

## INTRODUCING INNOVATION IN ELDER CARE

### *Providence Court opens as a new option in Community Living*

Located on the north end of the St. Anne's campus, our newest addition, named Providence Court, is nearing completion, and is scheduled to open in March 2009. Providence Court is a Community Based Residential Facility (CBRF) providing care and services to frail older adults with or without memory impairments who need daily services within a supportive community. It is a pioneer in Community Based Residential Facilities in its size and layout, and enhances our continuum of care, allowing our residents to remain in an apartment setting even when their individual needs change.

"Providence Court is the testament of our mission, the long term care model of the future, the evidence of our commitment to all those we serve, and the renewal of our legacy of faith," says Lynn Vogt, Administrator.

The new model of assisted care is an exciting change for St. Anne's, and offers a specialized living option for residents featuring forty-eight studio apartments on three floors, each with a



PROVIDENCE COURT  
APARTMENTS

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private bathroom, kitchenette and living area of about 400 square feet. The facility includes a specialty unit for residents with significant memory care needs. All residents will receive individualized assistance with activities of daily living, and nursing care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Each floor acts as its own family unit and includes a communal living room, full kitchen, dining room, courtyard, library, beauty shop, spa, activity areas and medical suites. The facility also provides enhanced options for dining, activities and social interaction for its residents based upon personal choices and needs. The staff of Providence Court represents new advances in resident care – a holistic approach that fosters a stronger bond between residents and staff members. Caretakers at Providence Court are skilled in many different household

tasks associated with residential living, so each staff person is uniquely qualified to handle almost any issue that may arise and cater to the individual needs and preferences of the residents they serve.

Residents in Providence Court enjoy the benefits of life at St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus that include a broad base of amenities and services to accommodate individual and changing needs. Campus services such as physician visits, laboratory services, pharmacy, podiatry, dental, and eye care providers, country store as well as daily Mass and other spiritual services all add to the quality of life each resident enjoys. Home has never looked so good! ♥

For more information about Providence Court, please visit our website at [www.stannessc.org](http://www.stannessc.org), or call (414) 463-7570.

Please join us for the  
**PROVIDENCE COURT  
OPEN HOUSE**

*Wednesday, April 22nd*

Mass at 2 p.m. with  
refreshments to follow  
Blessing after Mass by  
Bishop William Callahan  
Free admission,  
no reservation required



## Dear Friends,

Spring is around the corner, and already St. Anne's is blooming! We are excited to introduce you to Providence Court, our innovative new community-based residential facility (CBRF) opening in March on the north end of our campus. Providence Court is a great addition to our continuum of care and a beautiful representation of our commitment to providing innovative care for older adults in Milwaukee. It offers new options in assisted living, and gives our residents the security of knowing we offer flexibility for their changing lifestyles. Please read more about this new wing on the first page of this newsletter, and join us for the open house on April 22nd.

With the ushering in of spring comes renewed interest in renovating the outdoor areas at St. Anne's. As you know, we

are fundraising for our Pavilion & Reflection Gardens project to construct a year-round gathering space and update the landscaping and pathways in Sampon Park. Many opportunities are available to help us breathe new life into this natural gem. Read more about it below.

Many thanks to all our loyal supporters for making our home a place where God's love lives every day. We look forward to seeing you often in 2009, and sharing in the joy of our blossoming campus!

God's Blessings!

Lynn M. Vogt, Administrator



All Milwaukeeans look forward to the first blossoms of spring peeking out above the snow, and relish the beauty of new life that comes with the rising temperatures. St. Anne's residents, maybe more than most, cherish these opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, do some gardening, or just sit and listen to the birds sing. But, because many live with mobility issues, our outdoor spaces need to be easily accessible and safe for residents.

## OUTDOOR RENOVATIONS PLANNED FOR SAMPON PARK

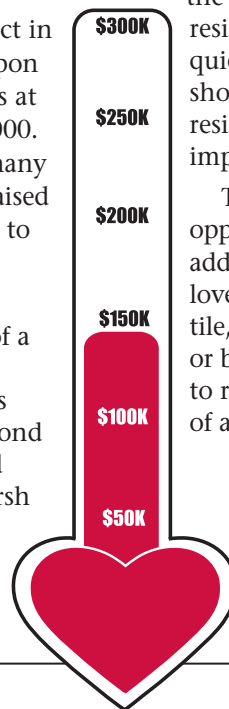
As you probably know, St. Anne's is planning to perform a large renovation and building project in the outdoor area, named Sampon Park, at the rear of our campus at an approximate cost of \$300,000. Because of the generosity of many donors so far, St. Anne's has raised nearly half the money needed to begin construction.

This exciting and sizeable project includes construction of a large pavilion and patio with resident-appropriate seating, as well as updated landscaping, pond repairs and new walkways and garden areas. The past two harsh winters have left the outdoor areas in need of some major repairs, but have also given

St. Anne's the opportunity to make the outdoor spaces a lively area for residents to enjoy nature, reflect quietly and entertain guests. In short, the park is a way to give residents renewed vigor and improved quality of life.

There are many unique opportunities to support this new addition. Leave a lasting tribute to loved ones by purchasing a tribute tile, making a monetary donation, or by making a larger contribution to receive naming rights to a variety of areas in the park. ♥

**For more information, please contact the Development Office at (414) 466-7414.**



## SHARE YOUR GIFTS

Charitable bequests, written into a will or trust, are a great way to leave a lasting gift to St. Anne's, and are an important source of revenue to meet the unique needs of our older adults. For more information about leaving a planned gift to St. Anne's, please contact Lora Rosenbaum at (414) 466-7414. Please feel free to notify us if you have already designated a future gift to St. Anne's. Thanks for your continued support!

# RESIDENT EMBRACES LIFE, FAMILY, ART

Teresa "Tess" Wilmot has been making her home on the St. Anne's Salvatorian Campus since May 2008. She brings her positive approach, sunny disposition and wonderful sense of humor to the community. Tess made her own decision to move to an assisted living apartment.

"Years ago, I visited friends here and decided that if I ever needed help, I would come to St. Anne's. This whole experience has been terrific and I am grateful to be here. I love the other residents and the Salvatorian Sisters. They visit often. My apartment is the one before you enter the Salvatorian Sisters Residence. We also have regular Masses and that is a great comfort," she explained.

Tess is a widow and has three sons and a daughter. She was a member of St. Sebastian's Parish in Milwaukee for

many years. She was recently honored at a parish celebration and adds with her great wit, "I was the only one left from my class and the year before." Tess attended grade school at St. Sebastian's and remained a member as a young woman, wife and mother.

She is an artist and her apartment features some of her beautiful landscapes. Many art pieces have been given to her sons, daughter and other family members.

"One of my sons wanted to take art lessons as a young boy. I took him to classes that were conducted by the late Sister Thomasita Fessler, OSF. That meeting changed my life because I started taking classes, too. I continued studying with her for years. Art has enriched my life," she pointed out.

Today Tess enjoys visiting with other residents, attends resident



**Tess Wilmot will celebrate her first year of assisted living this March. She likes the companionship and activities offered at St. Anne's.**

council meetings and has a full range of activities with her family. "I have privacy and quiet in the apartment. I enjoy looking out my beautiful window and observing each season change into another. Or I can open the door and find great people to be with. St. Anne's also has a superb staff. I can tell they like working here." ♥



## *In-House Know-How's*

# EASING INTO ASSISTED LIVING

**Jill Hogan is the Admissions Director for Assisted Living Services at St. Anne's.**

Making the move to assisted living is a big change. It is our job to make that move as seamless as possible for both the resident and the resident's family. With a little guidance, this decision can be a win-win for everyone.

### **Meet with the Admissions Director before a Decision is Made**

I routinely visit potential residents at their home or a hospital to discuss

options and amenities offered at St. Anne's. This meeting not only helps introduce St. Anne's and ease a resident's concerns, but also offers me the ability to better understand the individual's health and occupational capabilities to make the best placement decision.

### **Practice Full Disclosure**

Make sure the staff has all the information they need to best care for your loved one. Be brutally honest – with medications, physical limitations and memory/mental health concerns - with the assurance that your loved one will receive the most specialized care based on their specific needs. Full disclosure allows us to ensure a happy, vibrant lifestyle and avoid embarrassing or harmful situations.

### **Be Flexible!**

I can't repeat this enough! When a resident joins the St. Anne's family, we all become new partners in the well-being of this cherished person. Just as a resident and family may not know everything about our campus, we too have to learn about our new resident – from likes and dislikes to personal habits and medical needs. This process doesn't happen overnight, so flexibility and patience on everyone's part makes the transition smoother and our relationship stronger!

We know all is well when a resident says "I wish I would have come to St. Anne's Assisted Living much sooner." Comments like these make our day! ♥

**If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, you can contact Jill at (414) 463-7570, x213.**

# VOLUNTEER MARKS 25 YEARS

In 1984, Louie Konop had just retired. Friends from the Knights of Columbus asked him to join them as volunteers at St. Anne's. At that time, there were nine men who volunteered. Twenty-five years later, Louie Konop is still faithfully helping every Thursday morning. Every season, every week, Louie drives from Menomonee Falls and joins the dietary staff for several hours. His volunteer work includes cutting, chopping and dicing produce for the residents' meals. He has a sparkle in his eyes as he refers to his work and friends in the Dietary Department. The staff enjoys Louie,

too, and refers to him as hard-working and fun. To celebrate his 87th birthday, they baked a cake and wished him a wonderful year.

"He is a delightful man," said David Schnell, Director of Food Services. "Everyone in our department loves Louie and he is so reliable. He has his own sink for vegetable preparation and brings his own knives and equipment. He is such a help and we all look forward to seeing Louie each week."

The veteran volunteer feels the same way. "I enjoy the people I work with and meet at St. Anne's. They are good to me and I look forward to Thursdays. Helping someone else gives me great satisfaction," Louie explained.

Louie is a World War II veteran and served for three years in the Pacific. When he returned to Wisconsin, he started working at Square D and continued there for decades. He also married and he and his wife had five children, three daughters and two sons. They have also been blessed with eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Louie's wife Agnes died five years ago.

When he leaves for home, he usually says, "God bless!" At St. Anne's, Louie is one of many volunteers who bless our campus and improve the quality of life for our residents and employees. ♥

**Sandee Budzunski, of the Food Services Department, and veteran Volunteer Louie Konop enjoy their work at St. Anne's.**



**April 12 ....Easter Sunday**

**April 22 ....Providence Court Open House** (see page 1)

**July 26 .....St. Anne's Feast Day**

**Sept. 29 .....HeartStrings 2009**  
Location TBD; 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets: \$150 each; Tables of 8: \$1200; Reservations required. To receive an invitation, please contact Katie Meylink at (414) 466-7414.

## Could You Use \$3,800?

St. Anne's ever-popular raffle is back for spring, with a prize that fits everyone just right!

Buy your tickets now to win \$3,800 in cash! Winner chosen Wednesday, April 22, 2009.

Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 tickets for \$25, and are available at the front desk at St. Anne's.

Great gifts for co-workers, friends and family members.

For additional tickets, please call (414) 466-7414.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**St. Anne's needs your help!**

**We have many opportunities to use your talents and gifts on your schedule.**

**From bringing residents to meals to vigil keeping, your time is a valuable gift to our residents, families and staff.**

**For more information about volunteering at St. Anne's, please contact Kathy LaFrance at (414) 463-7570.**

**HELP ST. ANNE'S**

## ST. ANNE'S MISSION

St. Anne's mission is to provide residents with care and compassion in a respectful, home-like environment that honors individual dignity. Following the mission and philosophy of the Sisters of the Divine Savior and the beliefs of the Catholic faith, we strive to improve quality of life, promote justice, collaborate with our partners in service and be responsible stewards of our resources.

We honor our heritage of providing exceptional services, continue to strive for increasing excellence in care and remain committed to our tradition of offering healthcare and residential services which are inclusive of all elderly.

## ST. ANNE'S SALVATORIAN CAMPUS

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