

THE VILLAGE VOICE

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ST. DOMINIC VILLAGE
A Senior Care Community

A MESSAGE FROM AMY



Amy Shields, CEO

Amazing things are happening at St. Dominic Village. If you have been on campus lately you may have noticed that we are right in the middle of construction related to Project Renovare. Thank you again to everyone who contributed to this

first phase of construction. Our residents and staff are so excited about these updates, and it is so refreshing to see real change here on our campus.

The Bishop Rizzotto Memorial Golf Tournament was held in March and was a great success. This tournament that was started by Bishop Rizzotto 18 years ago continues to raise funds for the residents of St. Dominic Village and we are proud to continue his legacy. It was a beautiful day filled with fun and fellowship. I am already looking forward to next year's tournament!

St. Dominic Village is excited to partner with San Jose Clinic and Catholic Charities of Houston as we together reach out to the community about the services that we offer. There are so many that simply do not know what it is that each organization does and together we feel that we can reach out to a broader audience and get the word out about the important work that we do for Houston. We attended our first joint partnership at Steps for Students in February and were able to start spreading the word. My family and I also participated in the event and had a great time.

Finally, I wish to give a special good-bye and happy retirement to Patricia Egerman. Patricia has worked here at SDV as the Director of Spiritual Care and Volunteers for 10 years. She will be greatly missed by all, but we wish her many blessings in this next phase!

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Shields".

Amy Shields

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Upcoming Events

Evening With The Bishops
May 5, 2022
Junior League of Houston

Feast Day
August 8, 2022
St. Dominic Village

Fall Luncheon
October 2022
St. Dominic Village

GOLF TOURNAMENT

By Kimberly Elliott
Director of Development

The 18th annual Bishop Rizzotto Memorial Golf Classic, presented by The Marek Family Foundation was held Thursday, March 3rd at Wildcat Golf Club. Thanks to our sponsors, longtime supporters, and golfers we were able to raise over \$110,000 to support our mission of "Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ."

We were blessed with a warm sunny day that started with a putting contest, lunch from Chick-fil-A and frozen custard from Freddy's.

We had a shotgun start with over 45 foursomes on two courses. The players were able to try their luck at the raffle and silent auction. The day ended with awards and a delicious dinner provided by Ragin Cajun.

This event would not be possible without our faithful sponsors, donors, players, and volunteers. We are honored to continue this event in Bishop Rizzotto's memory.

Lakes Course Winners

1st Place

**George Garza
Tommy Laurenzo
John Rynd
Trey Wood**

2nd Place

**Fr. Dat Hoang
Fr. Thu Le
Fr. Tin Nguyen
Fr. Vincent Tran**

3rd Place

**Kevin Clarke
Alan Cooke
Kent Rump
Zach Walla**

Highlands Course Winners

1st Place

**Keith Livingston
Brandon Curtis
Victor Castro
Fred Stewart**

2nd Place

**Drew Fitzgerald
Johnny Miller
Joe Garcia
Ryan Conrey**

3rd Place

**Scott Moore
Steven Kunz
Mark Edwards
Lindley Cardin**

A Special Thank You to our Tournament Sponsors:

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GOLF TOURNAMENT



Board Member Louis Pelz and Chuck Miller.



Father Michael Carmody and SDV resident Mr. Joseph Devine.



Members of the St. Pius Golf Team.



SDV Volunteers Melba, Kiki and Deb.



Nicholas Sawicki and Michael Schillaci.



Dana Piazza, Greg Cox, Jeff Kuithe, and Matt Solo.

PLANNED GIVING

You can help... And save on taxes

Property

If you have owned a piece of property for more than one year, you can donate it to St. Dominic Village and deduct the total current value as a charitable deduction. Since property values have increased so rapidly such a deduction may save you a lot in taxes.

IRA

Doing a direct transfer from your IRA to St. Dominic Village will avoid that money counting as your income- and being taxed - and this reduction in your annual income may drop you into a lower tax bracket.

Check

You can always write a check to St. Dominic Village and classify that amount as a full charitable deduction.

Appreciated Stock

Donate stock that has greatly gone up in value to St. Dominic Village to avoid capital gains taxes and have the full value as a charitable deduction.

No matter which way you give we greatly appreciate your support!

FAREWELL PATRICIA

After 10 years of dedication and service to St. Dominic Village, Director of Spiritual Care and Volunteers Patricia Egerman will be retiring this spring. When she first started working at St. Dominic Village, Patricia knew that it was a perfect fit.

Patricia saw her job as a privilege and a blessing that she was able to experience every day. She felt there was a constant opportunity for personal growth and loved the ability to provide opportunities for the residents to grow religiously and spiritually.

The things that Patricia will miss most about St. Dominic Village are the people: the residents, the staff, and the volunteers. She shares that she will "miss the day-to-day interactions with the residents. They are invariably considerate, inquiring, encouraging, and supportive."



As she prepares for retirement, Patricia is excited to spend time with her three children and their spouses, six grandchildren, and three siblings. She also wishes to spend more time in personal prayer and spiritual reading.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Vanessa Phung is a St. Dominic Village volunteer and a full-time Medical Student. On Sundays, she volunteers with our Rehabilitation and Nursing Center residents. During the Christmas holidays, Vanessa recruits volunteers to come to the St. Dominic Village campus and sing Christmas carols for residents. Our residents are so appreciative of Vanessa and our other volunteers as they dedicate countless hours to help fulfill our mission of "Caring for Our Elders with the Compassion of Christ."

VILLAGE HAPPENINGS



Patrick and Amy Shields, CEO getting ready for the 18th annual Golf Tournament.



Ms. Parful celebrating her 100th birthday.



SDV staff enjoying the annual Crawfish Boil.



Ms. O'Leary crafting at the IL St. Patrick's Day party.



Former CEO Susan Stromatt and Board President Michele Malloy.



Nurse Brenda and Mr. Hugh.

CAREGIVERS DESERVE A BREAK

By Melba Hamilton Breed
Director of Marketing

Being a caregiver can be challenging and even more so when the person needing care is a loved one.

There is no way to anticipate just how each day will unfold. It genuinely takes a special 'calling' to effectively provide care for someone in need. St. Dominic Village is filled with staff answering that call day in and day out. We also recognize the need for caregivers to take a break and recharge in order to continue providing quality care.

We are here to help provide the much-needed break with our respite care.

Whether it's a few days or weeks, we can provide the level of care needed to give you peace of mind.

Caregivers deserve a break and our dedicated staff is prepared to be there for you in our Nursing Center, Assisted Living, and Independent Living. Go ahead, take that much-needed vacation or schedule some rewarding 'me' time. Make the call and we'll make it happen!

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NURSE'S STATION

By Robbie Bradford, RN
Director of Nursing

It is an exciting time for the clinical team here at St. Dominic Village. As the COVID-19 pandemic eases, our facility is becoming more open to allowing our Nursing school partners to return and bring new nursing students back to our campus.

During my tenure here as the Director of Nursing, St. Dominic Village has encouraged Nursing students to do their clinical rotations at our facilities. It allows the clinical team to help in the education and experiences of the students. We have had numerous Universities and Colleges come to our campus. We are currently hosting Houston Community College student nurses.

Our residents love the students! They enjoy the one-on-one time and the ability to do various things with the students while they are here. This allows students the time to interact with residents and begin to apply what they have learned in their classroom

setting and simulation labs under the supervision of clinical faculty.

Clinical experience is a key part of a Nursing program. Students apply theory learned in the classroom and then later put it to practice in a clinical setting. Their experience here allows them to start learning by doing and applying skills they have been taught. Clinical settings help students become aware of stressful moments and the experience will enable them to practice their skills. The clinical setting allows students to assist our clinical staff and see what we do daily in caring for our residents. There are always lots of questions and staff must be available to answer to help the students in their learning process. It is a great experience for both our staff and the students!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Daria Powell is St. Dominic Village's newest Development Assistant and started in July 2021. Daria was born and raised in Houston, Texas, and graduated from St. Agnes Academy in 2014. In 2018, she graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a major in Community and Nonprofit Leadership and minors in African American Studies and Education Policy. Shortly after graduation, Daria moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and worked in the Development Department at a nonprofit law firm. She has experience in planning and executing fundraising events and grant writing. We are so excited to have Daria on our team!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Ashley Pruitt
CMA
January 2022



Velda Williams
IL Receptionist
February 2022



Latache Williams
Certified Medication Aide
March 2022

EVENING WITH THE BISHOPS

12TH ANNUAL

EVENING WITH THE BISHOPS

7:00 p.m. **MAY 5TH** 2022

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF HOUSTON

Guests of Honor

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop Emeritus Joseph Fiorenza, Bishop Brendan Cahill, Bishop Curtis Guillory, Bishop Michael Mulvey, Bishop James Tamayo, and Bishop David Toups.

Please join us and the Guests of Honor as we recognize our most faithful donors.

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