember."

Today, as a St. Ann's Foundation Board Member, the stories told by St. Ann's elders still inspire him.

"It kind of gets forgotten, but when you talk with elders you realize they've done amazing things," he says. "They might be veterans or may have built the road you just drove down. So I feel this is something I owe them."

The CEO of O'Connell Electric, Michael has been on the St. Ann's Foundation Board since 2024. His involvement is the latest in his family's and company's long relationship with St. Ann's. Those who attend Mass here will recognize the family name in *The Walter and Barbara Parkes Family Chapel at St. Ann's Community*. Walter is Michael's grandfather and the Chairman of O'Connell Electric.

It was another former O'Connell CEO, Vic Salerno, who encouraged Michael to join the Board.

"Vic was a member of St. Ann's Foundation Board for many years, and before he stepped down, he approached me

about joining," Michael says. "It's a way of keeping the Parkes and O'Connell legacy alive at St. Ann's."

The memory of his great grandfather looms large in Michael's role on the Board.

"He received great care, and St. Ann's continues to provide that to the generation that has done so much for our community," he says. "I want to ensure that today's elders have everything they need to live their lives with dignity and respect and have something to look forward to when they get up every day. That means growing the Foundation's investments so our elders have the programs they deserve."

***"I'm proud to be part of an organization that's been helping so many families for over 150 years."***

"It also means supporting St. Ann's staff. They're the ones who are with our elders every day and who give families peace of mind, knowing their loved ones are being well cared for. I'm proud to be part of an organization that's been helping so many families for over 150 years."

## CELEBRATING THE IMPACT OF DONOR GENEROSITY

# ST. ANN'S EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

For 18 years, the St. Ann's Employee Scholarship Program has stood as a testament to our organization's commitment to supporting the growth and aspirations of our staff. What began as a vision to help employees advance their education has evolved into a significant program that shapes careers, strengthens our workforce, and reinforces our mission of compassionate care.

Since its inception, the program has been fully funded through the generosity of donors. Over \$800,000 has been provided through gifts, reflecting the belief our donors have in the dedication and potential of St. Ann's employees. Many of these gifts have created endowed scholarships—permanent funds designed to provide funding indefinitely.

More than 400 scholarships have been provided to date. Our scholarship recipients' commitment to furthering their education is inspiring. Balancing work, family responsibilities, and academic goals is no small task, and their determination reflects the strength that defines our workforce.

Donor philanthropy fuels opportunity for the next generation of caregivers and leaders. By investing in our employees, donors uplift the future of St. Ann's as a whole.

Thank you for believing in our staff, for supporting their dreams, and for helping us continue this impactful program.



Photo: 2025 Employee Scholarship Recipients

## EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

# TIM ANDERSON

When Tim joined St. Ann's in 2021 as a Senior Life Enrichment Advocate in our Wegman Care Center, he brought with him a natural curiosity and a commitment to serving elders. He found himself especially drawn to understanding dementia—wanting not only to learn more, but to discover how he could better support elders living with cognitive change.

In 2025, Tim decided to take the next step in his professional development and applied for a St. Ann's employee scholarship to advance his training. With his manager's support and the scholarship, Tim completed certifications with the National Council of Certified



Dementia Practitioners, earning credentials both as a Certified Dementia Practitioner and an Alzheimer's Disease & Dementia Care Trainer.

These accomplishments not only enhanced Tim's expertise but also opened the door to new opportunities. Tim was recently promoted to St. Ann's new **Dementia Care Specialist**, a role uniquely designed to strengthen dementia support across the organization.

He provides guidance during challenging situations, helps staff interpret elder expressions through a dementia-inclusive lens, and empowers colleagues with approaches that promote dignity.

Tim's journey reflects St. Ann's dedication to supporting employees as they grow—and to ensuring elders living with dementia receive compassionate care every day.

## STAR RECOGNITION PROGRAM

# GRATITUDE IS MEANT TO BE SHARED

When Margaret Keefe reflects on her mother’s time at St. Ann’s, what stands out most is not just the care—but the compassion behind it. Through the *Star Recognition Program*, Margaret honored the St. Ann’s Home 3rd Floor Team and Life Enrichment with Star Recognitions for the exceptional care they provided to her mother, Patricia.

“One of the hardest decisions a family can make is to hand over the daily care of a loved one,” Margaret shared. “From our first visit to the last day, I never had the feeling that my mother was in an ‘institution.’” Instead, she witnessed a team that showed up each day with love and humor, creating a sense of comfort not only for Patricia, but for Margaret as well.

It was often the smallest moments that meant the most—like ensuring Patricia’s shower was immediately before her weekly hair appointment. “This demonstrated that the staff thought about my mom,” Margaret noted.

By giving through the *Star Recognition Program*, Margaret found a meaningful way to say thank you. “Do it,” she encourages others. “It is a wonderful gesture of appreciation for the people who do so much.”

Margaret’s story is a reminder that gratitude is meant to be shared.



Photo: Patricia Wayne and Margaret Keefe

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



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## ANNA AND LEN STEIN AWARDS

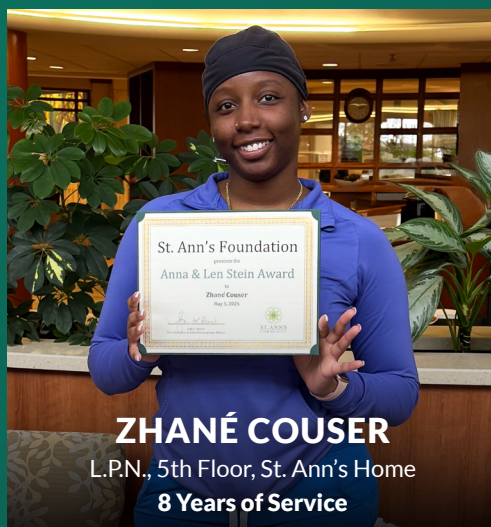
Three outstanding nursing team members were recipients of the Anna and Len Stein Award during our 2025 Nursing Caregivers Week. The honorees, nominated by their colleagues, were selected for their commitment to our elders.

Moments like this are a cherished part of how St. Ann’s celebrates Nursing Caregivers Week each year!

*Established in 2020 by Anna and Len Stein, this annual award recognizes outstanding members of the St. Ann’s Nursing Team.*



*“Christina leads with a calm demeanor. In stressful situations, she handles herself in a way that instantly puts all near her at ease, elder and staff member alike.”*



*“Zhané always goes out of her way to make sure all elders are taken care of. She always brightens everyone’s mood.”*



*“Shaheed exemplifies the St. Ann’s value of ‘delivering a personalized experience’. He goes out of his way to make others feel seen and to share his warm smile.”*

## LEGACY GIVING

# JOHN AND LAUREN DOYLE

“One-hundred percent excellent across the board.”

That’s how Lauren and John Doyle rate the continuum of care at St. Ann’s Community. Having multiple relatives who were or are now being served by St. Ann’s, they’re uniquely qualified to make that assessment.

“We’ve had family cared for in independent living, assisted living, memory care, and transitional care,” says John, who formerly served on St. Ann’s Board of Directors. “At each level, the values of compassionate care and the Catholic tradition shine through.”

That positive experience led the couple to designate a gift for St. Ann’s in their estate plans.

“It’s a fantastic option for giving back to the community,” John says. “You can see how St. Ann’s has evolved over the decades to provide the best care for our elders. I can’t think of a better investment of time and capital.”

“When you’re 40 you don’t think about being in your 80s and needing good care,” adds Lauren. “But we’ll all be there someday. St. Ann’s has served our family well, so we’re proud to include them in our estate planning so future generations can enjoy that same level of quality.”



Photo: John and Lauren Doyle

## 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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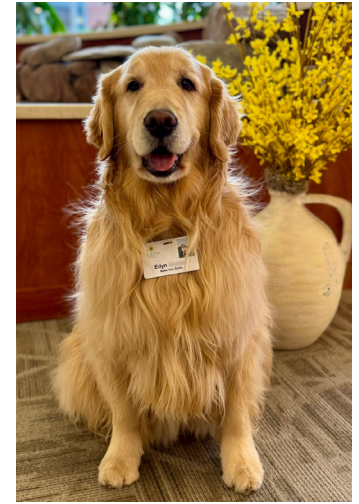
Established in 2003, the Hogan Legacy Society recognizes individuals who have funded a life-income gift or included St. Ann’s Foundation in their estate plan. **Do You Have a Plan for the Future?** For more information visit: [stannscmunity.giftplans.org](https://stannscmunity.giftplans.org)

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## SMALL MOMENTS, LASTING IMPACT

Does a pet bring joy to your home? Animals visiting with elders across St. Ann’s Community provide the same moments of connection and emotional support. The presence of a friendly dog eases anxiety, encourages engagement, and evokes memories—especially for elders living with dementia or facing serious illness. These visits become the highlight of the week, creating moments of calm and joy that words alone cannot provide.

As seen on the cover, our pet therapy volunteer, Edyn the golden retriever, shares a special moment with Pat, who lives on our Cherry Ridge campus. Edyn’s mom, Michele, brings her to visit elders in The Glen and Rainier Grove on a regular basis. Like other pet therapy volunteers, they also respond to special requests from families seeking comfort at the end of life. In one such moment, a gentleman receiving hospice care spoke for the first time in weeks—simply to hug Hershey, a therapy dog, and tell him he is a “good boy.” Through gentle affection, wagging tails, and quiet companionship, pet therapy fosters peace and connection.



Top Left Photo: Melo snuggles Jean at St. Ann’s Home  
 Top Right Photo: Edyn, the Pet Therapy dog  
 Bottom Photo: Leon and Crimson at Adult Day Service Home Connection



Top Photo: Andrew visits with elders Rose and Jim  
 Bottom Photo: Maggie plays BINGO with Carolyn and Lucille

St. Ann’s is proud to partner with local universities to support the next generation of compassionate leaders. Since 2023 and 2024 respectively, students from St. John Fisher University’s Service Scholar Program and Nazareth University’s Partners for Service Program have volunteered weekly, building relationships with elders while supporting Life Enrichment programs.

Andrew, a senior nursing major at St. John Fisher University, has volunteered at Wegman Care Center for three years. He shares, “spending time with elders has helped shape my personal growth and future career in healthcare.” Maggie, a junior at St. John Fisher, describes volunteering at St. Ann’s Home as “my favorite part of the week.” Nazareth University social work major Owen has found his calling working with elders living with dementia, emphasizing the genuine relationships formed.

These university programs reflect the many ways students bring heart and purpose to St. Ann’s Community—proving that every act of service matters.

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](mailto:cholcomb@mystanns.com) | 585-697-6523.

# CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP USI INSURANCE



USI Insurance's partnership with St. Ann's is rooted in a shared sense of purpose. While both organizations have evolved, that consistency of mission continues to keep the partnership strong.

In 2025, USI was the Presenting Sponsor for St. Ann's Community Walk. Jennifer Wallace, Senior Vice President and Director of the Upstate NY Non-Profit Practice, shares, "Supporting St. Ann's aligns naturally with USI's core values, and our support goes beyond philanthropic contributions. Each summer, USI hosts 'USI Gives Back', encouraging employees to volunteer. Last summer marked our team's first opportunity to volunteer on St. Ann's Irondequoit campus, and we enjoyed giving back in hands-on ways."

Over the past two years, the St. Ann's Community Walk has been an inspiring moment for the USI team. As sponsors, what stood out most was seeing intergenerational

connections come to life in meaningful ways. Being able to include their own families added to that joy and created a shared experience that brought people together around a common cause.

Jennifer adds, "USI believes partnerships between nonprofits and local businesses are essential—especially in caring for older adults and the workforce that supports them." Many families will face the realities of elder care, making sustainable support services critical. By partnering with St. Ann's, USI helps ensure these important services continue while providing employees meaningful opportunities to have a real community impact.

She offers this advice to other businesses: "Connect with the people at St. Ann's, tour the campuses, and explore the possibilities. You may discover benefits you didn't expect."



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