



# ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE

*A Senior Care Community*

*“Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ”*

ISSUE 3, Summer 2017

## The Village Voice

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS



### ***A Message from Amy...***

I hope everyone is having a great summer and finding a way to beat the heat. It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the fall and the holidays. Cooler weather will be here before we know it. Before the busy season is here I wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone how you can make a direct impact on the residents that call St. Dominic Village home.

As you may know, federal and state funding has not kept up with the continued rising cost of healthcare. Over the past year St. Dominic Village provided over \$1.5 million in unreimbursed care to our Nursing residents on Medicaid. These are residents who have simply outlived their resources and now require 24-hour care. St. Dominic Village strives each and every day to provide all residents here on campus with a loving home and quality care provided with the Compassion of Christ. But we cannot do it alone. St. Dominic Village relies heavily on the support of grants and donations from generous foundations and funders. There are several ways to donate to St. Dominic Village. Our Patron Corps is a special group of donors who at a minimum commit to donating \$1,000.00 each year to St. Dominic Village. I would love to see this group grow in membership. You can also donate to our “Help Us Help Them” campaign through out the year, visit <http://www.stdominicvillage.org/endofyear-donation.html>.



Remembering St. Dominic Village in estate planning is also a very thoughtful way to donate to St. Dominic Village. It is truly heartfelt when we receive a bequest from someone who wanted to make a legacy gift to our campus. Of course we have our annual events; the Bishop Rizzotto Golf Classic; Evening with the Bishops; and the St. Dominic Feast Day Celebration. These are our fundraising events that by attending and participating, you are donating to St. Dominic Village. These are just a few ways in which you can donate to St. Dominic Village. Every dollar counts and is appreciated, not only by myself and our Board of Directors, but most importantly by our residents. They are the reason for our mission, and at the heart of everything that we do. Please consider donating if you are not already a supporter, and if you are already a supporter....

Thank You and I look forward to your continued support.

Amy Shields, LNFA  
Chief Executive Officer

# Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation Prevention

A message from CEO & Abuse Prevention Coordinator, Amy Shields

Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of elders is a subject difficult to discuss. As a community taking care of some of the most vulnerable in our population, it is something that we take seriously and will investigate. No matter where you live on the St. Dominic Village campus, we have a zero tolerance policy for abuse.

Each resident has the right to be free from mistreatment, neglect, abuse, involuntary seclusion, injuries of unknown origin and misappropriation of property. St. Dominic Village has a strict policy that any observation or allegation of abuse, neglect or exploitation must immediately be reported to the Abuse Prevention Coordinator. Here at St. Dominic Village, Amy Shields, CEO, serves as the Abuse Prevention Coordinator. You can reach her at **713-741-8787 or [ashields@stdominicvillage.org](mailto:ashields@stdominicvillage.org)**.

If anyone living at or visiting our campus ever sees, hears or thinks abuse has or may have occurred you are obligated to report this immediately. The facility will then begin an investigation to ensure that all residents here on campus are safe. It takes a village to support our mission of *Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ*.

If you have any questions or concerns about this please contact Amy Shields, CEO.

Thank You.



## Board of Directors Spotlight - Judith Raines



St. Dominic Village has been blessed by the dedication and talents of Judith Raines for many years. Ms. Raines was first introduced to SDV when she was researching alternate living arrangements for a family member. "I began exploring alternative living arrangements for my Aunt, Dorothy Dues, soon after Tropical Storm Allison flooded her home in June of 2001. She had already given up her car keys for health reasons, and after the flood, did not feel safe living alone. We visited many independent living facilities, but in the end decided upon St. Dominic Village. The ability to attend Mass every day was the deciding factor.

Soon after, my Mother moved into Independent Living in 2006 and remained there until she died in 2011." What started with visits to spend time with family blossomed into a philanthropic passion. "As time went on, I became more involved in different ways. My husband, Dave and I were Patron Corps Chairs, I was then a member of a committee: then I was on the Board of Directors; then Vice Chair; and then Chairman of the Board. I am now an Advisory Member of the Board."

When asked what she would like to change at SDV, Judith responded, "The one thing I would like to change is the familiarity of SDV with all the Catholics in the Archdiocese. One surprise I have had ever since I first became involved is that SDV is not well known or understood within our Archdiocese. It is the predominantly Catholic Retirement Community in the entire Archdiocese Galveston-Houston. Many people think it is just for the priests, but nothing could be further from the truth. St. Dominic Village serves and cares for a community of elder citizens, in addition to the priests. Many of the residents outlive their resources, so SDV heavily subsidizes Medicaid residents. To do this, the Village has to raise funds and depend upon the generosity of those who support our mission of *Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ* and those who can no longer care for themselves. So, in addition to doing the hard work of caring for the residents, the staff and board also have to worry about raising money."

Judith has visions for the future of our campus which include, "Having either a completely new skilled nursing facility or at least a major newly renovated one. I would also like for there to be a memory support wing. We have needed one for a long time, and the need is increasing. If I could just wish things into reality, those would be on the top of my list."

Now retired from Conoco, Judith enjoys spending time working on her farm. She also volunteers on a couple of advisory committees at the University of St. Thomas and with St. Anne's School. She loves spending time with her great nieces and nephews who call her "YAYA".

We are truly blessed by the friendship and support of Judith Raines.



# Respecting Our Elders

Robbie Bradford, RN, Director of Nursing

As caregivers, physicians, nurses, friends and families, we should always be searching for ways to support and to respect our elders “with the Compassion of Christ”. We can easily reference biblical principles to affirm revering our elders.

Leviticus 19:32 “We are to stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.”

Exodus 20:12 says, “Honor your Father and your Mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.”

Drawing from our faith and belief, we should be a reflection of Christ’s love and do so with our actions. With that said, there are a variety of ways in which we can offer ourselves.

***Offer to provide support:*** Sometimes it’s just some kind of support with simple day-to-day tasks: reading their mail; taking them outside for sunshine and fresh air; offering a cool drink; cutting up some food; moving an obstacle that may be in their way. So many little things that speak volumes to our elders. Let them know you are a part of their lives and that you care and love them.

Let’s not assume what the person needs or wants. Always ask before providing help. If you don’t, the person may feel that you think they’re incompetent or don’t respect their abilities.

Take on some responsibilities that you can. You might not be able to provide a great deal, but sometimes it’s the small gestures that you care or are aware they may need some assistance.



***Help them stay healthy as possible.*** Make sure they are eating and getting some exercise. Visit them regularly and go for a walk outside with them, talk to them on the phone. Bring a treat for them, check with facility nurse managers for suggestions.

***Respect their autonomy.*** Losing the ability to take care of oneself can be tough and sometimes embarrassing. Make sure they know you respect and cherish them. Always let them know if there’s anything you need. I will be happy to help, but I can respect that you like to do things on your own. SLOW DOWN....as we age, people process things and move more slowly. Let them set the pace.

It’s a proven fact in our society that we often see our elders pushed to the back and are easily forgotten; that is why we should be sure to remember them and help them. Some of our residents on campus have outlived spouses, children, and families.

St. Dominic Village is the home for so many people and we must preserve, protect and respect with dignity their golden years of life. We are truly grateful to our staff, families and friends for all they do to help us in ***Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ.***

# Evening with the Bishops 2017

An unforgettable evening, with our extraordinary Bishops

On Monday, May 22, 2017 St. Dominic Village hosted the **8th Annual Evening with the Bishops** at Tony Mandola's Gulf Coast Kitchen. The event was generously underwritten by Board Member Pat Studdert of Buffalo Marine Services. The event was held in honor of His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo, Auxiliary Bishop George A. Sheltz, Archbishop Emeritus Joseph A. Fiorenza and Retired Auxiliary Bishop Vincent M. Rizzotto.

Bishop Sheltz is on the St. Dominic Village Board of Directors and both Archbishop Fiorenza and Bishop Rizzotto reside in the priest residence on the campus at St. Dominic Village. The night started with a photo opportunity with the Bishops, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine service. Entertainment was provided by Sheree Howard and Boris Britt, a member of our Rehabilitation Department. A four-course dinner was bookended by thoughts of what St. Dominic Village means to each of our guests of honor.

In attendance were several of St. Dominic Village Board Members, employees of the month and St. Dominic Village residents who were treated to a special night out on the town. The event helped bring awareness to and raise funds for The Help Us Help Them Campaign. Monies raised allow St. Dominic Village to bridge the gap for those residents who have outlived their own personal resources and rely on Medicaid.

Thank you to those who purchased and coordinated tables. We had a sell out and successful night! *This event will be in September next year! Please mark your calendars for Monday, September 24, 2018.*





# Evening with the Bishops 2017





## Getting Glammed

### RNC residents enjoy a day of beauty

The Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Activities Department organized a “day of beauty” photo-shoot on July 26th for our residents. Donned in fabulous faux furs, Sunday’s best hats, accessories and complimentary makeup application done by SDV volunteer and Mary Kay consultant Jean Hernandez, the ladies really had a great time “glamming up”.

Activities Director, Cleo Parker shares “It was absolutely wonderful to see how the ladies just lit up when they saw how beautiful they looked. It truly warmed the heart to see them come out of their shyness for the [photo] shoot.”

### *Glamour Shots!*



RNC Residents: Top row, left to right: Geraldine Milson, Andrea Rogers, Barbara Dillion  
Bottom row, left to right: Carol Elder, Judy Barlett, Mary Schoelman

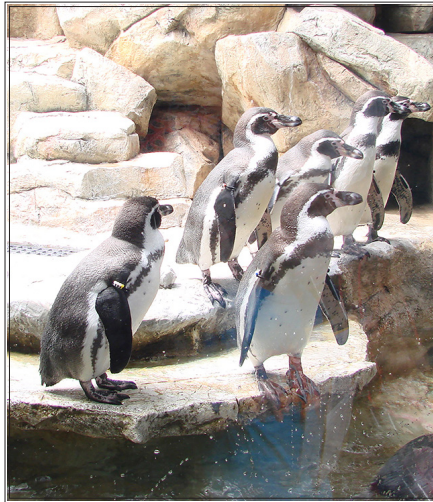


## Road Trip

### Independent & Assisted Living Residents enjoy a trip to Moody Gardens



Our Assisted and Independent Living residents geared up for a mid-week getaway to Moody Gardens on Wednesday, July 26th. Residents enjoyed the new Humboldt Penguin exhibit. Humboldt Penguins thrive in the warm climates and are found in Peru and Chile. Later, our residents rode on the Colonel paddlewheel boat and capped off the day with a hearty dinner. What a great way to get over the mid-week “hump”!



## We're All Shook Up

### Independent Living Residents get a visit from the King

On Saturday, July 29th our residents were all “shook up” and feeling nostalgic when the King himself, Elvis Presley made a visit to St. Dominic Village; performing his greatest hits and signature dance moves, kicks and poses. Our Independent Living residents enjoyed this trip down memory lane. Our Elvis impersonator, Renato Francin, resides in San Antonio and made a special trip to perform for our residents at the request of his friend, IL resident Cecilia Batungbacal. Thank you Renato... the King lives on!





# St. Dominic Feast Day Celebration

St. Dominic Village hosted our annual Feast Day on August 8th. Feast day celebrates our Patron Saint, Dominic. Pope Gregory IX canonized St. Dominic on July 13, 1234, and his Feast day is August 8th.

Saint Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers, the Dominican Republic, and the innocent who are falsely accused of crimes. He is also the founder of the Dominican Order. Saint Dominic is commonly depicted in icons holding a book and lilies, accompanied by a dog.

The celebration kicked off campus tours; guests attended Mass celebrated by His Eminence Daniel Cardinal Di Nardo; and toasted the evening with a delicious lasagna dinner, and bingo. Our Chief Financial Officer, Grady Mullins served as the Bingo Caller, we awarded over \$1,500 in cash prizes to ten lucky players. This was our first time to host bingo on campus and we are excited about hosting future games. Proceeds raised during our bingo fundraiser support our *"Help Us, Help Them"* campaign. Be sure to visit our website periodically for details on future bingo games.

Overall, we had a wonderful day meeting new friends and celebrating with residents and families.





# Happy Birthday Residents



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August

September

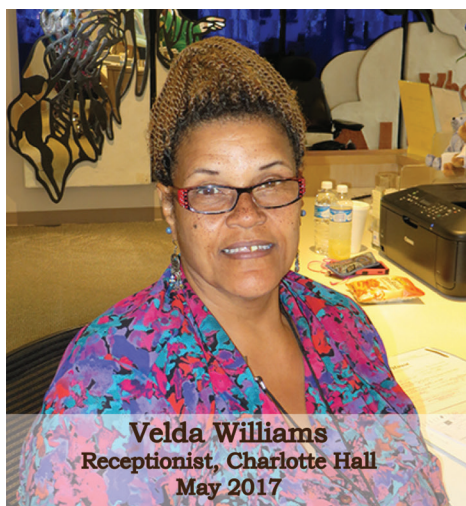
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## Employee of the month



**Velda Williams**  
Receptionist, Charlotte Hall  
May 2017



**Florence Ozenne**  
CNA, Assisted Living  
June 2017



**Kasombo Michel Tshiani**  
CNA, Station 3 & 4  
July 2017

Your vote counts! Residents, staff and families are now able to vote for *Employee of the Month*. Nomination forms are on the drop box at the reception desk, at each nursing station in the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center and at the reception desk in Charlotte Hall and the 3rd floor in Assisted Living. You can also vote on our website for the employee of the month, visit our homepage to cast your vote. Nominations can be made from the 1st to the 15th of each month.



# Welcome to the Village!

St. Dominic Village prides itself on the level of care and dedication we give each and every day to ensure our residents are happy and healthy.

Our staff go above and beyond to get to know each resident personally and learn what activities they enjoy most to ensure that all residents are engaged and connected.

Please welcome our new residents.

## Assisted Living

Joseph Devine  
Mary Devine  
David Hugh  
Ana Stannard  
Sonia "Marina" Troncoso

## Independent Living

Mary Ashley  
Louise Duncan  
Hilda Mae Randolph  
Bettye White

## Rehabilitation and Nursing Center

Pascuala Arcizo  
Maria Arvizu  
Barbara Dillon  
Mae Henderson  
Raul Jimenez

Rouvim Klebanov  
Enola Levy  
Theresa Martin  
Charles Morgan  
Geraldine Price

Ignatius Ruben  
Percy Smith  
James Turner  
Robbie Winfrey

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## Help Us Help Them



*"St. Dominic Village is a key ministry of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. They provide a loving home for elders, many whom can no longer care for themselves. Please join me in supporting St. Dominic Village this Christmas season."*

*~ Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, D.D., S.T.L.*

Will you help us, help them?  
Learn more about our annual campaign  
to support the residents of St. Dominic Village.

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### Reminder

Please do not park in any space with a "Resident Only" parking sign.  
These parking spaces are reserved for our residents only.

We have visitor parking available in lots located beside the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center. We are so happy to have visitors, but we have to respect the reserved parking for our residents who truly need the access. This is a friendly reminder to all visitors, families and staff.

Thank You

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