Little Sisters of the Poor
Jeanne Jugan Center
Fall 2024

Like a Kid Again

Enjoying the Carefree Days of Summer

Sometimes it's nice to do things that make us get caught up in the moment and laugh, carefree, like we did when we were children. As adults, we sometimes forget how important that is. Our activities department did a wonderful job of helping our Residents find that joy this past summer with a lot of fun things to do. Several were new activities we hadn't offered here before.

Everyone got to see some animals they don't see every day, like a miniature highland cow and a donkey, when a travelling petting zoo came to the Home. Another time a beekeeper came with some of his winged friends. A visit from an ice cream truck brought back memories for many Residents of enjoying the cold treat on a hot day. (And luckily, we didn't have to chase this one down!). Standard summertime fare like a picnic in the park was brought to the next level by including water guns. Many Residents commented that they hadn't done that, or laughed that hard, since they were kids.

Another highlight was the outdoor foam party. A large machine pumped out loads of bubbles for everyone to play in. Again, laughter could be heard from near and far as Residents and staff waded through the foam. See page two for more pictures of the good times.

We are grateful for a wonderful activities department that truly embraces the words of our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, who said: "Making the elderly happy, that is what counts!"

Summer Memories

Clara tries on the netted hat after a presentation by Beekeeper Dan.

Apartment Resident Paula Marie and Resident Marie enjoy shaved ice at the summer birthday party celebration.

Activities Director Gaby and Resident Leticia play in the bubbles at the foam party.

Resident Maggie and employee Betsy get a cool treat. A generous donor hired an ice cream truck for the afternoon!

Activities Assistant Xime and Resident Edmona enjoy some water gun fun at the picnic in the park.

Looking Ahead to Autumn ...

As the seasons change from summer to fall, we are enjoying the cooler temperatures and the brisk air. It's perfect for a stroll around our beautiful grounds. We are also busy inside preparing for all that the season has to offer: the fun of Halloween, rides in the van to see the colorful leaves, and Thanksgiving's wonderful food and family togetherness, to name a few. We love the family celebrations that the fall brings, from celebrating holidays here with our family of Residents, staff, and Little Sisters, to welcoming Residents' family members to our Home. We have a lot to be grateful for!

... and Beyond

Since Christmas is a time for sharing, we always get our Residents a gift to open to let them know how much they mean to us. It is usually something simple as we need to be careful with our funds. They are always very gracious and grateful for the gifts.

While it's true that it's the thought that counts, we think it is also nice for our Residents to get something extra-special sometimes. Something that they can't buy for themselves. So, this year we are planning something a little different. The sisters will ask Residents to give them a "Christmas wish list" of some things they would really like to have. For example, one Resident has mentioned how he would love to have a Chiefs shirt.

We can then get them something from their list that they are sure to like and/or need. Nothing would make us happier than to see their faces light up on Christmas morning. No matter the age, everyone loves a special gift!

Mother's Message

Greetings, and happy autumn! I wanted to drop a quick note to let you know how grateful I am for you, and to let you know that I will be transferring to our home in Mobile, Alabama soon. My time here in Kansas City has been a delight. The people here are so welcoming and generous – I have felt at home since I arrived seven years ago. Many, many thanks to all of you for your support and prayers! You will remain in my prayers as well.

Mother Margaret

"It is a great grace that God has given you in calling you to serve the poor."

– Saint Jeanne Jugan

Spaghetti Dinner

SUNDAY
Nov. 3
Noon - 5 p.m.

Meal Tickets: Adults $15 / Kids [3-10] $8

Join Us!

for an afternoon of family fun and some delicious homemade spaghetti and meatballs. There will be plenty for everyone!

Nothing says autumn like gathering together and taking part in traditions. This year our annual spaghetti dinner will have opportunities for both.

We will provide the tables to gather 'round, offer delicious meals to share, and will also be bringing back some much-loved traditions at the dinner.

We will be cooking the meal in-house, using the meatball recipe that has been served for many years at our home.

The dining room will be open! So you can eat here, and fellowship with the Little Sisters and Residents.

The raffle is back. We will be raffling off some great prizes. And we can't forget the classics—the bake sale and craft sale will offer plenty of treats and treasures to take home.

For more information, visit our website @ www.littlesistersofthepoorkansascity.org or call 816.761.4744.

Meal tickets can be purchased at the door the day of the event. To-Go orders also available.