



Growing together at St. Ann's - Ms. Tay and students pick a bountiful harvest of peppers.

## Students Succeed in St. Ann's ESL Pilot Program

St. Ann's constantly looks within the surrounding community to identify and address unmet needs that align with our mission. Sometimes needs make themselves known to us through our neighbors. Such has been the case this past year as immigrant families in the area have sought material assistance, such as food, clothing and diapers. Several of the women we helped expressed their desire to learn English. St Ann's listened and with grant funding from the Crimsonbridge Foundation, our English as a Second Language (ESL) program was born!



Sister Bernadette reports that enthusiasm runs high. "My students come ready to learn every day!"

From the first day of class, Education Coordinator Sister Bernadette has comfortably eased her students into an understanding of a new language and culture. With a small class size, she and a volunteer instructor give each student individualized attention, focusing on their unique needs. Sister Bernadette says, "The students are passing their unit tests with flying colors! I am proud of them. They are working hard and it shows." Success is in the air!

In just three months, the program has grown to include two daily classes serving 9 women with more students expected. St. Ann's will be inviting ESL students to participate in other support programs offered to our resident families including child care, life skills and parenting classes, and social work services. How blessed we are to extend our mission to our community neighbors.

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From the Desk of  
Sister Mary Bader

Living in the same building as the families we serve has its blessings and its challenges. I live with other Daughters of Charity on the top floor of St. Ann's, so my "commute" to work couldn't be easier. But challenges aren't restricted to office hours - burnt toast on a Saturday morning sets off the building's fire alarm; an evening flood is generated by a washing machine; a call for extra help comes during the night as an expectant mom is hurried to the hospital.

While such challenges abound, they will never overshadow the blessings and privilege I feel in witnessing the mission of St. Ann's being realized in the families with whom I share this home.

I see young women walk through our doors tired, wounded, broken and burdened. But I also see in them a spark - the tiny seed of hope - that if nurtured, will grow into a powerful source of strength and motivation.

That seed of hope is nurtured here at St. Ann's every day through the practical supports our programs offer. It is nurtured through caring interactions with staff, the thoughtful outreach of volunteers, and by the bonds our families form with one another.

Living at St. Ann's gives me the opportunity to see many little ways that show the seed of hope is taking root in our families. I observe a young mother who leaves at 5:30 each morning to catch a bus with her child. She accompanies him to before-school care and then continues on to work. I can't help but be inspired by her perseverance! Often, during summer evening walks I've been delighted to encounter groups of St. Ann's moms spending quality time outdoors with their children - having picnics, playing on the playground, strolling down to see the geese in a nearby pond or pointing out deer in the surrounding woods.

I am blessed by my interactions with our families: sharing the excitement of a mom returning from a successful job interview with an offer of employment; rejoicing with another who has completed her first semester of college; and congratulating a mom who has just secured an apartment of her own.

In small ways and in significant accomplishments, I see the power of hope at work in the families at St. Ann's. Through your support, you join us in nurturing the hope that strengthens and inspires them, and you have my heartfelt gratitude.

*Sister Mary Bader*



## IMPACT DAY LEADS TO NEW PARTNERSHIP



This summer, St. Ann's was selected by Deloitte, a professional services network, to be the focus of their 19th annual day of community service, Impact Day.

Member firms around the world host Impact Day activities, providing prime opportunities for volunteering. The day featured a professional development workshop hosted by several of the volunteers. Mothers living at St. Ann's were given advice on how to build their LinkedIn profiles and ways they can stand out to potential employers. The mothers learned how to enhance their résumés and even had professional headshots taken.

Other Deloitte volunteers spent the morning sprucing up the Child Care Center's playground by laying down fresh mulch. The volunteers wrapped up their day of service by decorating the auditorium for the annual Child Care Center graduation.

Amy Rice, Vice President of Programs, says, "Impact Day is the beginning of a new partnership between St. Ann's and Deloitte. This fall Deloitte will host several training sessions and workshops focusing on professional development and internet safety."

# KEEPING UP WITH ST. ANN'S!

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Turley the Magician wows everyone on St. Ann's Day, a day to celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of St. Ann's families and staff.



## NEW YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WEBSITE PAGE COMING SOON!

A new Young Professionals Network page will be added to the St. Ann's website this fall.

St. Ann's Young Professionals Network has hosted several events benefiting St. Ann's. This fall we will continue to expand the Network and look forward to launching additional events and promoting volunteer opportunities.

St. Ann's Young Professionals Network was created to bring together young people in the DC area who are interested in helping St. Ann's fulfill its mission to strengthen and support families on their journey toward stability.



St. Ann's Young Professionals cheer for the Washington Nationals.

To learn more about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities please contact Rendy Auguste - [rauguste@stanns.org](mailto:rauguste@stanns.org).



We thank the Fort Washington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for sponsoring St. Ann's in their 4th Annual 5K Run & Walk this past June.

We are grateful to the Blue Knights Motorcycle Club for coming out to St. Ann's and hosting their annual end-of-summer party for our families, a day packed with entertainment, great food and lots of fun for all!



Amy Rice, Carrie Feehan, Kelli Stonework, Beth Fromm, and Sister Mary



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Congratulations Sister Mary Bader!

Recognized as

***Religious of the Year***

by the Catholic Business Network - DC  
at their  
Fifth Annual Gala  
October 4, 2018



# HOPE CONTINUES TO BLOSSOM

This year over 350 guests supported St. Ann's with their presence at our annual reception and awards ceremony, Hope Blossoms.

The Honorable Marielsa A. Bernard, Mary McGrory Advocacy Awardee, and Chuck Short, Michele Heidenberger Volunteer Awardee, were recognized for their commitment to helping young mothers and children. One of the most memorable highlights of the evening was the moving testimony of a Faith House resident, Alimatu Sallah.

The evening was an enormous success because of the dedication of our sponsors, donors, partners, staff and the leadership and guidance of our Honorary Hosts, Trish and Neil Cullen.

HOPE BLOSSOMS RAISED \$350,000 FOR ST. ANN'S FAMILIES



Tonya Sharpe, Sister Mary Bader, Marielsa A. Bernard, Neil Cullen, Chuck Short, Kevin Sheehan, Alimatu Sallah, Trish Cullen

# WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

This fall we welcomed five dynamic individuals to St. Ann's Board of Directors: Lenora Fuller-McCall, Jeannine Marino, Carolyn Snyder McVie, Patrick Selwood, and Meg Slovenkay. We thank our outgoing members, Gabriel Albornoz, Thomas Borger, Kelli Stonework, Susan Timoney and James Walker for their dedication and commitment.

# WORKPLACE GIVING

Please support St. Ann's through your local workplace giving campaigns.

To request a St. Ann's client or staff member to speak at your workplace, please contact: *Rendy Auguste* at [rauguste@stanns.org](mailto:rauguste@stanns.org) or 301.559.5500 x147

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# A GIFT FOR ST. ANN'S FUTURE



St. Ann's recently received a wonderful gift through a donor's charitable bequest. Marie supported St. Ann's for many years through workplace giving and continued her support after retiring. Her gifts provided much needed funding for the every day operations of St. Ann's. Marie left a charitable bequest and this legacy gift will help us continue our mission in the future.

You can make a lasting impact on St. Ann's by leaving a gift in your will. It is a simple way to ensure St. Ann's will continue to provide transformational care for mothers and children for years to come.

For more information contact Beth Fromm, Vice President of Development, at [beth.fromm@stanns.org](mailto:beth.fromm@stanns.org) or 301-559-5500, ext 163.

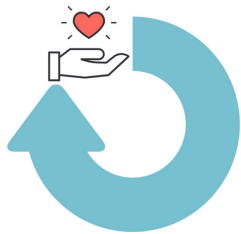
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Thank you to St. Ann's Circle of Angels for your monthly/quarterly contributions. Your recurring donations enable St. Ann's to provide high-quality care all year long.

For more information contact Carolyn Boyle at [cboyle@stanns.org](mailto:cboyle@stanns.org) or 301-559-5500,ext 187.

If you are age 70 1/2 or older, you may now instruct your IRA custodian to transfer any amount, up to \$100,000, directly to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families. Check with your IRA custodian today to find out if this type of contribution is right for you.

For more information contact Beth Fromm, Vice President of Development, at [beth.fromm@stanns.org](mailto:beth.fromm@stanns.org) or 301-559-5500, ext 163.



## THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS



Your generosity makes a difference to hundreds of families served by St. Ann's each year. On behalf of the mothers, children and families of St. Ann's, thank you.

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families

4901 Eastern Avenue  
Hyattsville, MD 20782



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SATURDAY, OCT. 20<sup>TH</sup>

### *Seton Guild Tea & Basket Auction*

Join the women of  
St. Ann's Seton Guild for  
their annual Afternoon Tea.

Normandie Farm  
Potomac, MD  
12pm to 3pm

SUNDAY, DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup>

### *St. Ann's Christmas Open House*

Our annual holiday  
celebration.

St. Ann's Center  
Hyattsville, MD  
1pm to 3pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

### *Hope Blossoms*

St. Ann's annual  
reception and awards  
ceremony.

Columbia Country Club  
Chevy Chase, MD  
6pm to 8pm

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