



St. Joseph's Villa Foundation

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Something to Give

Wisdom, humour, conversation, smiles ... are all gifts that we can share.

During September 2007, Villa residents and staff welcomed students from St. Mary's Secondary School "Health Care Career" class for a four-week experiential learning placement. In preparation for this month-long placement, students received training in CPR, Infection Control, bed making, feeding, transferring patients, wheelchair use, and communication skills. They attended seminars with Villa professional staff in the areas of Social Work, Recreational Therapy, Chaplaincy, Physical Therapy, Food Services and Nursing. But....

"Of all the things I learned at the Villa, the residents probably taught me the most", said Amanda Spagnoletti as she reported on their experience. This is her story –

"At first I was unsure of what to expect. What if I made a mistake? What if the residents didn't respond well to me? What if the nursing staff was too busy to answer my questions? My doubts were quickly erased on the first day. Staff were helpful and friendly, answering any questions that I had. Residents were all so welcoming with their warm smiles and wise words of wisdom.

One resident, in particular had the most impact on me. She was confined to a wheelchair and heavily relied on others to do everyday things. She didn't speak and was asleep most of the time. It was a challenge to feed her because she had difficulty opening her mouth. We worked with her every morning and soon there were noticeable changes. She would respond to our voices and brighten up. One morning she opened her eyes right away and smiled. This was a huge accomplishment as the nurses told us it didn't happen very often. By the end of the placement, she had even begun to speak a few short words. We were thrilled and felt that we had made a difference in her life.

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My experience at the Villa taught me many life lessons like small gestures, such as feeding someone, talking to them or just spending time with them make a difference. Something that you may think is insubstantial could turn out to mean the world to them. I also learned that just because someone appears to be shy or withdrawn, doesn't mean they don't appreciate companionship. All residents are treated with the same respect and dignity, regardless of their abilities and, lastly, all residents have **"something to give"**. Whether it be wisdom, humour, or conversation, they are all gifted in their own way; they want nothing more than to share their gifts with others.

The most rewarding thing about my placement, though, was on the last day. All of the residents were saddened by our leaving and asked when we would return to visit. The staff told us that we had been a huge help. I felt very satisfied, and that I had done my job well!"

The quality of care and service that our residents receive at St. Joseph's Villa is built on "what we give". Our "Mission of Love" is made possible by the ongoing support that we receive from people like you and the gifts that we share with our community "Partners in Care" like the students of St. Mary's Secondary School.

Please consider how you can help. Every gift makes a difference!

Sincerely,



Dave Borsellino, Chairman
St. Joseph's Villa Foundation



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