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*Photo by Kate Messer*

**You've helped us open a new door!**

It took vision, prayer, persistence and generosity to create St. Anthony Center, a new home for seven nonprofits working to improve the lives of their neighbors in inner-city Cincinnati. The Franciscan Friars of St. John the Baptist Province, owner of the property, invited the groups to move here and refurbish the interior. All of this effort is acknowledged in remarks by former Vicar Fr. Frank Jasper after a ribbon-cutting by friars and heads of the agencies involved.

In thank-yous to all involved, one name is central and often repeated. Community activist Tom Klinedinst, Jr., whose dedication fueled countless province projects over the years, first suggested the Center to Frank. "Well, Father, what do you think?" Tom asked, outlining his plan. Frank's response was, "I think you're nuts."

Tom persevered, and the project moved forward. Sadly, he died last summer before his dream was realized. "I'm really grateful to Tom for his heroic efforts," Frank says. "He's watching us and blessing our efforts from heaven."

Auxiliary Bishop Joe Binzer walked through the building with leaders from the seven non-profits to bless each space and its mission. But first, he offers a prayer: "Let us ask God's blessing on all those who will be served here," he says. "May all who enter this space be healed in spirit and body." And he has a prediction. "This is just Day One for the Center. Thousands will receive help; thousands will receive hope."

*Excerpted from an article by Franciscan Communications Director Toni Cashnelli*

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*Our mission is to provide quality, holistic medical care to homeless people who need a safe place to heal, while assisting them in breaking the cycle of homelessness.*

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## Message from the Chief Executive Officer **Laurel Derks Nelson**

The following is excerpted from an article published in *The Cincinnati Enquirer* March 13, 2018 entitled "We have come together for the good of people in need" by Laurel D. Nelson.

2017 was a significant good news year for many of us in the homelessness space. While readers readily remember the man who froze to death on a prominent public square, many don't remember that a group of local homelessness organizations joined together to form what is now called The Saint Anthony Center (in a building owned by the Franciscan Friars).

The Center for Respite Care collocated with Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank, Mary Magdalen House, The Welcome Home Collaborative, St Francis Seraph Ministries, The Tri Health

Outreach Ministries and Haircuts from the Heart; part of Franciscan Ministries. We have been told that we may become a model for the Franciscans nationally.

Our clients are astounded by the beauty of our new space. This space has returned hope to their lives. Our goal is to reach one cohort, those who need us most. While it is empowering that more people can be served, the fact that more people need our help reflects the times that we live in.

My organization is closing out our annual campaign and certainly more people have learned about us. This is through the good work of The Franciscans, our donors, the news media and word-of-mouth. This is our thank you for those of you who have helped. Together we DO make a difference .



## FC Cincinnati's Jack Stern, honorary annual campaign chair

The Center for Respite Care is delighted to announce that Goalkeeper Coach Jack Stern is the honorary chair of the 2018-19 annual campaign. This marks the third year in a row the honorary chair has been a representative from FC Cincinnati. We couldn't be more delighted to have the organization as an ongoing community partner. Jack spent five seasons in the English Premier League with West Bromwich Albion. Most recently, he spent the last four seasons with the Montreal Impact and began his tenure there as the head of academy goalkeeping. Welcome, Jack!



*Being this year's honorary campaign chair for The Center for Respite Care is incredibly meaningful and important to me. I was raised by parents who advocated community service and helped me understand the importance of being involved in your local community and helping people in need. As a new Cincinnati resident, the Center has offered me a great way to get involved in contributing to help the people of this city. I moved here with the awareness that we are always stronger together and it is my hope that the 2018-19 annual campaign's success will enable the Center to care for even more people in need.*

- Jack Stern



## Learning and leisure activities

Like anyone else recovering from a stay in the hospital, as the Center's clients get to feeling better, they look for something to occupy their time. With more space in the client common area at the new location - the Center offers more in the way of activities and programs for clients, both educational and recreational. Pictured above is an afternoon of ceramics. All the Center's volunteers are wonderful and one of them provided materials and initial instruction to get it all going.

Clients learn the basics of simple meal preparation through the learning kitchenette provided by a grant from Impact 100. A financial planner comes to offer workshops on budgeting. Volunteers from the Cincinnati Zoo come monthly to make presentations. The public library also provides resources — monthly videos for Friday movie night and books on topics of interest. A generous donation provided three computers for the client learning center.

Every day, clients work with medical and case management staff to learn the tools that lead to self-sufficiency and instill hope. The support of volunteers enriches this effort. If you have an idea for an activity or program, we'd love to hear about it.



## A letter from Jenisha Dear Dave,

I want to take a few minutes to let you know how much I appreciate you and the rest of the staff at the Center for Respite Care. I wasn't sure where I was going to go after discharge from the hospital. The Center was on a resource list given to me at St Elizabeth. I was approved and arrangements were made for a ride.

I kept thinking, "I'm homeless. I've been staying at a homeless shelter. What kind of place am I going to now?" I was amazed at the facility, so very nice and clean. The medical staff was very welcoming and thorough. You and Gregory guided me throughout the entire journey. My experience was outstanding!

*Excerpted from a letter to Medical Case Manager  
Dave Ehrnschwender*

## They led a wish list drive and came to tour the new location.



Pictured here are students from the University of Dayton who led a campus-wide drive for the Center's wish list items — lounge wear, socks, shower shoes, new underclothes for women & men and toiletries. They visited late afternoon, took a tour and spent time with Dr. Bob learning about his practice and the history of the Center for Respite Care. We're always happy to have guests. Feel free to give us a call and come by for a tour of the new facility.



Guests gather in client day-room for a presentation of the Center's gratitude.



CEO, Laurel D. Nelson & Dr. Odell Owens with Interact for Health.



Rabbi Irvin & Kathy Wise with Adath Israel Congregation.

## Relocation Celebration

The Center for Respite Care gathered friends, supporters and major donors to pay tribute and say thank you to the people and organizations who supported the move to the St. Anthony Center.

Among the supporters were the Deaconess Association Foundation, Cincinnati Health Network, PNC/John A. Schroth Family Trust, Ina W. Broeman, Bob and Diane Hauser, Impact 100, Martha Schueler, Diana Klinedinst, Interact for Health, Adath Israel Congregation, Thomas and Karen Cassady, Cary and LeeAnn Hines, Ryan Hays and Virginia Mischen-Hays, the Klaine family, the Trapp family and Home City Ice Co.



Expanded capacity at the new location allows the Center to go from 14 client beds to 20.

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