



**Message from  
Michelle Ward,  
CEO**

Dear Friends,

As you read this edition of our newsletter, you'll see there are many great things going on at St. Vincent Family Centers. This is an exciting time for us!

We are engaged in extensive mission-critical work that may not make the front page but is really making an impact in Central Ohio. I'm speaking of our involvement in two key projects: the Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative and a collaboration with Franklin County MR/DD to bring mental health services to their clients at the Johnstown Road Center. Both of these projects are putting the spotlight on St. Vincent Family Centers' expertise in the area of early childhood mental health and making a direct impact on children and families in Central Ohio.

The projects go hand-in-hand with our internal goals of bringing evidence-based practices to all our programs starting with implementation of the Incredible Years, a widely acclaimed early childhood mental health intervention model. While these projects would take many pages to explain fully, the most important thing to know is that St. Vincent Family Centers is the expert in pediatric behavioral healthcare and we just keep getting better. Call me or come for a tour if you'd like to hear more.

You can help make our goal of excellence a reality just as our Nationwide Community Care Day volunteers and our Residential Open House donors have done. Groups who share their time, talent and treasures with us become partners in our effort to strengthen the community one family at a time. I want to thank you for your part in our recent initiatives and invite you to continue partnering with us.

Sincerely,

Michelle H. Ward  
President and CEO



*Strengthening our Community  
One Family at a Time.*

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## Sponsor A Camp Pride Camper!



Did you know that St. Vincent Family Centers hosts a summer day camp? It's called Camp Pride and is an opportunity for children ages 5½ to 12 who are at risk of developing behavioral problems to attend a summer-long program that increases their coping skills. The goal is to help increase the resiliency of these children so they can succeed in a regular school setting.

Children participate in social skill development groups, anger management groups, and self-esteem groups, which are all supplemented by field trips. Skill development is reinforced through groups focused on arts and crafts, creative expression, and team-building. Campers also participate in daily group discussion that focuses on helping them process their involvement in the different activities



and how this relates to accomplishing their personal goals.



This type of prevention programming strengthens our community by improving children's school success. Children who succeed in school succeed in life and go on to be productive citizens.

These campers need your help! We'd like to expand the program this year to serve additional campers and your help is needed to make that happen. Your gift of \$500 will pay for 6 weeks of transportation, field trips, supplies and food for one child. Your gift of \$1,000 will pay for a whole summer of programming for one child. **Please use the enclosed envelope to sponsor your camper today!**

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## Residential Renovation Celebration - A Good Time Was Had By All!



The Official Ribbon Cutting



Bishop Campbell greets an open house guest

The Open House to celebrate completion of the first phase of renovations in the residential unit was a big success! Colleagues and contributors, staff and volunteers gathered on a cold January evening to see the fruits of many months of planning and work. After food and fellowship, guests heard remarks from CEO Michelle Ward and Bishop Campbell during the official ribbon cutting. After more food and fellowship guests were able to tour the renovated areas of the residential unit including the sleeping quarters, the kitchen and the dining area. Project contributors included the Kyle Family, Osteopathic Heritage Foundation, Limited Brands, Olga Lucia, Harry C. Moores Foundation, Huntington Bank, Ingram-White Castle Foundation, Wolfe Enterprises, Anne Rogers Interiors, and AEP Ohio. **Thank You!!**



Jamie Hays, Hausser & Taylor; Don Whistler, Catholic Social Services; and, Tammy Fitzpatrick, Hausser & Taylor LLP enjoy a moment during the festivities.



Anne Rogers and Mary Lou Atwood of Anne Rogers Interiors



Board Members Matthew Kyle and Marchelle Mitchell

## Community Care Day

Our friends from Nationwide came out in great numbers to help out for Community Care Day. Last month, 19 Nationwide volunteers prepped and painted four of our School Age stairwells to brighten the environment for our children. These volunteers were assigned to the center through a new February Community Care Day. Each September, individuals from



Our friends from Nationwide take a brief break between brushstrokes

corporations volunteer for a day at nonprofit agencies to complete a project. St. Vincent Family Centers was one of many agencies chosen to have the volunteers come again in February. Thanks to our friends at Nationwide and all of the St. Vincent Family Centers' volunteers!

## The Windows...

In anticipation of the planned demolition, the stained glass windows have been removed from St. Vincent church located on the main campus of St. Vincent Family Centers. The church was completed in the late 1880s, shortly after the St. Vincent Orphan's Asylum was founded in 1875. The windows were removed and crated by Franklin Art Glass for safe keeping until installation in their next church home. Framed prints of the windows will adorn the walls of St. Vincent Family Centers for many years to come.



## Dates to Remember:

- **Wednesday, April 4**  
Michelle Ward, CEO and President, shares the St. Vincent Family Centers' story when she speaks to the Westerville Kiwanis.
- **Tuesday, May 1**  
St. Vincent Family Centers - Deaf Services' Cincinnati Open House at the Southwest Regional Center, 2825 Burnet Avenue, in Cincinnati.
- **Saturday, May 5**  
St. Vincent Family Centers will have a team in the annual NAMI Walks (National Alliance on Mental Illness).  
**Call 614-252-0731 or visit [www.svfc.org](http://www.svfc.org) for details**



American Red Cross Puppets

## A Great Lesson

Our students were recently treated to a fun lesson on a very serious topic. Volunteers from the American Red Cross came to our East Main Street Campus to perform a puppet show which featured skits about staying safe in the event of fire or an accident. The children had a great time and learned some important lessons. Thanks to our friends at the American Red Cross!

## Volunteer Update

Adam Rowan was featured in our last quarterly newsletter, he was our spotlighted volunteer. Adam volunteered as a classroom helper and was a great support to the teachers and the students. We are pleased to report that Adam has joined the St. Vincent Family Centers' staff. Adam is an Adaptive Behavior Specialist in our School Age Partial Hospitalization program. Adam is a graduate of The Ohio State University where he earned a B.S. in psychology. Welcome Adam!



Adam Rowan

## Mission Statement

St. Vincent Family Centers provides a continuum of high quality, specialized services to children with behavioral health needs to help them realize their full potential. By helping children and families, we are **strengthening our community one family at a time.**

