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providing help,
offering hope and
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to those in need*



SISTERS of CHARITY HEALTH SYSTEM

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A Time of Rejuvenation and Celebration

A MESSAGE FROM MICHAEL

President & CEO, Sisters of Charity Health System



With spring not far away, I'm looking forward to the revitalization that comes with the change of seasons to longer, warmer days. I'm also looking forward to all the rejuvenation that we're witnessing around the Health System and all of our ministries, programs and initiatives. There's

no better time than now to be involved in the critical work of healing, serving and advocating for individuals and families across communities in Ohio and South Carolina.

I witness that work firsthand every day here in Cleveland. I also continue to learn more about our ministries and foundations in Canton and South Carolina — and witness their vital work firsthand through in-person visits. To that end, a small group of us from Cleveland traveled to South Carolina in mid-February to learn more about all the great work being done across the Palmetto State at the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, Healthy Learners and the South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families. The group included myself, Mark Cotleur, senior vice president, fund development, Thom Olmstead, vice president, government affairs, and Michelle Burgess, chief marketing officer. While geography separates us, we are all one family and I always look forward to the invigoration that comes from seeing our extended family, which helps to weave together the tapestry that encompasses all of our collective work.

Founded with Heart. Forward in Faith.

In this issue of our system-wide newsletter, you'll read updates that offer insight into the many ways we're rejuvenating the people and

communities we serve — and the rewards that naturally follow. The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine laid that foundation in 1851, and now

we're celebrating throughout 2026 for their 175

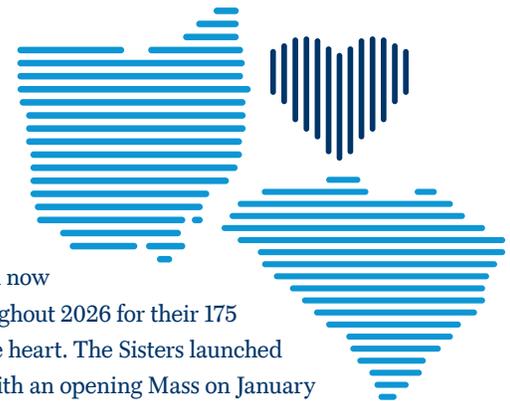
years of giving from the heart. The Sisters launched the anniversary year with an opening Mass on January 24 at Mt. Augustine celebrated by Bishop Edward Malesic.

They were then fittingly recognized at the First Friday Club of Cleveland Bishop's Luncheon on February 5 with the Bishop Roger Gries Heart of a Servant Award. As I said at the luncheon when I introduced the Sisters, "They lead with servant hearts and light the path for all of us."

Regina Health Center was recently recognized for exceptional quality of care, receiving the highest rating in the federal Five-Star Quality Rating System of nursing homes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. It's not the first time Regina Health Center has been recognized at the five-star level, which signifies "much above average" quality and is the highest rating a nursing home can achieve. And, it certainly won't be the last.

Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland

More renewal was evident in late January when we publicly announced the relaunch of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland. After a brief pause at the end of 2024 for reflection and strategic planning, we were extremely excited to renew our commitment to the community with a focus on Cleveland's



Central neighborhood. Combined with the promise of the development of the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub, we are positioned to make a deeper, more lasting impact together. Since 1996, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland has invested more than \$75 million in support of over 750 grantees.

Whether in Canton, Cleveland or South Carolina, there are so many examples of the impact we're having and the rejuvenation and revival that come with that impact. Ours is a story of heart

and faith 175 years in the making. Thank you for your continued engagement and interest in the Sisters of Charity Health System and our ministries.

Warmly,

Michael

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2026

HONORING LEGACY. ADVANCING EQUITY. SERVING WITH LOVE.

The Sisters of Charity Health System proudly honors the resilience, leadership and lasting contributions of Black individuals and communities who have shaped our neighborhoods, strengthened our institutions and inspired generations.

Our mission calls us to stand with those most in need — and to confront the social and structural barriers that impact health, housing, education and opportunity. We recognize that advancing health equity and community well-being means listening deeply, partnering intentionally and acting boldly.

Across Cleveland, Canton, South Carolina and beyond, we are committed to:

- Expanding access to compassionate health care
- Supporting recovery and addiction services
- Addressing homelessness and housing instability
- Investing in education and workforce development
- Strengthening families and neighborhoods

Black history is American history. It is a story of perseverance, innovation, faith and community — values that mirror our own. As we reflect this month, we renew our promise to serve with humility, build with justice and walk alongside every community we are called to support.

Together, we continue the work.



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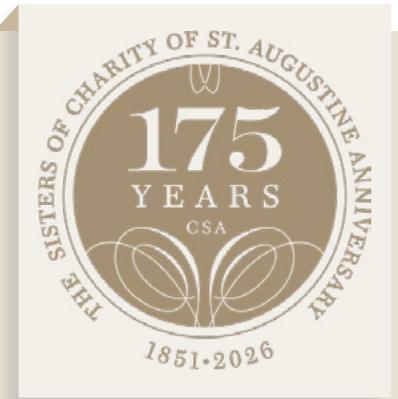
◆ **SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE: Heart of a Servant Award Received at First Friday Club**

of Cleveland – The Sisters, who are celebrating their 175th year of service to the diocese, received the Bishop Roger Gries Heart of a Servant Award at the First Friday Club of Cleveland’s 68th Anniversary Bishop’s Luncheon on February 5. Many of the Sisters attended the luncheon, as well as several Sisters of Charity Health System employees.

According to the First Friday Club’s website, the Heart of a Servant Award “recognizes a specific effort or cumulative efforts over the years to broaden, enhance, educate, and connect the Catholic community of Greater Cleveland.” It was first given in 2022 and is selected by the First Friday Club Leadership Team.

“They [the CSAs] do what is moral, they do what is right, and they do what is just,” said Sisters of Charity Health System President & CEO Michael Goar, who introduced the Sisters. “They lead with servant hearts and light the path for all of us.”

Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Congregational Leader Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, accepted the award on behalf of the Sisters. She highlighted several Health System ministries, reminding the sold-out room of guests that the CSAs continue to address the unmet needs of the community, and have never done it alone. “You are the heart and hands of our mission,” Sr. Judith Ann said of those who have supported the sisters’ work both past and present. “We are truly blessed. We never did this alone.” Read more about the annual State of the Diocese address [in this article](#) from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.



CSA Sisters at the First Friday Club of Cleveland Bishop’s Luncheon; Bill McCarron, First Friday Club of Cleveland, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine Congregational Leader Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, and Bishop Edward Malesic

◆ **SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE 175TH ANNIVERSARY: Celebration Kicks Off with Opening Mass** –

The Sisters kicked off their anniversary year with an opening Mass held on January 24 at Mt. Augustine. It was a beautiful and heartfelt service, celebrated by Bishop Edward Malesic. Historical items were also featured in the service, including a statue of Our Lady of Bologune-sur-Mer; a copy of the CSA Constitution written by one of the original founding Sisters; and two silver candlesticks that the Sisters brought with them from France.

In his homily, the Bishop praised the Sisters and their co-ministers for the many decades of selfless ministry: “Dear friends, it’s difficult to find another history in our Diocese so filled with compassion, kindness and faithful service. Especially to those on the margins, the poor, the sick, the forgotten, the young, the elderly and so many others who live on the fringes of life that society tends to want to either ignore or reject... This is what you have lived.

Dear Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, for 175 years, you have shown us that our hearts are restless until they rest in God, and that we find God most surely in serving others.”

A recording of the Mass is available on the Sisters’ Youtube page. [Click here to watch the video](#). You can also [read more about the Mass and 175th anniversary in this article](#) from the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

One of the silver candlesticks the Sisters brought with them from France in 1851



PRESS RELEASE: Celebrating 175 Years of Service, Compassion and Community Leadership – To signify the start of this milestone year, which marks a new vision and a continued commitment across the Sisters of Charity Health System, a press release was created to announce the anniversary, highlight the accomplishments of the Sisters, provide an overview of ministries and outline what’s to come. Following is part of the press release with the rest continuing on pages 12 & 13:



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE CELEBRATE 175 YEARS OF SERVICE, COMPASSION AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Milestone Year Marks New Vision and Continued Commitment Across Sisters of Charity Health System

CLEVELAND, OH – [January 26, 2026] – The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA) are proudly celebrating their 175th anniversary, marking nearly two centuries of transformational service, healing and ministry across Northeast Ohio, Kentucky, South Carolina and beyond. This monumental milestone honors a legacy that began in 1851 when the first Sisters arrived in Cleveland from France with an unwavering commitment to care for those most in need.

What began with the founding of hospitals, schools and social service ministries has grown into the modern-day Sisters of Charity Health System, serving as a guiding force for more than a dozen sponsored ministries focused on health, housing stability, education, family support, economic mobility and spiritual care. This anniversary year provides an important moment to reflect on the extraordinary role of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in shaping the region’s charitable and health care landscape, while also illuminating the vision that continues to guide the work today.

A Legacy of Service That Continues to Inspire

“For 175 years, the Sisters of Charity have been the heart and soul of our mission,” said Michael Goar, president & CEO of Sisters of Charity Health System. “They did more than build institutions. They built pathways of hope. Their courage, their faith and their commitment to the dignity of every person continue to inspire how we work and whom we serve. Out of the traditions of the past, we continue to be a beacon of hope devoted to healing and addressing the unmet needs of individuals, families and communities through a network of innovative services.”

From establishing St. Joseph’s Hospital in 1852—Cleveland’s first Catholic hospital—and later St. Vincent Charity Hospital in 1865, to establishing schools, social service programs and ministries of compassion throughout the decades, the Sisters’ impact has extended far beyond the walls of any one building. Their ministries have supported generations of families seeking health, stability, education and opportunity.

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Cleveland News

HEALTH SYSTEM

◆ **SCHS MISSION & MINISTRY: St. Vincent Charity Mission Kitchen/Sr. Miriam's Kitchen** – Founded by Sr. Miriam Erb, CSA, and supported by the Health System and St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub, it provides hot meals, fresh produce, shelf-stable foods and clothing to neighbors in need in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. Despite the frigid temperatures in February, three successful Mission Kitchen gatherings were hosted. Nearly 100 meals were served on Feb. 11. On Feb 18, 265 guests at the 2100 Lakeside Men's Shelter received dinner and 180 individuals were served through the Mission Kitchen Refresh Pantry Feb. 26.



NEW Volunteer Platform to Launch – A new volunteer management platform, VolunteerMatters, will launch soon. VolunteerMatters is a cloud-based volunteer management system designed to make it easier to recruit, onboard, schedule and engage volunteers. The platform streamlines key processes like automated scheduling, background checks and reporting. Anyone interested in serving can register as a volunteer by [clicking here](#).

Mission & Ministry in the Community: Realizing God's Love and Lenten Mission – Sr. Vice President of Mission & Ministry **Miguel Chavez** offered a series of presentations in February that covered a couple topics:

- **Realizing God's Love: Serving Those in Need** – The Geauga County Deanery of Churches invited Miguel to lead a Saturday, February 7, workshop for Christian ministers on living the mission of service through a lens of faith. His presentation invited participants to reflect on the call to embody charity in both word and action. During the workshop, he highlighted the CSA motto, In Omnibus Caritas (“In All Things, Charity”), underscoring its enduring influence on their ministry. He also shared inspiring stories of the Sisters and their transformative impact in communities in need, along with reflections on their 175th commemoration of faithful ministry and service.
- **Steadfast in Caritas: Called and Sent on Mission** – Miguel and his brother PJ were invited to lead a three-day Lenten Mission in Chesterland, Ohio, on the evenings Feb. 22-Feb. 24. Together, these evenings invited participants to reflect more deeply on their baptismal identity, to listen attentively to God's voice and to embrace their call to share Christ's love with the world.

The Holy Season of Lent – Ash Wednesday on February 18 marked the beginning of the holy season of Lent in the Christian tradition. Lent is a time to seek holiness more intentionally, to encounter the love and grace of Jesus Christ, and to deepen our relationship with Him. In drawing closer to Christ, we rediscover the meaning, hope and joy at the heart of our Christian journey. Lent is also a privileged time to experience God's mercy through reconciliation. As we journey through these 40 days, we unite our prayers for peace, solidarity and compassion with those of our brothers and sisters around the world. We are likewise called to practice grateful stewardship, sharing our time, talents and resources generously for the good of others.

CLEVELAND PARTNERS

◆ **CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CONNECTION (CCC): Celebrating with the CSAs as Recipients of the Bishop Gries “Heart of a Servant Award”** – The Catholic Community Connection Board Directors attended the “State of the Diocese of Cleveland” luncheon to hear **Bishop Edward Malesic's** “State of the Diocese” address on February 5. This annual event is held by the First Friday Club of Cleveland at Windows on the River. More than 500 business professionals, Catholic ministry leaders, staff and students, from across the region came together for fellowship and reflection.

This year's gathering included a special presentation of the **Bishop Roger Gries** “Heart of a Servant Award” received by **Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA**, congregational leader, representing all of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. The Sisters were honored for their enduring legacy of 175 years of compassionate service and their profound impact in Northeast Ohio, Kentucky and South Carolina. The event offered an opportunity to engage with fellow Catholic institutions, share insights and reaffirm the shared commitment to serving the people of Northeast Ohio through collaboration, compassion and faith driven leadership. “We were grateful to be present in support of the Sisters of Charity,” said CCC President **Marian Rubin**.

- ◆ **SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF CLEVELAND: Grantmaking Returns and Operations Restart** – On January 26, the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland announced the official restart of its philanthropic operations following a strategic pause in operations that began at the end of 2024 as leadership transitions happened at the Foundation and the Sisters of Charity Health System. After a period of reflection and strategic planning, the Foundation is resuming its longstanding mission with a focus on addressing the social drivers of health by supporting the needs of people and families primarily in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood.



The pause in grantmaking allowed the Foundation and the Health System to re-envision how best to serve the community during a time of significant change. That vision has now been realized through the St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub, which is advancing health, well-being and opportunity in the Central neighborhood. With active planning underway at the Health & Healing Hub and neighborhood priorities identified, the Foundation is returning to its role as a funder focused on addressing the root causes that impact overall health – including access to health care, education, social services, economic stability and family engagement. This is happening by supporting initiatives and ministries led by the Health System along with supporting efforts by area nonprofits that provide programs and services that benefit the neighborhood. Check out the updated website and read the full press release by [clicking here](#).

MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ **LIGHT OF HEARTS VILLA: A Strong Start to 2026** – Light of Hearts Villa (LOHV) has experienced a positive start to 2026, welcoming six new residents into its community in the first weeks of the year. Each new resident represents not only growth in census, but a family placing their trust in the mission of compassionate, faith-centered care. As momentum continues to build, [LOHV is actively seeking a director of admissions & community relations to join its team](#). This vital role serves as the first point of contact for many families navigating important and often emotional transitions. The position plays a key role in guiding prospective residents through the admissions process while strengthening community partnerships and supporting census growth. Please help spread the word. Referrals of qualified candidates are deeply appreciated as LOHV works to ensure continued growth and mission impact in 2026. Contact [Breanne](mailto:Breanne.cavileer@lightofheartsvilla.org) at Breanne.cavileer@lightofheartsvilla.org.



Light of Hearts Villa Invests in Facility Enhancements – LOHV is continuing several facility upgrades this winter as part of its commitment to providing a warm, welcoming and dignified environment for residents, families and guests. Renovations are underway on the ground floor, including updated paint and new flooring to refresh and modernize shared spaces. In addition, the center staircase has recently been revitalized with the removal of dated wallpaper and a fresh, bright coat of paint, creating a cleaner and more inviting entrance experience. Looking ahead, LOHV will be installing a new Legacy Wall display outside of the chapel later this year. This installation will honor the enduring mission of the Sisters and celebrate the history, generosity and faith that continue to shape life at LOHV. These enhancements reflect an ongoing dedication to stewardship, hospitality and preserving the legacy entrusted to LOHV.

Valentine’s Day Celebrated with Creativity and Sweet Treats – Residents at Light of Hearts Villa celebrated Valentine’s Day with an afternoon filled with creativity, connection and a few sweet treats. The Life Enrichment team led a festive paper mâché craft activity, where residents enjoyed designing and decorating their own Valentine-themed creations. Laughter and conversation filled the room as neighbors gathered around tables, sharing stories and enjoying time together. The celebration also included special Valentine’s treats, adding a little extra sweetness to the day. Moments like these reflect the vibrant community life at LOHV and the intentional efforts of its team to create meaningful, joy-filled experiences for residents.

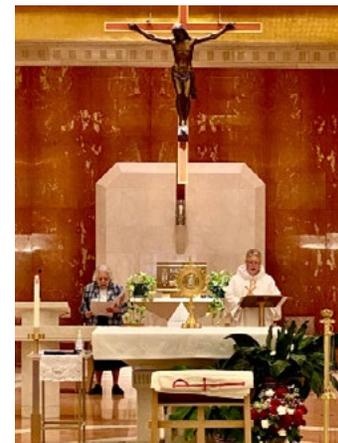
Resident Diane Vaden shows off her Valentine’s Day creativity





- ◆ **REGINA HEALTH CENTER: Receives Highest Five-Star Quality Rating from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services** – Regina Health Center has once again earned the highest rating in the federal Five-Star Quality Rating System of nursing homes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The five-star level signifies “much above average” quality and is the highest rating a nursing home can achieve. Regina Health Center also received a five-star rating in health inspections. The CMS rating system helps consumers, their families and caregivers compare nursing homes by assessing three key areas related to quality of care for nursing home residents—health inspections, quality measures and staffing levels.

Feast of our Lady of Lourdes Prayer Services Celebrate 175th Anniversary – On the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes on February 11, Regina Health Center celebrated the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine (CSA) with a full afternoon prayer service beginning with thanksgiving to the CSAs, anointing of the sick and adoration. An afternoon Vespers & Benediction then followed. In his introduction at the first prayer service for the Anointing of the sick, **Deacon Mark Yantek** said, “God of boundless love and mercy, we lift up our hearts in thanksgiving for 175 years of grace, for the courageous women who crossed oceans and boundaries to bring your healing presence to the sick, the poor and the forgotten. You have worked through the hands and hearts of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. Their lives have been a living prayer – a testament to Your call: ‘In all things, charity.’ May their story continue to inspire us to see Christ in the poor, to walk humbly with the suffering and to build a world where mercy reigns.”



Deacon Mark Yantek and Sr. Judith Ann Caram, CSA, at the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes prayer service



Topgolf Holy-In-One Warm-Up a Hit – The 2026 Topgolf Holy-In-One Warm-Up on February 22 was a successful, energetic, snowy event, bringing together gracious donors and supporters to kick off the season to benefit the 27th Annual Holy-In-One Golf Outing at Firestone Country Club in August. Presenting sponsors were Absolute Pharmacy, Inc. & Absolute Rehabilitation & Consulting Services Inc.

Sr. Regina Fierman, CSA, Debbie Korse and Sr. Judith Ann Karam, CSA, at the Holy-In-One Warm-Up event

UPCOMING EVENTS: JOSEPH & MARY’S HOME

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 | 11 A.M.: Feast of St. Joseph Mass & Reception

All are invited to the Feast of St. Joseph Mass & Reception, taking place Thursday, March 19. Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. in Mount Augustine’s Holy Family Chapel at Regina Health Center. A reception with a light lunch will immediately follow Mass. RSVPs are requested by Tuesday, March 10 at www.jmhome.org/events. Questions? Contact **Mackenzie Phelps** at mphelps@sistersofcharityhealth.org

REGINA HEALTH CENTER

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | Holy-In-One Golf Outing and Luncheon Save the Date for the 27th Annual Holy-In-One Golf Outing and Luncheon, set for Thursday, August 20, at Firestone Country Club in Akron! This year, Holy-In-One once again features fantastic raffles, with ticket sales now open. 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.



Canton News

MINISTRY NEWS

- ✦ **EARLY CHILDHOOD RESOURCE CENTER (ECRC): Prayer Service and Open House on March 11 –** All are invited to join the CSA Anniversary Prayer Service and open house on Wednesday, March 11, from 5–7 p.m. This combo event will take place at the Center’s new Akron office location, which is inside the recently redesigned 915 N. Main Community Connection Center (formerly the Trinity UCC) at 915 N. Main Street in Akron. Music will begin at 4:30 p.m., with the prayer service beginning at 5 p.m. The event will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine, honoring their enduring legacy of faith and compassionate service.

After the service, guests are welcome to head upstairs to tour the new offices. Light refreshments and assorted desserts will be provided as guests explore the space, connect with colleagues and celebrate this meaningful milestone in the life of the ECRC. While RSVPs are not required, they are helpful for preparing for the evening. [RSVP here](#). If you have questions about the event, contact **Holly Claus** at hclaus@ecresourcecenter.org.

CSA Anniversary Prayer Service and Akron Open House details:

Wednesday, March 11, from 5–7 p.m.

915 N. Main Community Connection Center (formerly the Trinity UCC) at 915 N. Main Street in Akron



ECRC's Canton office banner stand recognizing the 175th anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine

South Carolina News

- ✦ **SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA: February Highlights Advocacy Agenda and Civic Participation –** The Foundation kicked off a collaborative effort to shape its 2026–2028 state-level advocacy agenda. Working with advocacy strategist E3 Management, the Foundation will build a plan to promote systems change in economic mobility, housing stability and health care.



Legislative Kickoff event with three Foundation grantee partners and other nonprofit organizations

Advocacy was the theme of the day for three Foundation grantee partners on January 13. ACLU SC, Be The Ones and WREN – plus several other nonprofit organizations – co-hosted a Legislative Kickoff event on the first day of the 2026 legislative session. More than 100 people gathered at the South Carolina Statehouse to “reimagine civic engagement + advocacy rooted in community, joy, & collective power,” said Be The Ones Executive Director Cate Meyer.

The Foundation is also supporting nonprofit leaders from the state’s rural communities. [Seven South Carolinians](#) are participating in the Richmond Fed’s 2026 Rural Investment Collaborative Community Investment Training cohort. This program provides education and training for community leaders from small towns and

SISTERS OF CHARITY FOUNDATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA *continued*

rural areas that assists them with developing investment ready project proposals. SCFSC is providing mini-grants for participants to further develop their proposals while seeking technical assistance and investments.

While celebrating the incredible work happening across the state today, the Foundation also took the time to look to the past. [Follow on social media](#) to read Black History Month highlights of South Carolinians who were pioneers for systems change in the Palmetto State.

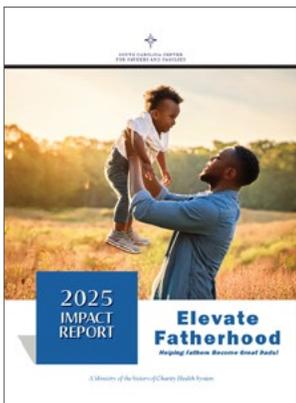
*Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina
President Donna Waites and Healthy Learners
Executive Director Derek Cromwell pictured with their
organization's banner stands recognizing the 175th
anniversary of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine*



MINISTRY NEWS

♦ SOUTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR FATHERS AND FAMILIES: Numbers and Stories Show that Supporting Fathers Yields Big Dividends –

The South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families helped more than 3,400 fathers strengthen their families last year, shattering service targets and delivering broad economic and social benefits across the Palmetto State. The nonprofit's [2025 Annual Impact Report](#), released Jan. 15, details how SCCFF served 3,409 fathers – a 15% increase from 2024 and the third straight year of double-digit growth. The organization exceeded its state Department of Social Services goals by 92%, touching more than 3,800 children statewide.



“None of this works without trust – and we are deeply grateful to the fathers who place that trust in us every day,” SCCFF President **Karriem Edwards** said in the report. Operating as the nation’s leading statewide fatherhood network, SCCFF funnels resources to five affiliates: A Father’s Place along the coast, Man 2 Man in the Pee Dee, Midlands Fatherhood Coalition, A Father’s Way in the northwest and Upstate Fatherhood Coalition. Its 15 hub offices, supported by a hub-and-spoke model, deliver in-person and remote services to urban centers and rural outposts alike.

Programs focus on holistic support: group and individual coaching in parenting, healthy relationships, job readiness and financial literacy; mental health assessments for every participant; and legal guidance for child support, custody, paternity and visitation. Fathers stay engaged for an average of 182 days.

Economic outcomes were striking. Participants paid \$842,391 in child support, landed jobs generating \$416,815 in new income and helped the state avoid \$1.55 million in incarceration costs.

The report projects a \$115.8 million potential boost to South Carolina’s economy from these gains.

The progress mirrors a hopeful statewide shift. Data from the Annie E. Casey Foundation showed the number of children in single-parent households dipped to 350,000 last year, down from 382,000, signaling more two-parent stability. Real stories illustrate the impact. Robert, enrolled in drug court and parenting classes at A Father’s Place, secured steady work, safe housing and sobriety. He reunited with all his children on graduation day.

In the Midlands, **Cody Wahl** navigated foster care battles for his son, attending every session and meeting court mandates. With guidance from intervention specialist **Jarell Rose**, he won temporary custody and eventual reunification. Board Chairman **TJ Clayton** reflected on the long-term stakes, quoting the Talmud: “When you teach your son, you teach your son’s son.”

Looking ahead, the organization has approved its new strategic plan through 2028 to diversify funding, deepen local partnerships and package content for other states. Founded in 2002 by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina, SCCFF continues proving that supporting fathers yields dividends for families, communities and the economy.

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: @josephshomeoh
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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Catholic Community Connection

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South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families

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A Milestone for All Ministries

This 175th anniversary represents a shared celebration across all Sisters of Charity Health System ministries, each of which carries forward the mission in a unique and powerful way. Sisters of Charity Health System ministries include:

Cleveland and Canton, Ohio

- **The Sister Ignatia Gavin Center for Addiction Medicine** and **Rosary Hall** programming for addiction recovery.
- **St. Vincent Charity Health & Healing Hub** and its place-based work in addressing social drivers of health in Cleveland's Central neighborhood.
- **Joseph & Mary Home**, Northeast Ohio's only medical respite, offering adults experiencing homelessness a place to heal and access resources.
- **Regina Health Center**, offering faith-based skilled nursing, assisted living and rehabilitation services with compassionate care.
- **Light of Hearts Villa**, a quality, faith-based assisted living and memory care center for seniors.
- **Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC)**, promoting the healthy development of young children by strengthening families, improving the quality of early learning experiences, and increasing school and community readiness.
- Other system-led behavioral health, social service and supportive housing initiatives.
- **Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton**, addressing the needs of the underserved by understanding the root causes of poverty, nurturing the growth of healthy communities, emphasizing youth and family, and measuring the outcomes of these efforts.
- **Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland**, a community-based funder addressing the social drivers of health, including the areas of health, education and social services primarily in Cleveland's Central neighborhood.

South Carolina

- **Healthy Learners**, removing children's health barriers to learning with love and compassion so they can reach their full potential.
- **South Carolina Center for Fathers and Families**, a fatherhood initiative model that supports families, builds communities and prevents child poverty by providing the means for fathers to be great dads.
- Community-based programs serving children, families and health equity initiatives.
- **Sisters of Charity Foundation of South Carolina**, promoting positive change through various initiatives, including granting funds, conducting research on poverty-related issues, advocating for more robust policies and offering resources to the broader community in the context of poverty.

Together, these ministries continue the tradition the Sisters began, which is meeting people where they are and responding to the evolving needs of the communities they serve.

A Moment to Celebrate—and to Look Forward

Throughout 2026 and early into 2027, the Sisters of Charity Health System will celebrate this 175th-anniversary through events, storytelling, historical reflections and community engagement. Highlights will include:

- A yearlong celebration recognizing the heritage and impact of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine
- Opportunities for ministries, partners and supporters to honor the legacy
- Community programs showcasing the health system's continued commitment to health and equity
- The formal introduction of new strategic initiatives that build on the mission for future generations
- A capstone 175th event in February 2027 (details to come), honoring the Sisters and advancing the work that defines their legacy

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“This anniversary is not just a marker of time, it’s an invitation,” said Sister Judith Ann Karam, congregational leader, Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine. “An invitation to understand our history, to celebrate the ministries carrying forward this mission today and to join us in shaping what comes next. It’s also an invitation to celebrate our many co-ministers—community leaders and partners, health care leadership, staff, and many more—who collaborate with us. We have been blessed with our co-ministers who have helped us realize incredible accomplishments, because we have never done it alone. The Sisters have lit a path for 175 years, and now we all continue to walk it together.”

Why This Year Matters

This milestone provides an opportunity for communities, partners, donors and staff to:

- Honor the Sisters’ lasting contribution to health, education and social justice
- Recognize the impact of ministries serving tens of thousands each year
- Renew a shared commitment to faith-driven, person-centered care
- Envision the future—one grounded in equity, collaboration and hope

The story of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine is one of courage, compassion and unwavering belief in the power of community. As the Sisters of Charity Health System honors this milestone, it recommits itself to advancing the mission with the same spirit that guided the Sisters from the very beginning.

About the Sisters of Charity Health System

The Sisters of Charity Health System was established in 1982 as the parent corporation for the sponsored ministries of the Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine in Ohio and South Carolina. The Sisters of Charity Health System oversees a diverse array of ministries dedicated to health, human services, housing, education and spiritual care, as well as grant-making foundations in Ohio and South Carolina focused on reducing poverty, working to end homelessness, and improving educational and health outcomes in underserved communities. Headquartered in Cleveland, the Health System continues the Sisters’ longstanding mission to heal, serve and advocate for individuals and families across communities in Ohio and South Carolina. [Learn more at sistersofcharityhealth.org](https://www.sistersofcharityhealth.org).

About the Sisters of St. Augustine

The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine is a congregation of women religious that have served the Diocese of Cleveland in health care, education and social services since 1851. The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine continues a faith-based legacy of high-quality, compassionate care in partnership with its co-ministers, who are the heart and hands of the ministry. [Learn more at srsfcharity.org](https://www.srsfcharity.org).

