



Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service

Monthly Miracles

August 2011

No playing around

when it comes to

GOLF

Golf is more than a game to the Care Service. It plays a decisive role in preventing families from going hungry or becoming homeless.

The Care Service is seeking players, sponsors and donations for its seventh annual Golf Outing on Sept. 19 at Bear Creek Golf Club, located at 158 Bear Creek Drive in Wentzville.

The event begins at 11:30 a.m. with registration, followed by lunch and a putting contest. Golf tees off with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A silent auction follows the outing. The day concludes with an awards dinner and live auction beginning at 6 p.m.



Entry costs \$500 per team and \$125 for individuals. The price covers lunch, green fees, golf cart, beverages, snacks, open bar and dinner. Non-golfers can pay just \$30 to join us for dinner only.

Register by calling 636-441-1302, ext. 263.

During the lean summer months, donations dwindle. The Golf Outing helps the Care Service continue to operate its programs until the holiday season, when donations increase.

"The Golf Outing helps raise awareness and brings together folks from the communities we serve," said Miriam Mahan, Care Service executive director. "It is a vital fundraiser in helping us meet the needs of our vulnerable families, especially the children and the elderly seeking food and shelter."

To underwrite the event, the Care Service is seeking sponsors at levels ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. It is also seeking donations, such as goodie bags for 150

people, and items for the live and silent auctions.

To make sure this important fundraiser is successful, the Care Service is calling on supporters to help us get the word out. It is also promoting the Golf Outing through the media. There will be a remote radio broadcast from the Care Service's annual Garage Sale on Aug. 6. Radio host Kelley Lamm will promote the event on "Kelley's, Deliciously Alive" from 9 a.m. to noon on Westplex Radio 100.7 FM.

"Please join us Sept. 19 so that together we can keep the children from going hungry and the elderly from becoming homeless," Mahan said.



Back to school



The Care Service needs your help collecting the following school supplies for our children:

- New backpacks (no wheels or decals)
- Calculators for elementary and high school
- Loose leaf paper, wide ruled
- Markers, large and small tip
- Pencil bags (cloth) for three-ring binders
- Protractors
- Pens – black, blue and red
- Colored pencils
- Two-pocket folders
- Money to purchase \$30 gift cards for shoes

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service provides new school supplies for more than 200 children every year.

We are collecting donations and purchasing items right now to distribute to children for the fall term.

Homelessness takes a particularly heavy toll on children. The lack of stability causes many to fall behind in school. They suffer from anxiety, depression and social withdrawal.

The simple act of providing a needy kid with school supplies will help them fit in with their peers, raise their self-esteem and gain the confidence necessary to become a good student.

With your help, we can ensure girls and boys in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren counties are prepared for the new school year.

Please contact Karen Runge at 636-441-1302, ext. 263, or Jan Hooker at ext. 262.



Things you can do:

- Start a school supply drive at your business.
- Raise funds to buy additional supplies or gift certificates for new shoes.
- Make an individual donation or become a corporate sponsor.
- Forward this information to friends!

Donations change lives

Donors do not always see how their contributions produce real world results. But at Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, we see firsthand how those donations change people's lives every day.

About a year ago, a young woman came to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service with her 2-year-old son and 9-year-old daughter asking for help. Her husband had left and she was trying to get by on her part-time job, but then her car broke down. She had to decide whether to use what little money she had to pay rent or to get her car fixed. Without a car, she wouldn't be able to get to work, so she got the car fixed.

Because she couldn't pay rent, she was later evicted from her apartment. To make matters worse, her husband got into trouble, ending up in jail, so she had no support for her children. Living in her car, she saw that she and her children were endangered so she sought our assistance.

Through all of this, her daughter remained bright and cheerful. Perhaps she was too young to truly understand the severity of the situation. Or perhaps she knew that she had to be strong for her mother. This unfortunate series of events is not uncommon, especially these days. All it takes is one job loss, one illness, or one car repair to send our lives into a downward spiral.

At Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, we see these circumstances daily. These traumatic situations perpetuate a cycle of homelessness and hunger. They cause an array of emotional, mental and physical illness, especially in children.

For this mother and her children, the Care Service was able to provide emergency shelter in a local hotel. We immediately enrolled her daughter in school, equipped and ready to learn. We helped her pay some of her bills and supplied weekly food sustenance. After first stabilizing the family, we performed intensive assessments, giving us the information we needed to begin their journey of sustainability.

One year later, this little girl is president of her elementary class. She is a Girl Scout making As and Bs at school. Her family no longer lives at a hotel. They are on their way to becoming self-sufficient.



Pat's Pantry Trips

How to get the most from our food pantry service

At Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, we try to provide a wide range of good food: produce, meats, bakery items, bread and canned/dry items. We sort through them and discard any spoiled food we find.

But our recipient families can be the next line of defense by checking and sorting the foods we provide. One good example; With fruits and veggies that are spoiling, before you throw it out, cut off the bad spots and put the good stuff into a soup or a stew. Try and keep your refrigerator at 38-40 degrees to prevent spoilage.

Sometimes we get fresh produce straight from the garden. It may look dirty, but that is just soil from the garden. Wash it and you're good to go.



Upcoming Events

Garage Sale
Aug. 6
Academy of the Sacred Heart in
St. Charles

7th Annual Golf Outing
Sept. 19
Bear Creek Golf Club
Wentzville

4th Annual Clay Shoot
Sept. 24
Blackhawk Valley Hunting and Sporting
Old Monroe

Trivia Night
Oct. 22
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic School
St. Charles

Halloween Party
Oct. 30
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service

Creative Memories Crop Day
Nov. 5
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service

Adopt A Family
Dec. 9-11
St. Charles Community College

For event information
go to our website:

www.jacares.org

or call Karen Runge,
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or e-mail at
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Help dish out the tricks and treats!

The Care Service
will scare up
some fun Oct. 30
with its second
annual Halloween Party.

Doors will open at 1 p.m. in the Celebration Room. The party is expected to run approximately three hours. There will be games, snacks and costume contests. All our families and supporters are invited. Admission is free.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success. You can help by serving on our planning committee (forming now), supervising activities during the party, or pitching in to setup and tear down decorations.



The setup will be especially critical, as there is an event in the room Saturday night. So we will have to be very fast and organized Sunday morning to get the room ready before the kids arrive. That means we need plenty of volunteers!

To help with the Halloween Party, contact Raymond Castile at raycastile@aol.com. Thank you for helping us put a smile on kids' faces this Halloween!

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to the newsletter?**

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