

Office of Violence Against Women Awards \$660,000 Federal Grant to Extend Program

Saint Elizabeth Community was recently awarded a three-year grant totaling more than \$660,000 to extend the Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life program.

“The goal of this continuation project is to develop a comprehensive approach to addressing elder abuse across the entire state of Rhode Island and to build upon the meaningful progress and momentum from our 2018 OVW Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program grant,” explains Jeanne Gattegno, Program Director, Saint Elizabeth Haven for Elder Justice. “While major progress has been made throughout the state, sustained leadership continues to be needed over the next three years in order to institutionalize a statewide program to address elder abuse in later life.”

Through this program, Saint Elizabeth Community will train a cadre of an estimated 800 law enforcement professionals and more than 300 multidisciplinary service providers and faith-based leaders. The group will develop a sustainable program to improve services to elder abuse victims and to help professionals better, and more quickly, identify the signs of elder abuse in order to support and protect victims and to ensure abusers are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

“We are honored to have been chosen for this grant,” begins Roberta B. Merkle, Executive Vice President of Strategic Initiatives. “We have made great strides over the past four years, but there is more work to be done. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue this program and make a difference in the lives of those who are victims of abuse.”

Saint Elizabeth Adult Day in South Kingstown Open One Year Enrollment Continues to Grow

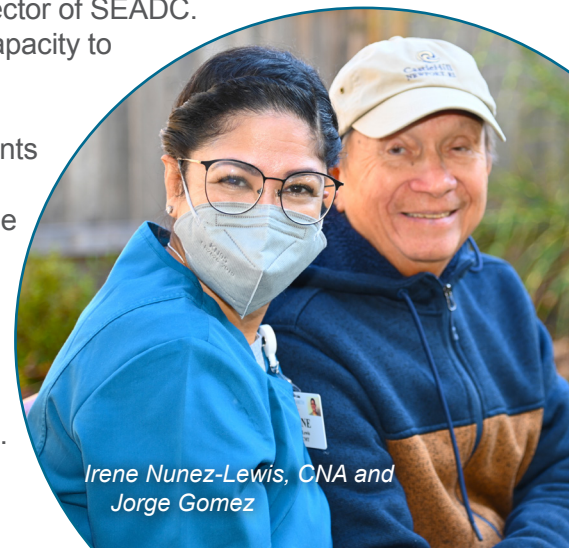
Saint Elizabeth Adult Day Center (SEADC) in South Kingstown is caring for adults who need support during the day, adding new participants each month! “When we opened in September 2021, we had five day center participants on the first day, and 13 individuals enrolled in total. Today, we have up to 18 individuals attending a day and over 32 day center participants in total,” says Jessica Gosselin, Director of SEADC.

“We continue to introduce our services to the community and we have the capacity to easily double the number of individuals we care for each day.”

Jorge Gomez, 83, from Hope Valley, was one of the first day center participants at the South Kingstown Center. He utilizes state transportation to come to the center. Jorge likes music, dancing, trivia and socializing and he loves the outdoors, often enjoying the enclosed courtyard when weather permits.

For more information on Saint Elizabeth Adult Day Center in South Kingstown call: 401-234-4040. The center is open Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 4:00 pm.

Programs to defray the cost may be available to qualified individuals.



Irene Nunez-Lewis, CNA and
Jorge Gomez

Message from the President & CEO

Dear Friends,

Fall is upon us and as we head toward the holiday season, we wanted to share some of the exciting happenings at Saint Elizabeth Community, highlighting the ways we continue to provide innovative services and care as we've done for 140 years.

We are inspired. Several members of our Leadership Team recently attended a national conference hosted by LeadingAge, a community of nonprofit aging service providers, where we were engaged and motivated by the great work of our peers and colleagues across the country. While there are many challenges before us, including maintaining a caring, committed workforce, there are also opportunities to redefine what it means to grow old, leading to better futures for us all.

We are having an impact. Bank of America recently recognized Saint Elizabeth Community with a \$25,000 workforce development grant allowing us to pay CNA students during their training period. By removing the financial barrier to participating in this 120-hour vocational program, Saint Elizabeth Community will be able to recruit, train and retain the qualified CNA workforce so critical to delivering services to the people in our care.

We are grateful. We were excited to see so many of our friends and supporters in person for the first time in three years as we brought back the tradition of our Rose Bids Auction & Gala. The event was a huge success and we want to give a special thanks to Craig and Sue Carpenter for their leadership.

Upon her retirement, I want to take a moment to thank Mary Rossetti, our Director of Marketing & Communications, for her valuable contributions to our newsletter and our overall communications during her tenure. Mary's guidance and leadership have been essential to establishing Saint Elizabeth's outstanding reputation in our community.

Please take a look at the rest of our newsletter for inspiring and compelling stories about the work that we do. None of it would be possible without your generous support.

Thank you.



Matthew R. Trimble, NHA
President & CEO

P.S. We hope you'll stay in touch. Please be sure to follow us on social media: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube or subscribe to our E-News on our homepage: stelizabethcommunity.org.



Saint Elizabeth CEO Matt Trimble, center, with Bank of America's Kevin Tracy and Jess Hutchinson, presenting a check for their grant to support our workforce development program.

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- Matthew R. Trimble, President & CEO

SEC Welcomes Staff

Hugh Minor has joined Saint Elizabeth Community as Director of Marketing and Communications. Hugh previously served as Director of Communications for the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. His work with nonprofits began at the YMCA of Greater Providence where he was the Marketing & Communications Director. A freelance writer, Hugh brings more than two decades of experience working for nonprofits to his role. A graduate of Rhode Island College, Hugh also is a 2021 Leadership Rhode Island graduate and Cranston resident. Welcome Hugh!



Amy Nield, B.S., R.N., has joined Saint Elizabeth Community as Clinical Nursing Instructor. Her primary focus is to teach the Certified Nursing Assistant training program offered four times a year. The ten-week program includes eight weeks of classroom education and two weeks of clinical work within Saint Elizabeth Community. Prior to taking this role, Amy was the Nurse Manager of the “Cove” memory care neighborhood (2014-2018) at Saint Elizabeth Home. She earned her BS from URI and her RN degree from CCRI. Amy also works with the University of Rhode Island Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program that focuses on improvement of care. She is also the Vice President of the Nursing Foundation of RI. Amy is passionate about patient-centered care that is given from the heart. Amy resides in Warwick. Welcome back Amy!



A Smooth Transition at 99! Meeting Needs Across Our Continuum of Care

Evaline Richmond, 99 year old resident at Saint Elizabeth GREEN HOUSE® Home, is thrilled with her new home and grateful for the smooth transition in her care. After residing for seven years at Saint Elizabeth Assisted Living, she knew it was time to seek more care as her vision was waning. “Evaline is a great example of how we can care for an individual as they age by providing the right care, in the right place, at the right time, all within our organization,” says Kathy Parker, Director of Admissions and Care Navigation.

Prior to coming to Saint Elizabeth Assisted Living at 91, Evaline was living independently in Lincoln. She worked as a bookkeeper and, through her work and her church, she made lifelong friends and has an incredible support group. An avid reader on her Kindle, she also enjoys listening to music. Evaline sang in her church choir and faith is important to her.

Evaline recently sent a video message of thanks to Maggie Connelly, Administrator at Saint Elizabeth Assisted Living, and her team, saying: “I just could not be happier. I miss all of you, but it is so nice here!”

(Photo) Evaline Richmond, resident, and Betzy Mijangos-Lopez, Shahbaz, at Saint Elizabeth GREEN HOUSE® Homes

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(top to bottom)

A scenic boat ride along the Blackstone River for Thelma Boulanger, Janet Quirk, & Muriel Tougas! The residents at Saint Elizabeth Assisted Living enjoyed this special outing!

Julia Moore, Activities Director at Saint Elizabeth Home and resident John Ruggieri created tie-dye t-shirts in the Cove Neighborhood!

GREEN HOUSE® Homes elder Albert Greer enjoys a family cookout with his daughter, Elizabeth Greer-Fox.

Tai Ji Quan classes were held at Saint Elizabeth Apartments for Seniors, Warwick. Judith Woods, Vicki Ellis, Pauline Nunes and Cathy Cattucci participated in the six week long classes.

Elizabeth Miech at Saint Elizabeth Home joined her fellow residents contributing advice to the younger generation which she stated "Stay in school". Thank you for the great advice Elizabeth!

(photo at right)

Participants and staff from Saint Elizabeth Adult Day/ Memory Care Center had a wonderful visit to Faith Hill Farm. Linda Sinnott, Program Director and participant Vera Steere enjoyed chatting about Vera's family connection to the farm.



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Rose Bids Returns for a Roarin' Good Time



Back in person for the first time since 2019, the 2022 Rose Bids Auction & Gala was worth the wait! Greeted by live jazz and friendly flappers, more than 330 guests stepped into the Roarin' 20s as the Crowne Plaza Pavilion was transformed into Saint Elizabeth Community's very own speakeasy, The Rose Club.

"Everyone was so excited to be back together again. The energy in the room was amazing!," begins Judy Vigar, Philanthropy Team Chair. "It was inspiring to see so many people come out and support our mission."



The evening was a tremendous success raising more than \$117,000, net of expenses, to benefit the many programs and services of Saint Elizabeth Community.

"There are no words to express my gratitude to everyone who made this event a success," said Matthew Trimble, President & CEO. "Hundreds of people so generously supported Rose Bids by sponsoring or attending the event, purchasing a raffle ticket, bidding in the auction, donating an item, or making a donation. Your generosity is second to none. Thank you!"



The End of A Rose Bids Era Carpenters to Step Down as Event Co-Chairs

For many of us, Craig and Sue Carpenter are synonymous with the Rose Bids Auction & Gala. With ten or so years to their credit as Co-Chairs, this dynamic duo has transformed the event into the most anticipated fundraiser of the year. Under their leadership, Rose Bids has raised more than \$1 million, net of expenses, to support the ever-changing needs of those in our care.

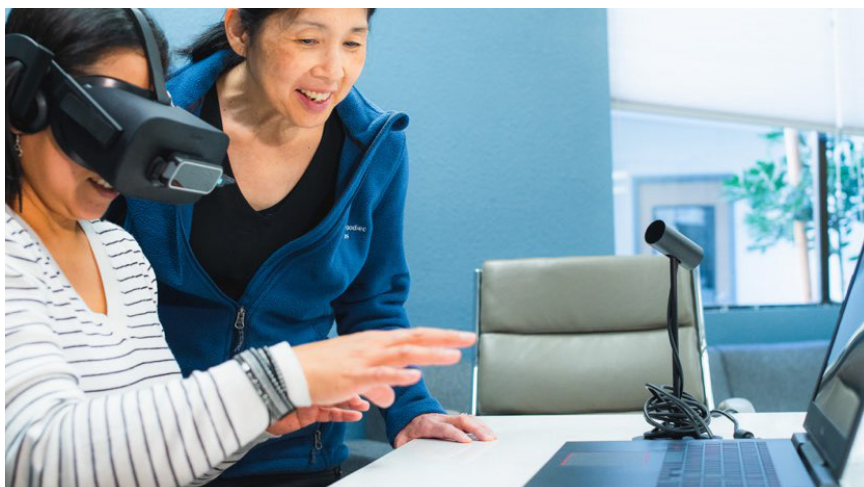
"It is with overwhelming gratitude that we want to express our deepest thanksgiving," begin Craig and Sue. "It has been an incredible opportunity to serve with some of the most caring and compassionate people and to have so much fun raising funds for such an outstanding organization."

"Craig and Sue have led with such passion and commitment, always lending a personal touch," shares Matthew Trimble, President & CEO. "We have been fortunate to have them leading this amazing group of volunteers, including their own children and family members. Their hard work and dedication will impact this event, and our organization, for years to come. Thank you, Craig and Sue!"



Workforce Grant to Provide Virtual Reality Sensitivity Training

Employees, family members and volunteers throughout Saint Elizabeth Community will soon begin virtual reality training thanks to a \$30,000 grant from the Governor's Workforce Board and the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training.



"This training will allow us to see the world through the eyes of the people we care for," shares Marianne Wolcott, Administrator of Saint Elizabeth Home. "The experience is immersive and includes all the virtual reality equipment to simulate what it's like to live with vision loss, hearing loss, and memory impairment as well as confusion and challenges communicating. It also provides training for approaching difficult conversations and end of life care."

"With a virtual experience, we will gain a first-hand knowledge we wouldn't otherwise have," continues Wolcott. "This training will benefit our work tremendously by creating an increased level of understanding and compassion that can only improve our care as professionals and as family members."

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One-Time Gift Sparks Lasting Legacy

Betty and Luther Goff first became donors to Saint Elizabeth Community in the early 2000s with a one-time gift of \$25. It was at that time, the Goffs explained they could not provide regular support, but planned to include Saint E's in their estate plan and became members of the Sarah Hallett Society.



Luther passed away in 2019, followed by Betty in 2021. Almost 20 years later that one modest gift resulted in an estate gift of more than \$100,000, an expression of gratitude for the care provided to their family and friends.

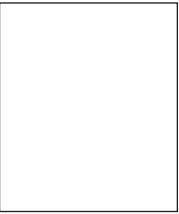
"Betty and Luther were always very active in supporting the community," shared friend Denise Javery. "They may not have been able to make substantial gifts during their lifetimes, but often made small gifts to the charities that meant the most to them. I know how proud they would be to see just how much of an impact their legacy will make."

For information on how you can also become members of the Sarah Hallett Society by including Saint Elizabeth Community in your estate plans, please contact Erica Bryson, CFRE, at 401-773-7419.

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(photo top right) Carlos Moscadello and his fellow SEC team members raised over \$6k for the Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's fundraising event at Roger Williams Park.

(photo left) Lisa Pandolfini, Saint Elizabeth Home Care Physical Therapist visits her client Carolyn Traxler.

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