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Seton Associate Picnic

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared Covid-19 a global pandemic changing the world as we know it, but at long last, on July 8, 2021 Seton Associates and the Sisters joyfully reunited at the Seton Associate Picnic. The photos below speak louder than words of the faithful friendship enjoyed by the Seton Associates and Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth.



Shannon Hoffman, Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC, General Superior, and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC



Patricia Gutches, Judy Rosenberg, June Ploch, Sister Ellen Farrell, SC, Sister Gerry O'Brien, SC, and Sally Starin enjoy themselves at the Seton Associate Picnic.



Donna Sartor, Director of Communications and Joseph "Rocco" Hagen



Dee Banicki and Sister Dianne Moore, SC discuss Haiti (display in the background).



Nancy Smith listens intently to Sister Regina Bernard McCartney.



June Ploch and Sister Roberta Feil, SC.



Sister Joan Repka, SC and Susan LeVan are catching up on old times.



James O'Hern and Shannon Hoffman

"A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter; the one who finds one finds a treasure." Sirach 6:14



Linda Amitrano and Sister Elizabeth Brennan, SC are in deep conversation.



Shannon Hoffman greets soon to be Associate Melissa Dlugos and her husband, Jim.



Sister Maureen Mahan, SC, Sister Ann Fay, SC, and Lee Perlmutter, MD share a smile with us.



Dawn Colapietro enjoys chatting with Sister Patricia Reynolds, SC.



Nancy Smith meets up with her aunt Sister Mary Canavan, SC, and Sister Connie Tanski, SC.



Blessed among women is John DiMucci, Director of Sponsorship and Mission Services, and Executive Director of Seton Ministries, as he enjoys time with Sister Patricia Beaumont, SC, Sister Cecilia McManus, SC, and Sister Maureen Shaughnessy, SC.



Karen Lukenda, Kristina Junkroft, and Sister Michelle Lukenda, SC – A family affair!



Josephine's Place

Josephine's Place, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth is located in Elizabeth, New Jersey and dedicated to empowering women by offering a variety of educational and enjoyable activities. The activities are determined by the needs and requests of the women themselves and may include pottery, sewing, exercise classes, scrapbooking, language skills, and computer education, as well as seasonal events and events for children. While these activities are important for the happiness and education that they provide, there is something even more important that the women have found at Josephine's Place. That is a caring and supportive family! The women are shown respect and therefore able to build trust with the staff and other women who attend. This enables them to share their concerns and challenges. It is this caring support that makes all the difference!

Josephine's Place is funded by grants, endowments, and donations from individuals and corporations. Fundraisers are also held to further the mission. The current fundraiser, *Summer in a Box* is a box filled with fun summer items that can be used at a barbeque.

There are many fulfilling and diverse volunteer opportunities available at Josephine's Place, to find out additional information or to volunteer go to <https://www.josephinesplace.org/> or call (908) 436-0099.



Summer in a Box boxes are held by Gail Driscoll, Executive Director of Josephine's Place (second from left) Shannon Hoffman, Sister Maryanne Tracey, and Maryellen Whritenour

Young Adult Picnic

Young adults met with men and women from ten Religious Communities at a picnic held on the campus of the Dominican Sisters of Caldwell. Shannon Hoffman and Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC represented the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth at the event and were also a part of the planning committee. Despite a short period of rain, the attendees enjoyed a barbeque lunch, good conversation, and a spirited game of Cornhole!



Saint Joseph Social Service Center and Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless

Saint Joseph Social Service Center and Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless are located next door to each other in Elizabeth. The two separate organizations provide an astounding number of resources for those in need, including but not limited to the following: sandwich distribution, soup kitchen food, clothing, after school care, summer camp, counseling, employment readiness, and housing for people experiencing homelessness or near homelessness.

Both organizations have many volunteer opportunities available and are grateful for any amount of time that you are available to assist. For additional information please go to: <https://www.sjeliz.org/volunteer.html> or <https://www.theelizabethcoalition.org/volunteer>.



Sister Maryanne Tracey, SC (center), recently had the joy of bringing Shannon Hoffman (far right) and Maryellen Whritenour (second from left) to the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless and Saint Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth, NJ. They were greeted by Bernadette Murphy, (far left) Director of Saint Joseph's and Linda Flores-Tober (second from right), Director of the Coalition. Linda is Sister Maryanne's former supervisor. Sister Maryanne served as Director of the Hospitality House Program.

The purpose of the visit was to see how the Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement can collaborate with both agencies. Watch for future opportunities with both agencies.

Sandwich Ministry Update

It is with much gratitude that we take this opportunity to update you on the continuing progress of the Sandwich Ministry. The monthly sandwich donations have increased dramatically from 44 sandwiches in January to 392 in June! We have donated a total of 1,122 sandwiches! Fruit donations have also increased to 37 bags donated in total. For information or to take part in this ministry please contact Shannon Hoffman, Co-Director of Vocation and Mission Engagement at 973.290.5336 or shoffman@scnj.org.

If you would like to participate, but live too far away, check the parishes in your area for a sandwich ministry and send us photos of your involvement. We would love to include them in our updates.

Please take note that the Sisters living at the Motherhouse are a force to be reckoned with, contributing over 100 sandwiches each month! Thank you, Sisters!



Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement

SANDWICH MINISTRY UPCOMING DATES

JUNE 21, 2021
JULY 19, 2021
AUGUST 16, 2021
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021
OCTOBER 18, 2021
NOVEMBER 15, 2021
DECEMBER 20, 2021

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF DONATING
3,300 SANDWICHES!

GOAL
3300
SANDWICHES
BY
DECEMBER
2021

QUESTIONS? CONTACT SHANNON HOFFMAN
SHOFFMAN@SCNJ.ORG

Golden Opportunities . . .

Josephine's Place - 622 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth, NJ Phone: 908.436.0099 or email josephinesplace@verizon.net Accepting volunteers for fundraising, development, and outreach; much of this can be accomplished by phone or virtually. Also asking for in-person volunteers to teach a class or conversational language assistance. Time Commitment: Flexible, any time that you can spare is appreciated.

Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless - 118 Division St., Elizabeth, NJ 07201 Phone: 908.355.2060 or <https://www.theelizabethcoalition.org/volunteer> Accepting volunteers for administrative assistant help as well as summer camp/after school care/homework help. Time Commitment: Flexible, any time that you can spare is appreciated.

St. Joseph Social Service Center - 118 Division St., Elizabeth, NJ 07201 Phone: 908.354.5456 or <https://www.sjeliz.org/volunteer.html> Accepting volunteers for outreach, food pantry, food and clothing donations. Time Commitment: Flexible, any time that you can spare is appreciated.

Trinitas Medical Center - 225 Williamson St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202 908.994.5164 or https://www.trinitasrhc.org/volunteer_services.htm. Trinitas is sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth in partnership with Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation. For a list of the diverse volunteer opportunities available please see the website.

We are now accepting applications from anyone who is interested in becoming a Seton Associate in 2022. The application to become a Seton Associate, which can be found on the SCNJ.org website, should be submitted to the Office of Vocation and Mission Engagement before September 7, 2021, as the Formation Program will begin in October. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at Shoffman@scnj.org or Mtracey@scnj.org.



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