

Yo Wazzup



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Maggie Kellagher helps a child down the slide at GACC.

She's Working at Her Dream Job

"I love working at Guardian Angel Child Care," Maggie Kellagher said. "It's my dream job."

Maggie was recently promoted there from assistant teacher to early childhood teacher, and her enthusiasm is clear to anyone who sees her in the classroom.

The promotion is just the latest step forward for Maggie, who was once a client of the Ministry. She and her sons had experienced years of periodic homelessness before she came to Mary Mother of Hope House II. She earned her teaching certification at Delaware Technical Community College and began working at Guardian Angel.

Last year, she received assistance with a security deposit through the Ministry's Rapid Rehousing program, enabling her and her boys to move out of a Ministry residence, and into their own apartment.

"The Ministry of Caring was my lifesaver," Maggie said. "If it wasn't for all their help, I don't know what I would do. I wouldn't be able to take care of myself and my family."

News and Notes

- Delaware Public Media (WDDE) recently published a story about **Vernell Brown**, who struggled with addiction and went through House of Joseph I and then Padre Pio House. Now he is working on a degree in public health at the University of Pennsylvania.
- The **Milk Run 5k** will be held May 13 at Middletown High School. Please note this is a change from the original date and location. The race benefits EDR. More information is available at www.races2run.com.
- The **St. Clare Medical Outreach Van** once again has a nurse practitioner and has resumed its regular schedule. Van info can always be found at this phone number: (302) 575-8218.
- The Ministry's **three early learning centers are selling Joe Corbi's** pizza and other treats to raise funds. Contact Sr. Kathleen Pollard at SrKathleen@ministryofcaring.org for a brochure.
- **Raffle tickets** for the Emmanuel Dining Room Auction are available now! Tickets cost \$100 each, and the grand prize is \$10,000. If you'd like to purchase one individually or as a group, contact EDR associate program director Dorine Menchhofer at 652-3228.



Save the Date!

The Appreciation Dinner will be held Thursday, April 27, at Talleyville Fire Company Memorial Hall, 3919 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803.

At this event, MOC staff, especially those celebrating milestone anniversaries, are celebrated. Contact chairperson Marie Keefer with any questions at mkeefer@ministryofcaring.org.



Ziggy Karas receives a standing ovation at the 2016 Appreciation Dinner for 25 years of service.



Upcoming Birthdays

3/1 -Jerzy Kaminski	3/20 -Joann Howard
3/2 -Lauren Avera	3/20 -Torriss Portis
3/2 -Charlotte Draper	3/20 -Dorine Menchhofer
3/4 -Derwin "Rock" Forrest	3/22 -Maria Washington
3/4 -Nardaliza Medina	3/22 -Taliacia Watkins
3/13 -Madison Johnson	3/23 -Sr. Pat Kerezsi, OSF
3/19 -Shannon Ayres	3/26 -Yahanne Cooper

In Your Prayers

Please pray for the health of these members of the Ministry of Caring community: Sr. Stephanie Wilson, OSU, former MOC employee and former Superior of the Ursuline Sisters in Wilmington, is in hospice care; Fr. John LoSasso, OFM Cap., continues to face health challenges; Gene McLaughlin, a former program director, is ill; Deacon Ed Lynch has been experiencing serious health issues; John Loy, a benefactor, is in poor health; Jim McManus, husband of HOJ II administrative assistant Rosemary McManus, is dealing with health issues; Stan Bartowski, whose wife Marty helps organize the Polish International Night, is suffering from Parkinson's Disease; FXN Chef Bill Bradley's two nephews, **Eugene and Sean Bradley**, are recovering from a successful kidney transplant;

Please also pray for those who have died: **Marion Wynder**, 104-year-old resident of Sacred Heart Village I; **John Edward Dougherty Jr.**, partner of Peg Tigue, a Brandywine Village leader with whom the Ministry has been working closely on Village of St. John; **Elijah Carroll**, Sacred Heart Village I resident; **Reese Long**, a resident of Nazareth House I.

Blessed Are Those Who Die in the Lord

Barbara Stewart, Jan. 1; Mary Finlay Rickert, Jan. 13; Fr. Achilles Cassieri, Jan. 19; Peter Emmet Curtin, Jan. 26; Howard Duker, Jan. 31; Charles Thompson, Feb. 1; Wilmer O. Reiter, Feb. 3; James McCole, Feb. 6.; **Elijah Carroll**, February; **Reese Long**, Feb. 11; **John Edward Dougherty Jr.**, Feb. 15; **Marion Wynder**, Feb. 26.



It's a wholesome thing to pray for the dead.

Upcoming Events

- Friday, March 3, noon — Memorial Mass for Jim McCole, brother of Sr. Julie McCole, Sacred Heart Oratory.
- Monday, March 6, noon — Memorial Mass for John Edward Dougherty Jr., Sacred Heart Oratory.
- Wednesday, March 22, 8am — General staff meeting, Francis X. Norton Center.

Staff News

- Gordon Corbitt will be leaving his post as resident manager of Padre Pio House effective February 28th. He will remain as a full-time employee at FXN.
- Torriss Portis, currently the resident manager at House of Joseph TR will assume the position of resident manager of Padre Pio House as of March 1st. He continues in his full-time security role for the SHV II property.
- Victor Sanders has been appointed to the position of resident manager of House of Joseph TR. He continues in his role as full-time security for the SHV II property.
- Rod Reynolds will be the live-in maintenance technician when SHV II opens.
- Kevin Butcher will be the part-time housekeeper/custodian when SHV II opens.
- Mia Millner has resigned as full-time staff person at HH II.
- Maggie Kellagher has been promoted from early childhood assistant teacher at GACC to early childhood teacher, also at GACC.
- Tuwana Ayres has joined our AmeriCorps program as a Staff Assistant for the Rapid Rehousing program.
- Sr. Joicy Joseph Ambattu, CJS has transferred from CCC to EDR where she is working food service.
- Sr. Agnes Matthew Kaniyamkandathil, CJS has transferred from service at CCC to SHV I where she is volunteering, assisting Linda Richardson with service coordination.

Staff Vacancies

- Full-time assistant teacher at CCC
- Part-time assistant teacher at CCC (afternoon shift)
- Part-time assistant teacher at GACC (Fridays and closing shift Monday – Thursday)
- Part-time curriculum coordinator to support all child care centers
- Part-time cook (weekday hours) at HJ II
- Full-time C.N.A. at HJ II
- Full-time staff person at HH II
- Weekend staff persons at HH I and HH II
- Staff assistant at Samaritan Outreach/Distribution Center (part-time one year AmeriCorps service opportunity)
- Substitutes: shelter staff (all), childcare (all) and C.N.A.