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SISTERS of CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM

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Listen, Lead and Serve



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Michael Gore, Sisters of Charity Health System

One of the greatest gifts of our ministry is the opportunity to come together—across communities, states and areas of service—to reflect on who we are, why we serve and how we are called to lead.

Recently, members of the Sisters of Charity Health System family gathered for a special leadership retreat centered around the theme, “Caritas in Action: Leading with Courage, Humility and Sacred Presence.” It was a meaningful opportunity to regroup ourselves in our shared mission and values while reflecting on the evolving needs of the communities we serve.

What made the retreat especially powerful was the diversity of perspectives that came from participants across our ministries, regions (Cleveland, Canton and South Carolina) and roles, including Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, Health System leadership, ministry leadership and board members. Everyone was united by a common commitment to compassionate service and faith-filled leadership.

Throughout our conversations, we were reminded that leadership is not simply about strategy or operations. It is about presence. It is about listening deeply,

leading courageously, serving humbly and recognizing the dignity of every person we encounter.

What’s in this Month’s Issue?

That spirit is reflected throughout this month’s newsletter and in the work happening across our ministries every day. Some highlights of the work showcased in this issue include:

- **St. Augustine Legacy Society** – we launched this new giving society to honor the generosity of donors who have given endowment contributions of \$10,000 or more; made bequests in a will or trust; or are providing life income gifts to at least one of our ministries. The Society includes 85 couples and individuals, and we’ll be inducting new members annually. Every supporter is a co-minister in our mission, enabling us to expand the help we provide while ensuring sustainability.
- **Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton in the community** – the Foundation is choosing to celebrate its 30th anniversary by serving humbly, with staff and board members volunteering throughout the year at some of the Foundation’s grantees.
- **Ministry Impact Reports** – Two ministries recently published beautiful impact reports that accurately convey the important and inspiring work they do. Light of Hearts Villa released its “Mission & Intention: 2025 Impact Report” and the Early Childhood Resource Center released its report, “The Story Continues: Celebrating 25 Years of Impact.”
- **Golf Outing Fundraisers** – If you’re into golf, we have two great fundraising events. Even if you’re not a golfer, you can still join the festivities. Regina Health Center’s 27th annual Holy-In-One Golf Outing and Luncheon is August 20 at Firestone Country Club. And, the Early Childhood Resource Center is hosting its inaugural Ready, Set, Swing! charity golf outing on September 18. You can read more about both and get links to purchase tickets and raffle tickets in the pages that follow.

As we continue to listen, lead and serve, we’ll keep advancing the important and inspiring work we all do together each day.

Warmly,

Michael

**THANK YOU
NURSES!**

May is National Nurses Month. Thank you to our dedicated nurses and health care professionals who make a difference in the lives of those we serve day in and day out. Thank you for all you do!

◆ SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE 175TH ANNIVERSARY:



SHARE YOUR MEMORIES What’s your connection to CSA? The Sisters invite you to share your memories and experiences by participating in the 175th anniversary story project. Visit srsfcharity.org/story to learn more and to submit your story.

◆ **HEALTH SYSTEM LEADERSHIP RETREAT: Fostering Reflection, Dialogue, Formation and Connection** – Leaders from across the Sisters of Charity Health System recently gathered at Sawmill Creek Resort in Huron, Ohio, for a special retreat centered around the theme: “Caritas in Action: Leading with Courage, Humility and Sacred Presence.”



Keynote speaker Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, Ph.D.

The retreat brought together participants from Cleveland, Canton and South Carolina, including Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA), Health System leadership, ministry leaders and board members. The retreat served as an intentional opportunity for formation, reflection and reconnection to the mission that guides the collective work of the Health System and its ministries. Participants reflected on what it means to lead with compassion and purpose in today’s world, while also taking time to reground themselves spiritually and professionally in the values that shape the organization’s ministry-driven work.

Sr. Mary McCormick, OSU, Ph.D., delivered the keynote address, exploring the retreat theme through a deeper conversation around leadership rooted in courage, humility and sacred presence. Her reflections challenged attendees to consider how faith, listening and authentic presence can shape both personal leadership and organizational culture. **Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA**, congregational leader of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, also provided insight into the role and structure of the Public Juridic Person (PJP) and the missionary vision that continues to guide the Sisters’ ministry today, and the spiritual and organizational foundations that continue to shape the work across the Health System and its ministries.

President & CEO **Michael Goar** shared updates on the continued legacy of service and transformation happening in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood. His presentation highlighted the expanding work of the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub and the ongoing initiatives, partnerships and investments designed to continue serving neighborhood residents through health, education, workforce development, behavioral health and social support services.

Board Chair **Bob Varley** offered reflections on the importance of mission-driven leadership and the responsibility of carrying forward the legacy of the Sisters

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President of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton Marisa Rohn, Executive Director of the Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC) Angela Moses and ECRC Director of Outreach & Parent Education Tiffany Roper



SC Center for Fathers and Families (SCFF) President *Karriem Edwards*, SCFF board member *Jay Ratterree*, SC Foundation board member *Adam Sheehan*, SCFF board member *Sheldon Cooke, Sr.* *Judith Ann Karam, CSA*, *Healthy Learners Executive Director Derek Cromwell*, *Healthy Learners Board Chair Dillon Chewning*, SC Foundation Board member *Mario Melendez*, Health System President & CEO *Michael Goar*, *Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina President Donna Waites*

through thoughtful stewardship and community-centered action. In addition, each ministry leader shared brief presentations highlighting the unique ways their organizations are living out mission-driven action in their communities.

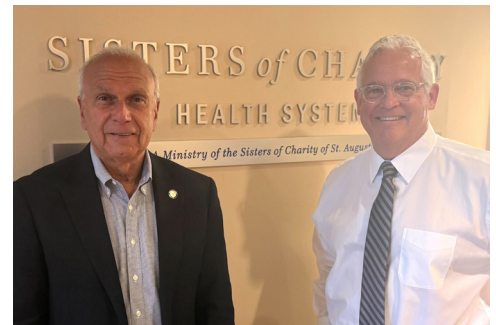
The retreat also created meaningful opportunities for conversation and relationship-building. Participants spent time connecting with the Sisters who attended, learning from their experiences and discussing how faith continues to shape and inspire the work happening across ministries today. One participant reflected:

“This retreat was a powerful reminder that our work is not simply operational—it is deeply rooted in mission, relationships and presence.”

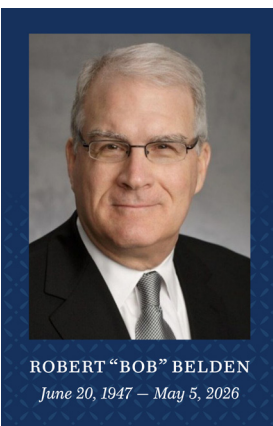
Thank you to the Mission & Ministry team, including Senior Vice President of Mission & Ministry **Miguel Chavez** and **Jen Arbogast**, for their thoughtful planning and leadership in creating a retreat experience that fostered reflection, dialogue, formation and connection.

Cleveland News

◆ **HEALTH SYSTEM: Ohio Senator Jerry Cirino Visit** – Ohio Senator **Jerry Cirino** visited the Health System office in early May to learn about the transformational work being done in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood, including the importance of the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub and the significance of the Goodwill Opportunity Center that’s expected to open in 2028. Thank you Sen. Cirino for taking the time to visit.



Sen. Cirino (left) with Thom Olmstead, vice-president, government affairs for the Health System



IN MEMORIAM: Remembering Dedicated Board Member Robert Belden

We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of **Robert “Bob” Belden** earlier in May. Bob served the Sisters of Charity Health System in various board-related roles and was an invaluable voice at the table from August 2018 until his resignation in February 2026 due to health issues. He served as chair of the investment committee from 2021 through 2025 and was vice chair of the board from 2023 until his resignation. He also served on the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton Board of Directors for nearly three decades. He completed two nine-year terms and this year would have been the final year of his third nine-year term. Bob was a loyal servant and exemplary board member, serving with dedication, thoughtfulness and compassion, and held every office on the Foundation’s board throughout his tenure. We express profound gratitude and sincere appreciation to Bob for his decades of faithful dedication to the mission of the Sisters of Charity Health System and the Foundation. Our prayers are with Bob’s family and the many friends and colleagues who were touched by Bob’s unfailing support.

St. Augustine Legacy Society Inaugural Induction – Founding members of the newly established St. Augustine Legacy Society were inducted during a luncheon held at the Union Club in Cleveland on April 30. The Legacy Society honors the thoughtful generosity of donors who have given endowment contributions of \$10,000 or more; made bequests in a will or trust; or are providing life income gifts such as charitable gift annuities (CGA) to at least one Sisters of Charity Health System ministry.

“The St. Augustine Legacy Society celebrates all of the Sisters of Charity Health System ministries,” said **Mark Cotleur**, senior vice president, Fund Development. “There is faith, there is vision and there is impact made thanks to every member. They have given in a way that is significant both now and in the future.”



Former St. Vincent Charity Medical Center Doctor Christopher Adelman, MD; and St. Augustine Legacy Society Founding Member and Former St. Vincent Charity Doctor Elizabeth Macintyre, MD

“When I pass away, I want my resources to make a difference. I want to perpetuate and strengthen the mission, and continue compassionate care for all, regardless of circumstance.”

– Dr. Elizabeth Macintyre, retired St. Vincent Charity Medical Center physician

St. Augustine Legacy Society Inaugural Induction – *continued*

Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Congregational Leader **Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA**, and Sisters of Charity Health System President & CEO **Michael Goar** both spoke at the luncheon. “Responding to the needs of God’s people; that’s who we are,” said Sr. Judith Ann. “We have never done it alone and are blessed to have these co-ministers who allow us to help more people and ensure viability. You are the hearts and hands of the mission; you are the carriers of the vision we’ve had for 175 years.” Goar added, “We have learned from the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine to love God and to love our neighbors. The legacy of the Sisters, and of the Health System, is everlasting and ever living.”

Currently there are 85 couples and individuals who are St. Augustine Legacy Society members. New members will be inducted annually. Inspired by the mission, or by others who have given, and want to join next year’s induction class? Contact **Mark Cotleur** at mcotleur@sistersofcharityhealth.org or 216.696.8401.

CLEVELAND MINISTRIES

◆ ST. VINCENT CHARITY HEALTH & HEALING HUB: CLEVELAND CENTRAL PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD—

Growing Impact, Building Community – The Promise Program continues to gain meaningful momentum. The 2025/2026 school year at Marion-Sterling School is ending on a high note. It included a diverse array of programming and engaging afterschool activities, all designed to increase literacy and school attendance. Nearly 90 of the 230-student population participated in tutoring, Beat the Streets Wrestling, Fast Break (basketball infused with math skill development), and Foluke Arts (visual and performing arts). Additional programming included:

- Implemented an innovative weekly family meal program to combat food insecurity, with 1,348 meals distributed.
- Enhanced and expanded in-school care closet to help students and families with emergency supplies.
- Developed financial skills with the Sisters of Charity Health System-sponsored student savings accounts. First graders learned about money and banking while earning up to \$25 per quarter for attendance, citizenship and academic achievement.
- Improved social/emotional growth through a partnership with Cleveland Clinic with social/emotional training for 1st, 3rd and 5th grade scholars.
- Grew student’s garden knowledge and transformed lunch room garbage by providing composting opportunities through the in-school garden program. Student interns from St. Martin De Porres provided assistance for teachers and students.

A recent community meet & greet at Sankofa Village brought neighbors together for an afternoon full of energy and connection. With a live DJ, line dancing, craft activities and plenty of food, the event created a welcoming space for families to connect. Promise partners from Goodwill were also present, engaging with residents to share information about their programming and their growing presence in the community. Building on this collaboration, Promise and Goodwill are actively developing a workforce-focused pop-up event for late summer that will bring hands-on demonstrations, career exploration opportunities and valuable community resources directly to residents.



◆ **JOSEPH & MARY'S HOME: Our Lady of Peace Parishioners Visit, Deliver Blankets—** Members of the Our Lady of Peace Parish Social Concerns Committee visited Joseph & Mary's Home (JMH) earlier this month. The group brought hand-made blankets for residents to use while they recover at JMH. They also went on a tour and discussed with Executive Director **Anna Stormer** how they can best help residents as they heal with dignity. If your parish, ministry or organization would like to support Joseph & Mary's Home, please reach out to Senior Director of Major Gifts **Colleen Corrigan Day** at cday@sistersofcharityhealth.org or 216.987.9201.

Resident Referral Process Updated – The new referral webpage, www.jmhome.org/referrals, is designed to create greater clarity, consistency and responsiveness across the referral and intake process. This will better support both residents and referral partners. Those who make resident referrals can now find online the step-by-step referral instructions; updated eligibility and admission criteria; information on who JMH is best equipped to serve; and clear expectations as to what happens after a referral submission. Referral partners are encouraged to reach out to **Anna Stormer** at anna.stormer@jmhome.org or 216.569.2306 with any questions.



Health System Senior Director of Major Gifts Colleen Corrigan Day (far left) and Joseph & Mary's Home Executive Director Anna Stormer (middle, right) with Our Lady of Peace Social Concerns Committee members



◆ **LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA: 2025 Impact Report Released** – Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV) has released its 2025 Impact Report, highlighting the ministry's financial position, record-breaking fundraising success, community outreach efforts and key accomplishments from the past year. The report provides a transparent overview of the Villa's finances—including a breakdown of the \$871,416 raised in 2025—while also sharing meaningful stories, photos and testimonials that illustrate the profound impact of the Villa's mission each day. More than a financial summary, the report tells the story of the compassionate care, vibrant community life and dedicated team that make LOHV such a special place for residents and families. Read the full report by [clicking here](#).

Special Prayer Service Celebrates 175 Years of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine – LOHV welcomed residents, staff, Sisters and friends of the ministry on April 29 for a special prayer service honoring the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. The meaningful afternoon celebrated a legacy of faith, compassion and service that has impacted countless lives for generations. For 25 years, LOHV has been a partner in this mission and continues to carry it forward each day. Held in the Villa chapel, **Sr. Regina Kusnir, CSA**, led the prayer service and created space for reflection, connection and shared stories. Guests spoke about the profound impact the Sisters and the Villa have had on their lives, creating a moving atmosphere of gratitude and community. Following the service, guests gathered for a short program and reception. A special highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of *The Faces of the Poor*, a drawing of St. Vincent de Paul created by **Sr. Ellen LaCapria, DC**, symbolizing 175 years of faithfully serving those most in need.



Health System President & CEO Michael Goar, Sr. Anith Maroun, SC, LOHV Executive Director Breanne Cavileer, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Congregational Leader Sister Judith Ann Karam, CSA, Sr. Kathy Andrews, CSA, Sr. Jane Lab, CSA

*Sr. Regina Kusnir, SC, Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, and Sr. Anith Maroun, SC, displaying *The Faces of the Poor*, a drawing of St. Vincent de Paul created by Sr. Ellen LaCapria, DC*

LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA *continued*



Nurses Lisa Stuver, Milos Cassell and Phylcia Perry

Celebrating the Power of Nurses – During National Nurses Week (May 6-12), LOHV proudly celebrated and honored the incredible nurses who provide compassionate care and support to residents each day. Throughout the week, the Villa recognized the dedication, professionalism and heart the nursing team brings to the community. Each nurse received a small gift along with a special token of appreciation from Director of Nursing **Donna Allen**, in gratitude for the meaningful difference they make in the lives of residents and families. This year’s National Nurses Week theme, “The Power of Nurses,” perfectly reflected the strength, kindness and unwavering commitment demonstrated by the team every day.

Join Hands Day Beautifies Grounds – Each year, LOHV welcomes volunteers, supporters and friends for Join Hands Day, a special tradition focused on beautifying the community grounds for residents and visitors to enjoy. This year, volunteers spent the day planting colorful annual flowers throughout the front entrance and back patio areas, while also helping weed and prepare the gardens for the season ahead. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to the flower fund, contributed flowers and volunteered their time and hard work to make the day possible. Join Hands Day is always a fun and meaningful tradition for the Villa community.



Join Hands Day participants, including (bottom right) Director of Mission Advancement & Communications Amy Huntley and Executive Director Breanne Cavileer



Director of Pastoral & Special Ministries Sr. Regina Kusnir, SC



Sam Rees and volunteer Dee Tanski getting popcorn ready to deliver around Regina Health Center

◆ **REGINA HEALTH CENTER: Celebrates National Skilled Nursing Care Week May 10-16** – The annual observance established by the American Health Care Association recognized the essential role of skilled nursing care centers, and how everyday acts of compassion, connection and teamwork grow into meaningful experiences for residents, families and staff. It is intended to celebrate both the large and small nurturing moments that help residents live purposeful lives. The week-long celebration kicked off with the activities team and volunteers spending the afternoon making fresh, hot popcorn to deliver around Regina Health Center to thank everyone for their compassionate care and dedicated service.

2026 Nurses Week Highlights “The Power of Nurses” – From May 6-12, Regina Health Center celebrated the nursing team who show up each day with compassion and heart. The week honors the 5.7 million licensed nurses nationwide for their dedication to patient care. The power of a nurse in a skilled & long term care nursing facility lies not just in clinical expertise, but in their capacity to create a supportive



Nurses Donna Collins, Amy Mack, Jada Dunbar and Alayjia Martin

REGINA HEALTH CENTER *continued*



environment that enhances the dignity of residents care.

Congratulations to Regina Health Center May Employee of the Month –

Andrew Schrader. He has been a member of the dietary department for 18 years, sharing God’s love with everyone and serving with a smile.

UPCOMING EVENTS: REGINA HEALTH CENTER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | Holy-In-One Golf Outing and Luncheon

Both golfers and luncheon attendees are welcome at the 27th Annual Holy-In-One, taking place at Firestone Country Club on Thursday, August 20. To be a sponsor or to register for the luncheon, please visit www.holyinone.com. If you can’t attend, you can still make a difference from home! On sale now are tickets for the chance to win four different raffles: A trip to Pebble Beach; a getaway to Greenbrier Resort; golf on Firestone’s South Course; and a well-stocked bar cart. Beginning on August 17, the silent auction with gifts to bid on will also go live online. The winners for the raffles and auction do not need to be present at Holy-In-One to win.

For more information, visit www.holyinone.com, or reach out to Manager of Events and Donor Engagement **Mackenzie Phelps** at mphelps@sistersofcharityhealth.org.

PEBBLE BEACH
\$100 per ticket Only 200 sold!



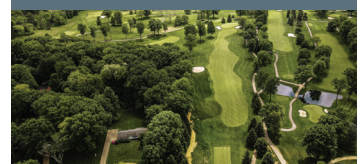
GREENBRIER GETAWAY
\$50 per ticket



19TH HOLE ROLLING BAR CART
\$10 per ticket/three for \$25



FIRESTONE SOUTH COURSE
\$25 per ticket/five for \$100



CLEVELAND COLLABORATORS:

◆ **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CONNECTION (CCC): Collaborative Event with John Carroll University Examines AI through Faith-Informed Lens**

John Carroll University (JCU), in collaboration with CCC, recently convened a timely conversation at the intersection of faith, technology and hope. JCU VP of Mission & Identity **Ed Peck, PhD**, welcomed the audience. CCC President **Marian Rubin** introduced the keynote speaker **John Slattery, PhD**, whose presentation, “On Intelligence, Technology, and Hope: Faithfully Considering AI,” invited attendees to reflect deeply on the promises and challenges of artificial intelligence through a faith informed lens. Dr. Slattery is a co-author of *Encountering Artificial Intelligence* (2024) through the Vatican’s AI Research Group written for Pope Francis and an expert advisor for nonprofit & faith-based organizations. The event brought together a diverse audience of students, faculty, staff, CCC board members and community leaders from JCU, Ursuline College and the broader CCC community. Dr. Slattery’s keynote challenged participants to think beyond technical innovation, asking how human dignity, ethical responsibility and hope can guide the development and use of emerging technologies.

The event highlighted CCC’s network of affiliated partners through partner tabling, a visual slideshow, printed programs and signage, underscoring the collaborative spirit that made the event possible. CCC’s Young Adult team—**Angelica Hanon, Hossana Olaomotito, John Parente, Jr. and Charles Russella, IV**—helped make the event a success through planning and managing event logistics, modeling CCC’s commitment to cultivating emerging leaders.



CCC President Marian Rubin introduces keynote speaker Dr. John Slattery



CCC’s Young Adult team with JCU student Sophia Ruse; (l to r) Hossana Olaomotito, Sophia Ruse, (JCU), Angelica Hanon, Charles Russella, IV and John Parente, Jr.



Canton News

◆ **SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF CANTON: Celebrating 30 Years through Service** – To honor the 30th anniversary milestone for the Foundation, board and staff plan to volunteer and give back in a way that reflects both the mission and the legacy of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Foundation staff members have chosen 10 grantee organizations that represent its focus and initiative areas in the counties served. These organizations represent a strong history with the Foundation, and staff and board members will be volunteering for them throughout 2026. In addition to volunteering, the Distribution Committee approved \$30,000 worth of grants (\$3,000 for each entity) to honor the legacy of the Sisters and 30 years of service.

In late April, Foundation staff and several board members volunteered at Beacon Charitable Pharmacy and Stark Library. At Beacon, the group spent time labeling donated medications. Beacon Charitable Pharmacy, located in Canton, is the only nonprofit charitable pharmacy in Northeast Ohio. Dedicated to health equity and social justice, Beacon provides essential medication and pharmaceutical services to individuals who are uninsured or underinsured, or who are facing financial hardship.

At Stark Library, staff and members of the board assisted in packing activity kits for the library's Summer Fun School program. This program was created in response to the pandemic and uses bookmobiles to bring books, learning activities and even food to low-income neighborhoods in Canton and Massillon throughout the summer.



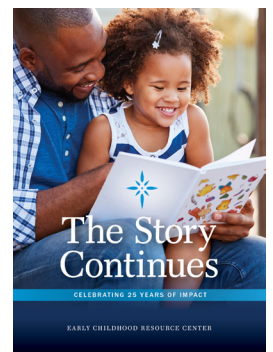
Volunteers at Beacon Charitable Pharmacy included (left to right) David Kaminski (board member), Anne Savastano, Robyn Steinmetz, Marisa Rohn, Emmy Hull, Sherice Freeman (board member) and Shannon McMahon Williams



At Stark Library, volunteers included (left to right) Dr. Joe Carpenter (board), Marisa Rohn, Robyn Steinmetz, Anne Savastano, Emmy Hull, Shannon McMahon Williams, David Kaminski (board) and library staff member Julia Shaheen

CANTON MINISTRY NEWS

◆ **EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER (ECRC): Celebrating 25 Years of Impact in the 2025 Impact Report** – Extra, extra! Read all about it: The Impact Report is now available. This special edition report celebrates the impact the organization made throughout the past year and its 25th anniversary milestone. Built around a storybook-inspired theme, the report highlights the many ways ECRC continues strengthening families, empowering early childhood professionals, preparing children for kindergarten, and helping shape stronger communities. It includes inspiring stories of impact, plus reflections on the organization's history, advocacy and community engagement highlights, a recap of 2025 anniversary celebrations, and a look ahead at the next chapter of work. While printed copies of the report will hit mailboxes soon, you can view the online version now by [clicking here](#).



EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER *continued*

Fostering Forward listening session

Fostering Forward Listening Session – Did you know that May is designated National Foster Care Month? It is a time to recognize the caregivers, families and professionals who support children in foster care and to reflect on the importance of ensuring every family has the support they need to help children thrive. In that spirit—and as part of its ongoing mission to support foster, kinship and adoptive families year-round—ECRC proudly hosted a Fostering Forward listening session at its Canton office on May 6 in partnership with the Ohio Department of Children and Youth. The conversation brought together foster parents, community partners and state leaders and allowed families to openly share their experiences navigating the foster care system. Their stories reflected both the challenges and the meaningful moments that come with caring for children in foster care, and the importance of being heard along the way.

“The energy in the room was a powerful reminder of the strength within the foster care community,” shared ECRC Parent Youth Ambassador **Lindsey Hosking**. “Having foster families show up, engage and connect alongside committed community partners helps build a network of support for both parents and the children involved in the foster system.” The event was one of 12 listening sessions across Ohio in May to help inform ongoing efforts to strengthen foster parent support, improve system responsiveness and reinforce the role of caregivers as valued partners in helping children thrive. As these conversations continue, the stories shared at ECRC’s session will help shape stronger systems of care and help ensure children and families feel supported, not just in moments of challenge, but every step along the way.



ECRC Director of Outreach & Parent Education Tiffany Roper accepts Provider Day proclamations from Canton Mayor William V. Sherer II (left) and Ward 8 Council Representative Richard Sacco during the May 4 Canton City Council meeting

Celebrating the Workforce Behind the Workforce – Every day, child care providers do far more than supervise children; they help build the foundation for lifelong learning while making it possible for parents to work and communities to thrive. That’s why Provider Appreciation Day, celebrated nationally each year on the Friday before Mother’s Day, serves as a reminder of how important it is to recognize the essential role early educators play in the lives of children, families and our economy. This year, with the help of Child Care Aware of America, ECRC was joined by Canton Mayor **William V. Sherer II** and the Canton City Council and Akron Mayor **Shammas Malik** in recognizing the dedication, expertise and compassion that the child care providers we are proud to support bring to their work every day. In honor of Provider Appreciation Day on May 8, 2026, both mayors issued official proclamations highlighting the invaluable contributions of early educators and the critical part they play in supporting working families and strong communities.

UPCOMING EVENTS: EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | Ready, Set, Swing! Charity Golf Outing – Get ready to tee up for another great cause! Mark your calendars now for the Ready, Set, Swing! charity golf outing on Friday, September 18 at Arrowhead Golf Club in North Canton. If you love to golf, here’s an opportunity to come together with colleagues, partners and friends in support of meaningful ministry work. From the first tee to the final putt, every swing will help drive meaningful change for local children and families. And for those who prefer to support from off the fairway, the event will include an online auction component, offering plenty of ways for everyone to join in the fun. Gather your foursome and visit www.ecresourcecenter.org/golfouting for full details and to register now.





South Carolina News



Welcoming attendees to the event that the Foundation co-hosted is Sara Fawcett, president and CEO of United Way of the Midlands

◆ **SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA: Foundation Co-Hosts Event for Non-Profit Leaders** – Dozens of nonprofit leaders from across central South Carolina recently gathered for Strengthening Nonprofit Partnerships in Tough Economic Times, a half-day event co-hosted by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina (SCFSC), the Central Carolina Community Foundation, and United Way of the Midlands. The event kicked off with an economic forecast for the state, followed by panels of experts who discussed the opportunities and challenges of nonprofit collaborations, from sharing services to merging organizations.

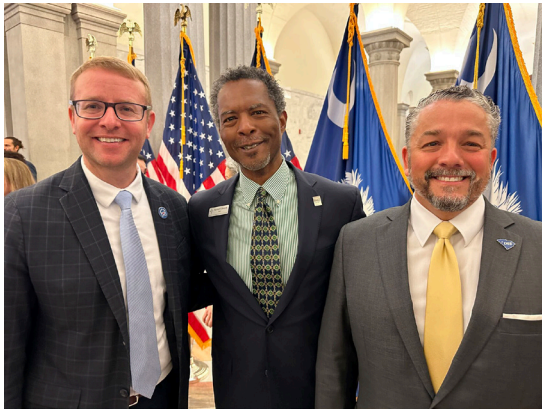
Senior Director of Grantmaking and Strategy Receives Award from University of South Carolina – Melinda Merrell received the Gerry Sue Arnold Alumni Award in May from the University of South Carolina’s Arnold School of Public Health. The award recognizes outstanding alumni whose work has made a difference to the profession and in the health of communities. Melinda was honored for her nearly two decades of service in South Carolina, which included positions with the Northeastern Rural Health Network, South Carolina Office of Rural Health and as an Arnold School faculty member before she joined the Foundation in 2024.

SC MINISTRY NEWS

◆ **HEALTHY LEARNERS & SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES: Video Crew Visits Healthy Learners and South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families** – In mid-May, Health System Chief Marketing Officer Michelle Burgess and videographer Jeff Mancinetti visited South Carolina to record footage to create a video highlighting the work of both ministries in connection with the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine’s 175th Anniversary celebration.



Scenes from the video shoot



Assistant Secretary of the Administration for Children and Families Dr. Alex Adams, SCCFF President Karriem Edwards and South Carolina Department of Social Services Director Tony Catone

◆ **SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES (SCCFF): Advancing Father-Centered Initiatives to Strengthen Families and Communities –** SCCFF is strengthening families by equipping fathers with skills and support, while tackling the root causes of child poverty through partnerships and public awareness. “By centering fathers, we’re not just moving the needle. We’re redefining what’s possible,” SCCFF President **Karriem Edwards** said. SCCFF leaders recently met with **Dr. Alex Adams**, assistant secretary of the Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at the South Carolina Statehouse. They joined Gov. **Henry McMaster** and South Carolina Department of Social Services Director **Tony Catone** to advance the state’s participation in the national A Home for Every Child Initiative. The effort aims to prevent children from entering foster care by emphasizing family preservation and early father engagement. Since 2002, SCCFF has served more than 35,000 fathers through its programs. The Administration for Children and Families has funded the \$6.25 million Father365 educational program since 2016.



Bamberg County Council Fatherhood Proclamation 2026

◆ **2026 Fatherhood Proclamation Campaign Launches –** Under the theme of “Forging Strong Fathers and Families,” the Center launched its 2026 Fatherhood Proclamation Campaign. More than 20 proclamations have been issued, including in many of South Carolina’s 46 counties and by the governor. The campaign encourages local governments, faith communities and organizations statewide to recognize June as a month to promote responsible fatherhood. The proclamations are designed to spark conversations and expand access to parenting education, employment readiness and co-parenting support.



Gamecocks Football Coach Shane Beamer and SCCFF Director of Marketing and Communications Dr. Lawrence Ford

◆ **Prominent South Carolina Figures Elevate Fatherhood for Father’s Day Campaign –** Multiple notable South Carolina men have shared a 60-second encouragement for fathers as part of the Father’s Day PSA campaign. **Dr. Harris Pastides**, University of South Carolina Head Football Coach **Shane Beamer**, Clemson University Head Football Coach **Dabo Swinney**, Colonial Life CEO and President **Tim Arnold**, professional baseball player **Grayson Greiner** (Detroit Tigers), and others have shared their stories to once again elevate fatherhood in June.

“While Father’s Day will be celebrated on Sunday, June 21, 2026, for us, Father’s Day is every day.”

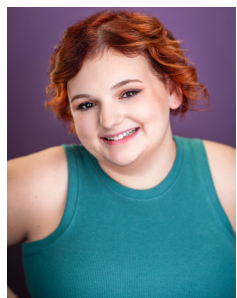
– Karriem Edwards, President SCCFF



Lindsey Hosking, ECRC



Tom Moore, ECRC



Cassie White, SCHS



Jonathan Artz, Healthy Learners



Frankie Weaver, SCCFF



Vanessa Brown, SCFSC

Welcome New Employees!

(January – April 2026)

We welcome a number of new employees to ministries across the health system in both full-time and part-time roles.

Early Childhood Resource Center

Lindsey Hosking,
Parent & Youth Ambassador

Thomas Moore,
Marketing & Communications Specialist

Sisters of Charity Health System – Cleveland

Cassie White,
Development Services Associate

Healthy Learners

Jonathan Artz,
Director, Grants and Strategic Partnerships

Joseph & Mary's Home

Allison Butcher,
Resident Support Associate, PRN

Loren Clark,
Resident Support Associate, PRN

Anna Stormer,
Executive Director

Light of Hearts Villa

Tylar Crosby, STNA
Myeisha Bush, LPN
Marianna Neal, PCA
Calia Rudolph, STNA
Tanjanika Williams, PCA
Kieran Patton,
Life Enrichment Assistant

Regina Health Center

Shaquan Ransom, RN
Halima Mohamed, LPN
Makisha Cox, STNA
Crystal Freeman, LPN
Cinnamon Moon, LPN
Marcia Laury, LPN
Chelsea Powers, LPN
Ryan Powell, LPN
Alessia Wordlaw, LPN
Charmaine Kendall, STNA
Paula Chislow, LPN
Tavonna Pack, LPN
Velenas Zulu, STNA
Matthew Kerosky, STNA
Alayjia Martin, LPN
Sharon Matty, RN
Henry Dolensky,
Housekeeping Aide

SC Center for Fathers & Families

Frankie Weaver,
Regional Program Manager
Andrew Coston,
Director of Evaluation & Quality Improvement
Joel Buckmire,
Regional Program Manager
Lamar Suber,
Regional Program Manager
Tina Matarese,
Development Coordinator

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina

Vanessa Brown,
SCHS Office Administrator

Missing anyone?

Please let us know if we missed highlighting any of our new staff members and we'll include them in our next staff roundup this fall. Contact Chief Marketing Officer **Michelle Burgess** at michelle@notavicreative.com

Like us! Love us! Follow us! Through the Sisters of Charity Health System, news about successes, events, amazing employees and the people we uplift is shared on social media. When you're scrolling through your feeds, be sure to find and engage with our posts. Every "like," "love" and "follow" helps amplify our message and extend our reach. Below is a list of "handles" (usernames) and links associated with many of our social media platforms.

CSA Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine

Facebook: @srssofcharity
Instagram: @srssofcharity

Sisters of Charity Health System:

Facebook: @SistersOfCharityHealth
Instagram: @sochealthsystem
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/sisters-of-charity-health-system
Twitter/X: @SOCHHealthSystem

St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub and Northeast Ohio Ministries and Programs:

Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood

Facebook: @ClevelandPromiseNeighborhood
Instagram: @clecentralpromise
Twitter/X: @CLE_Promise
YouTube: socfcleveland-clevelandcen9249

Early Childhood Resource Center

Facebook: @EarlyChildhoodResourceCenter
Instagram: @earlychildhoodresourcecenter
Twitter/X: @ECResCenter
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/early-childhood-resource-ctr

Joseph's Home / Joseph & Mary's Home

Facebook: @jmhome.org
Instagram: @jmhomecle
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/jmhome
YouTube: josephshome8286

Light of Hearts Villa

Facebook: @lightofheartsvilla
Instagram: @lightofheartsvilla
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/lightofheartsvilla
YouTube: lightofheartsvilla1319

Regina Health Center

Facebook: @reginahealthcenter
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/reginahealthcenter
YouTube: reginahealthcenter4885

Rosary Hall & Mental Health Services

Facebook: @StVincentCharityRosaryHall

St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub (formerly St. Vincent Charity Medical Center)

Facebook: @StVincentCharity
Instagram: @stvincentcharity
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/st-vincent-charity
Twitter/X: @StVCharity
YouTube: CLEStVincentCharity

Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton

LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/sisters-of-charity-foundation-of-canton1
YouTube: sistersofcharitycanton

Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

Facebook: @SOCFCleveland
Instagram: @SOCF_cleveland
Twitter/X: @SOCFCleveland

Catholic Community Connection

Facebook: @CatholicCommunityConnection
Twitter/X: @CatholiCommConn

South Carolina:

Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina

Facebook: @SCFSC
Instagram: @SCFSC
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/sisters-of-charity-foundation-of-south-carolina
Twitter/X: @SCFSC

Healthy Learners

Facebook: @HealthyLearners
Instagram: @healthylearners
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/healthylearners

South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families

Facebook: @SCCFF
Instagram: @scfathersandfamilies
LinkedIn: linkedin.com/company/south-carolina-center-for-fathers-and-families
Twitter/X: @scfathers