

## January 2012 Newsletter

**Happy Holidays!**





A big "Thank you!" to all of the community groups and individuals who donated food and gifts for the children and families of St. Joseph's Villa. The Villa gathered gifts for more than 350 children this year, and this would not have been possible without the support of people who cared about our children. Thank you for making this holiday the BEST EVER!



In addition to providing gifts FOR the children, the Villa also provided a "Holiday Shoppe" where children could come in, select presents for their family members and then have them wrapped. This was a HUGE success! More than 200 children visited the Shoppe, made their choices and then had them wrapped up to take home.



The Villa could not have a successful holiday season without the time and energy provided by individuals and organizations who volunteer their time to make our children's holidays more special. From decorating the cottages to hosting parties for our children to helping out at the Villa's Holiday Shoppe, the campus was overflowing with generous people who contributed their own "holiday magic"!



Lisa Williams, Director at Lewis Children's Center, took time out of her busy schedule to get a "check up" from one of her students. Lisa's "doctor" received her equipment from the United Way Women's Leadership Initiative, who dropped off some educational toys at LCC during the holiday season. We are happy to report that Lisa is well and that the children are enjoying their new toys!



## Please Join Us in Thanking These Individuals and Groups Which Helped Make The Holidays Special For Our Children and Families

### Individuals

Linda Ambler \* Doug Ambrose \* Nancy Atkins \* Tom Atkins \* Marie Austin \* Carolyn Banks \* James Barrett \* Bob Belton \* Rick Benedict \* Bonnie Black \* Duane Blake \* Kristin Blalock \* Jeff Boggess \* Adrienne Bouldin \* Elizabeth Brady \* Fara Caldwell \* Sherry Carper \* David Carroll \* Chris Carrow \* Edna Carter \* Mable Carter \* Lisa Caruso \* Bruce Cauthen \* Becky Clark \* Anton Cofield \* Mary Cooper \* Laura Cribbs \* Jane Cutchins \* Danny DeBoer \* Thomas



Dennis \* Tina Devine \* Wendy Dowdy \* Mary Elliot-Brown \* Amber Ellis \* Bernice Evans \* Elizabeth Evans \* Effie Farmer \* Ruth Farriss \* Lula Fleming \* Ryan Foster \* Marjorie Fowlkes \* Ava Geisheimer \* Laura Goodman \* Wayne Gordon \* Gary & Christy Gore and Family \* Liz Gossimer \* Barbara Graves \* Amanda Hall \* Tara Hannah \* Victoria Harness \* Kasha Harver \* Theresa Harvey \* Carol Henry \* Joseph Henry \* David Hernandez \* David Huffine & Family \* Scott Hurt \* Mary Hyman \* Catherine Kasko \*

Wiley Keel \* Buddy Klutz \* David L. Landers \* Michael Leach \* Maureen Lewis \* Sherry Lietman \* Anne Long \* Sandy Marsh \* Stephen Mohler \* Lily Mullins \* Gale Munford \* Justin Myers \* Jim Newcomb \* Lisa Newton \* Andrei Nida \* Laurie Oakley \* Doris O'Brien \* Chip Phillips \* Linda Pinkham \* John Pirko \* Sara Plaut \* Kyle Ratliffe \* William Reed \* John Ringer \* Ashley Roundtree \* Brenda Savage & Friends \* Michael Schurick \* Pauline Sharper \* James Shewey \* Sharon Simmons \* Carolyn Simons \* Barbara Smith \* Bessie Smith \* Ed Smith \* Wayne Smith \* Kelley Stanley \* Sabrina Starke \* Mark Stephanian \* Ryan Stumpf \* Vivian Sullivan \* Arlene Susling \* Eric Townsend & Family \* Janis Uilkie \* Barbara Washington \* Whitney Watson \* John Wells & Family \* Ron Wheeler \* Morgan Whitman \* John Wickham \* Louise Woltz Smith \* Jennifer Wright \* Kelly Wright \* Sally Wylie \* Ruth Zajur \* Caroline Zukowsky

### Organizations

Aaron's Sales & Leasing \* Aeropostale # 658 \* Amway Independent Business Owner \* Antonz Barber & Beauty Salon \* ASQ Richmond Section 1104 \* Atlee Community Church \* Averett University \* Bank of America (US Trust) \* BJ's Wholesale Club \* Capital One \* Carmax \* Chamberlayne Baptist Church Loyalty Class \* Chickahominy Baptist Association Deacon's Conference & Women's Auxiliary \* Children's Home Society of Virginia \* Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) \* Deep Run High School \* Dominion Resources \* Dominion Resources (Fossil & Hydro Training) \* Dominion Virginia (Data Energy Management Team) \* Electromatics \* Fairfield Middle School \* Fed Ex Home Delivery \* Harris Williams & Co. \* HHS-Class of 1986 \* IMPACT \* Impact Photographics \* John Tyler School of Nursing \* Joyner \* Kirkham \* Keel & Robertson \* Knights of Columbus# 12525 \* Landers Roofing \* LARKS \* Loveland Distributing Company Inc. \* Loveland Distributors Employee Club \* Maybeury Elementary School \* Nationwide \* Northrop Grumman \* Page Auto Group \* Private Advisors LCC \* Professional Moving & Storage \* RCM & D \* Richmond FOP \* Robious Middle School \* Shady Grove YMCA \* St. Gabriel's Catholic Church \* St. Peter Baptist Church (Missions Group) \* St. Peter Baptist Church (Team One) \* URS Corporation \* US Army \* VA Credit Union \* Varina 4-H Club \* Villa Finance Team \* Walking In the Word Ladies Group \* Wells Fargo Advisors \* Williamsburg Environmental Group \* Inc.



The Villa's new Culinary Arts Center is an incredible resource for the Villa community, and that was certainly apparent during the holiday season. The CAC became a convenient place to hold holiday meals and volunteer events. The kids (and staff) loved having this wonderful resource available during the holidays!



St. Joseph's Villa was one of 51 nonprofit organizations to take part in this season's Miller & Rhoads Christmas Tree Contest. Each nonprofit organization had a decorated tree in the windows of the old Miller & Rhoads building in downtown Richmond from December 6<sup>th</sup> until January 5<sup>th</sup>.

While the trees were on display, people could vote online for their favorite tree. The popular vote was combined with votes from celebrity judges to come up with an overall winner.

While the Villa did not win the Grand Prize, we are very proud of our tree. The ornaments were painted by our children, and many ornaments feature photographs of the children. Thanks to Lynn Volkman, a Villa volunteer, for decorating this year's tree!





One of this season's highlights was a Holiday Show presented by Lewis Children's Center (and others) for the entertainment of the Villa's children and staff. The Dooley School auditorium was jam-packed for the many songs and dances put on by our rising stars at LCC. A big "Thanks!" to LCC's staff and to the many talented performers who made this holiday so special!



Construction crews finished working on the Villa's roads just before the holidays! The campus redesign project is not over - additional work will take place during the winter and spring to install new signage and landscaping - but as far as the construction crews are concerned, they're on to another project! Please mark your calendars now for our June 6 Grand Reopening event!



First Gift of 2012: Peggy Jamison and David Lydiard make a great start to the New Year by presenting a gift from the St. Joseph's Villa Alumni Society for the *Believing Is Seeing* Campaign. Also pictured are Villa CEO, Kathleen Burke Barrett, and campaign director, Jenny Friar. Peggy said, "I am amazed at how beautiful the new walkways and gardens look!"



In other Development news, Capital One has awarded St. Joseph's Villa a grant of \$25,000 to create a new Culinary Arts Training Center which will offer classes as part of the Villa's Career and Transition Services program. The funds will support hiring a new job coach and adapting its kitchen to allow areas for students to practice their culinary skills.



## Volunteer News from St. Joseph's Villa

The St. Joseph's Villa Donation Center will re-open on **Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Our hours of operation will be **Mon-Wed 11am-4pm**.

We are able to accept new and like new:

- household appliances, utensils, and linens for kitchen, bedroom and bath
- clothing for adult and children (children's clothing size 6-juniors size 16 most needed)
- toiletries for adults & children
- household cleaning products & equipment
- school supplies
- office supplies
- board games
- Lego's & building blocks
- craft supplies
- puzzles
- books (adult & children)
- NEW stuffed animals only

We are unable to accept used mattresses, pillows or toys (with the exception of the above mentioned items).

Please call Janice Clifton, Director of Culinary Services for all inquiries related to food donations. She can be reached at (804) 553-3304.

## Upcoming Events at St. Joseph's Villa

Plans are already underway for our Bluegrass Ball, *The 18<sup>th</sup> Hoedown to Stomp Homelessness* on April 28<sup>th</sup>! This event benefiting the Villa's Flagler Program for homeless mothers and their children, is a toe tapping good time with great bluegrass music and delicious food. Stay tuned for more details as the date draws closer. Please contact Anne Murray Hurt at 200-1617 or [ahurt@sjvmail.net](mailto:ahurt@sjvmail.net) for additional information.



**ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA**  
FOR CHILDREN

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### Join Us in Building More Hopeful Futures

The work of St. Joseph's Villa is possible only through the support of individuals and organizations in our community. Please join the Villa's family of supporters with a secure gift by clicking [here](#). Thank you!

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