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SISTERS of CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM

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A Time of Resurrection and New Life

A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

President & CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System



With the 175th anniversary celebration of our founders, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, continuing throughout 2026, we are constantly reminded of the powerful calling they have lived and still live through their work and the work of all of us — bringing healing, hope and compassionate care to all, especially those most in need.

April is a special month for celebrating this legacy, being a season of resurrection and new life. Examples of this legacy and resurrection abound throughout our entire Health System, which you'll read about in this month's newsletter. Following are just a few examples.

In Cleveland's Central Neighborhood, progress continues on the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub. We're especially excited about the summer learning and enrichment program in the neighborhood known as Pathways to Purpose, which is being activated by the Cleveland Central Promise Neighborhood. Promise is a collective community impact effort led by the Health & Healing Hub. Youth in historically under-resourced communities face increased barriers to academic success, career exposure and mental wellness. Pathways to Purpose directly addresses summer learning loss, limited workforce pipeline exposure, gaps in mentorship and safe enrichment spaces, and more.

At the Early Childhood Resources Center (ECRC) in Canton, staff members recognized Child Abuse Prevention Month in April,

standing united in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It's about raising awareness during the month, while also reaffirming the work done so all children can be safe and supported. Beyond April and in every month of the year, ECRC staff work tirelessly to create safe and nurturing environments where children can thrive.

In South Carolina, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina has published its 2025 Annual Report, which highlights how the Foundation invested significant time and energy to intentional listening to guide its work. That's important as the Foundation serves communities in all 46 South Carolina counties. In a similar vein, the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families is present in every one of South Carolina's 46 counties. The Center provides consistent, compassionate support while responding to the individual needs of communities across South Carolina. And finally in South Carolina, you can read a touching story about a 6th-grade student Healthy Learners has been supporting for several years and how removing her barriers to health have been truly transformational.

Volunteers are a Treasured Resource

All of this critical work doesn't happen in a vacuum. It takes the dedicated effort of each and every one of our team members and supporters, including our wonderful volunteers. We're reminded a bit more this month the important role volunteers have in our collective work as April is National Volunteer Month. Nationally, it's a month to promote volunteering and to show appreciation for the many volunteers serving throughout America.

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From the beginning of their ministerial service, the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine have collaborated with dedicated volunteers in fulfilling their mission, serving the poor and needy, and bringing healing to the suffering. As a faith-based organization, volunteering is ingrained in the fabric of our response to heal, educate, serve and love. There are many unique opportunities to share your time and talents with us, where your role as a volunteer is both appreciated and sacred. [You can learn more here, on our website.](#)

Thank you for all you do in helping bring healing, hope and compassionate care to all.

Warmly,

Michael



♦ **SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE 175TH ANNIVERSARY:**

MY CSA STORY – Reflecting on the Compassion of Sister Miriam Erb, CSA – For Jennifer Grogan, assistant dietary director at Light of Hearts Villa, witnessing the Sisters’ mission in action has been a defining part of her journey. Jennifer began her work within the ministry in 2012 at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center as a patient services manager. During that time, she came to know Sister Miriam Erb, CSA, whose compassionate presence touched countless patients and staff.

“Patients would ask for Sister Miriam by name,” Jennifer said. “They loved her company and always spoke about how caring and compassionate she was.” Sr. Miriam’s commitment extended far beyond the hospital floors. Through her work with community outreach efforts, including school visits, the men’s shelter and Mission Meals, she embodied the Sisters’ mission of serving those most in need. During the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, when much of the hospital shut down, Sr. Miriam remained determined to support the community, especially those facing food insecurity. She helped bring

Mission Meals to the hospital cafeteria and spent countless hours organizing the “Jesus Room,” a space filled with donated clothing and shoes carefully arranged for those who needed them.

“Sister Miriam never tired,” Jennifer said. “She always went out of her way to ensure the community and employees had what they needed. She always smiled and had the most positive attitude.” Today, Jennifer continues her work at Light of Hearts Villa and said the same spirit she witnessed at the hospital lives on. “The Sisters here are just as welcoming, and the atmosphere at Light of Hearts Villa feels the same,” she

said. “The Sisters have always stood up for the underdog: the needy, the hopeless and the helpless. They continue their mission with grace and integrity, and I’m grateful to be a small part of that journey.”



**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.

Cleveland News

◆ **HEALTH SYSTEM: Completion of Sankofa Villa Housing Redevelopment Continues Transformation of Cleveland's Central Neighborhood** – Sisters of Charity Health System President & CEO **Michael Goar** joined local politicians, dignitaries and other community stakeholders who were speakers at the recent ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Sankofa Village phase IV. The final phase added 50 high-quality, affordable rental homes and completed the 236-unit, \$115 million Cedar Extension Transformation Plan in Cleveland's Central neighborhood.

With the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub and the Sisters of Charity Health System headquarters both located in the neighborhood, Michael was asked to speak as a community stakeholder. "I think it's important for all of us to recognize the investment in our community, and we live it in terms of our work every day and also finding nonprofits that we can invest in to serve our community. So we're very proud to be a partner and being here today," he said. "There is also work underway in terms of a partnership between Goodwill and the Sisters of Charity Health System investing in our grocery store that will be opening in 2027 in the Central neighborhood."

The four-phase Sankofa Village redevelopment replaces the former Cedar Extension public housing community, a "superblock" that included outdated barracks-style housing built in the 1950s. The redevelopment initiative was launched in 2011 following in-depth community engagement with local neighbors and stakeholders. Phase I delivered 61 units with first floor community space in 2016, and Phase II and III added 50 and 75 apartments in 2017 and 2022, respectively.



Michael Goar, President & CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System at the ribbon cutting ceremony of Sankofa Village phase IV

CLEVELAND MINISTRIES

◆ **ST. VINCENT CHARITY HEALTH & HEALING HUB: New Video Provides Informative Overview of the Health & Healing Hub** – As challenges like poverty, violence and limited resources grow, the legacy of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in Cleveland's Central neighborhood continues in a new way. The Sisters of Charity Health System is leading the development of the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub, located on the historic campus of the former St. Vincent Charity Hospital. The Hub brings together partners to support the community's most critical needs. Built by listening to residents and powered by collaboration, the Hub is more than a place. It's a movement to create a healthier, more hopeful future for the community. [Click on the video](#) to learn more about the goals and efforts of this initiative.



Goodwill Opportunity Center and Grocery Store in the News – Word is spreading about the planned Goodwill Opportunity Center and grocery store on the campus of the Health & Healing Hub. WKYC-TV recently aired a news story about the \$35 million project. Here's an excerpt from the story... Goodwill is making a major investment in Cleveland's Central neighborhood, at 2351 East 22nd Street, the former St. Vincent Charity Medical Center site. "We're coming back and we're coming back with a vengeance. This is going to be a brand new, modern, 80,000 square foot building," said **Anne Richards**, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio. The Goodwill Opportunity Center will be anchored by a large grocery store, and bring multiple nonprofit services under one roof. It's a model working in Canton, where their Goodwill Ken Weber Community Campus opened in 2010. The Goodwill Opportunity Center will be part of the St. Vincent Charity Health and Healing Hub, alongside other organizations, The Centers, Neighborhood Family Practice and Marion-Sterling School Partnership. [Watch the full news report here.](#)



◆ **CLEVELAND CENTRAL PROMISE NEIGHBORHOOD: Central Neighborhood Youth Can Still Register for Pathways to Purpose Summer Experience** – Registration for the Pathways to Purpose Summer Experience is still open and has been extended through early May. The program is a community-based learning and enrichment experience designed for youth ages 5 – 18 who either live in the neighborhood or attend Central neighborhood schools. Running June 15 – July 24 (Monday–Saturday), the program provides structured academic enrichment, workforce exposure, mentorship, creative expression and family engagement. [Learn more and register at stvincenthhh.org](https://stvincenthhh.org)



Sr. Joan Gallagher, CSA, with Rich Gallagher at the new Joseph's Home

◆ **JOSEPH & MARY'S HOME: Special Visit from Sr. Joan Gallagher, CSA** – On the day after Easter, Sr. Joan Gallagher, CSA – the first executive director of Joseph's Home when it opened in 2000 – toured the new Joseph's Home space. Her nephew, former Joseph & Mary's Home Board Chair Rich Gallagher, accompanied her. Sr. Joan was all smiles as she visited with residents and staff. "This new home is better than I ever imagined," she said.

Easter Dinner Provided by Generous Neighbors – St. Ambrose Parish in Brunswick and their outreach ministries provided residents with a delicious Easter weekend meal. Thank you to community members who believe in the dignity of the human person and want to support the healing journey of the men and women of Joseph & Mary's Home. If you know a community group interested in sponsoring a meal or volunteering at Joseph & Mary's Home, please contact Colleen Day at cday@sistersofcharityhealth.org or at 216.987.9201.



◆ **LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA: Kate Mach Joins Light of Hearts Villa in Admissions Leadership Role** – Light of Hearts Villa announced the hiring of Kate Mach as the new director of admissions and community relations. She will begin in May. Kate brings more than eight years of experience in senior living, most recently serving as director of community relations at Jennings at Notre Dame Village. In that role, she guided families through the admissions process and was part of the team that opened the community's newest location in 2018. Her work has centered on helping older adults and their loved ones navigate important life transitions with compassion, clarity and care. Kate shares that her Catholic faith plays a significant role in her life and feels deeply connected to the mission and values of both the Sisters of Charity Health System and Light of Hearts Villa. "I feel very blessed to be joining an organization that places so much importance on teamwork and collaboration to best serve residents," Kate shared. "Light of Hearts Villa is such a beautiful place, and I look forward to helping people call it home."

◆ **REGINA HEALTH CENTER: National Skilled Nursing Care Week Set for May 10-16** – In honor of Regina Health Center's staff and the care they provide daily to residents, National Skilled Nursing Care Week will be celebrated from May 10-16. Donations are being accepted to help provide well-deserved meals, healthy snacks, sweet treats and other thank yous during the week. If you want to show gratitude for the skilled nursing caregivers, please give online at reginahealthcenter.org/donate-now/donate-now, and select 'Area of Greatest Need' as your gift designation. Include 'NSNCW 2026' in the additional comments field. You can also give by scanning the QR code here.



UPCOMING EVENTS: REGINA HEALTH CENTER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | Holy-In-One Golf Outing and Luncheon Spring is here, golf season is upon us and the 27th Annual Holy-In-One Golf Outing and Luncheon is just a few months away! Mark down Thursday, August 20, on your calendar for the big day at Firestone Country Club in Akron. Raffle tickets for four fantastic prizes are now available for purchase. The winners will be announced on August 20 and need not be present to win. The raffles include a trip for two to Pebble Beach, CA; a getaway for two to The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia; golf for four on Firestone’s South Course; and a bar cart filled with premium liquors and valued at more than \$1,000. To purchase raffle tickets, visit www.holyinone.com. Questions? Contact 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

Canton News

◆ **SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF CANTON: Annual Grant Application Workshop –**

On April 28, the Foundation hosted its annual grant application workshop, welcoming more than 20 attendees representing 19 organizations. The event is designed for nonprofits interested in applying for funding. During the session, participants learned about the Foundation’s grantmaking priorities, application guidelines and overall process. They also had the chance to connect with Foundation staff and get their questions answered.



Attendees at the annual grant application workshop

CANTON MINISTRIES

◆ **EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER (ECRC): Wearing Blue to Recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month –** April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on April 8, ECRC staff across the Canton, Akron and Boardman offices proudly joined partners across Ohio in celebrating Wear Blue Day. Observed on the second Wednesday of April, Wear Blue Day is a statewide awareness campaign that encourages Ohioans to stand united in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. While the gesture may seem small, it reflects something much deeper. Every day, ECRC staff work alongside families and providers to create safe, nurturing environments where children can learn, grow and thrive. Wearing blue is a visible reminder of that commitment and of the role everyone plays in building a brighter future for Ohio’s children. Behind every program, every visit and every conversation is a deep dedication to

Akron office blue



Canton office blue



Boardman office blue



EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER *continued*

supporting families and strengthening the systems that protect children. Wearing blue wasn't just symbolic, it was a visible expression of the care and compassion ECRC staff exhibit each day when serving local families — reaffirming its work toward a future where all children are safe, supported and able to thrive.

Lights, Camera, Mission: Capturing the Heart of the ECRC — In mid-April, Health System Chief Marketing Officer **Michelle Burgess** and videographer **Jeff Mancinetti** visited the Canton office to record footage to create a video highlighting the ministry's work in connection with the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine's 175th Anniversary celebration. The day began with interviews featuring ECRC staff, capturing the many ways the team supports children, families, and early care and education providers across a six-county service area. In addition to these interviews, a variety of b-roll footage was collected, bringing programs to life. The office was filled with energy and excitement, especially as many of the parents and providers served joined throughout the afternoon. Their participation reflected the real connections and impact at the heart of ECRC's work. The video represents an opportunity to share the ECRC story in a new and meaningful way.



Michelle Burgess (right) interviews Maria Spencer, ECRC director of early care and education services



Capturing additional footage for the video



Angela Moses (left), Amy Wise (second from right) and John Neidert

2026 Ohio Child Care Policy Summit — Child care isn't just a family issue; it's also a critical workforce and economic development issue that demands urgent attention. With Ohio's economy losing an estimated \$5.48 billion each year due to child care-related challenges, the stakes are now higher than ever, and the need for solutions has never been more clear. It's this urgency that brought several members of the ECRC senior leadership team to the 2026 Ohio Child Care Policy Summit in Columbus on April 14. There, Executive Director **Angela Moses**, Senior Program Director **John Neidert** and Director of Strategic Initiatives **Amy Wise** joined employers, policymakers and child care leaders from across the state in working toward strengthening Ohio's workforce through improved child care solutions.

Throughout the day, conversations focused on innovative employer-supported child care models, their return on investment, the challenges providers face across settings, and key legislative developments

impacting affordability and access. Child care is a workforce issue, and meaningful progress will require bold, coordinated action. ECRC is committed to helping drive that progress by partnering with employers, policymakers and statewide leaders to champion policies and investments that support families, strengthen providers and build a more resilient economy for all.

South Carolina News

◆ SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA: 2025 Annual Report Now Available –

The Foundation has published its 2025 Annual Report. As President **Donna Waites** and Board of Trustees Chair **Lee Pearson** write in their introduction letter of the report, 2025 was “defined by a single, vital intention: listening. From launching research that centered the voices and experiences of individuals experiencing poverty to envisioning the opportunity our Foundation has to move our work forward, we were called to lean into the human dignity of all South Carolinians throughout the year to guide us forward.” [Read the full report here.](#)

Highlights from the year included:

- Awarded \$2,970,250 in grants to 235 organizations
- Served communities in all 46 South Carolina counties
- Designed and launched a [2026-2028 Strategic Plan](#)
- Published two community-centered research studies about the state of poverty in South Carolina



MINISTRY NEWS

◆ SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES (SCCFF): Reaching Every

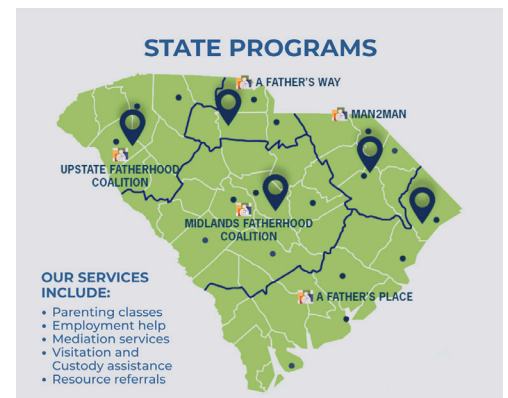
Corner of the State – There’s a powerful reality happening in South Carolina: the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families is present in every one of South Carolina’s 46 counties – that includes the 11 Midlands counties where [Midlands Gives](#) is happening May 5. Midlands Gives Day is an 18-hour giving celebration held on the first Tuesday of May every year. During this event, sponsor prize incentives stretch donations further, and a live leaderboard tracks giving in real time. SCCFF has a goal of raising \$10,000. [Learn more and donate by clicking here.](#)

SCCFF operates through five regional affiliates – including the [Midlands Fatherhood Coalition](#) – and 15 local offices using a hub-and-spoke model. This structure allows it to deliver consistent, compassionate support while responding to the specific

needs of communities from the Midlands to Upstate to the coast. Fathers receive free, practical assistance including parenting classes, employment support, mediation services, help with visitation and custody issues, and resource referrals. SCCFF also offers guidance on building healthy relationships, addressing physical and mental health, and preparing young men for responsible fatherhood through the Ready4Life program. Community events like Father Fests strengthen family bonds.

This work reflects a shared commitment to holistic well-being and stronger communities. Poverty in South Carolina continues to place a burden on fathers and their families across the state. And yet, in 2026, SCCFF is investing additional resources in the economic well-being of these families by expanding workforce development initiatives – helping dads find the jobs they need to support their families for generations to come. When dads are connected to the compassionate care of one of the many fatherhood practitioners, families are transformed, children thrive and communities across the state understand what love looks like.

◆ **HEALTHY LEARNERS: Removing Health Barriers to Learning** – For years, Healthy Learners Upstate has had the privilege of supporting a 6th-grade student in a special education classroom who needed extensive dental care. Like many children facing complex challenges, daily hygiene routines had been a struggle, and completing the necessary dental work required a carefully coordinated plan. Ultimately, her care team determined that the best path forward was to complete all treatment at once in the operating room – an important step toward improving her overall health and comfort. The transformation since then has been remarkable.



HEALTHY LEARNERS *continued*

With her dental needs addressed, this student has begun to take pride in her daily routines, even asking her mother for help brushing her teeth each day. What was once a challenge has become a moment of connection and progress. Her growing confidence is also showing up at school, where she is attending more regularly, engaging more fully and building new skills every day. Her mother has seen a meaningful shift not only in her daughter's habits, but in her overall outlook. With each small step forward, this student is gaining confidence, independence and a renewed sense of self. Stories like this are a powerful reminder that when health barriers are removed, students are free to learn, grow and thrive.

UPCOMING EVENTS: HEALTHY LEARNERS

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12 | Nashville Songwriters in the Round

Save the dates for two unforgettable nights of music and storytelling! It's the return of the annual Healthy Learners Nashville Songwriters in the Round. This September, Healthy Learners is bringing the heart of Music City to South Carolina. It's a unique opportunity to listen to talented songwriters perform their hits acoustically and share the incredible stories behind the music, all while supporting a fantastic cause. Every sponsorship and ticket sold helps Healthy Learners ensure that children across the state receive the essential medical, dental and vision care they need to thrive in school and in life.

Mark your calendars for one of our two spectacular venues:

- Friday, September 11 – The Laundry | Columbia, SC
- Saturday, September 12 – Kaminski House Museum | Georgetown, SC

Visit the Healthy Learners website at www.healthylearners.com for updates as they happen. Early Bird tickets go on sale Monday, June 1.



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
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Twitter/X: @SCFSC

Healthy Learners

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