

The Villa Pulse

**Celebrating 75 Years
of Care with Compassion,
Dignity & Respect**



Winter 2026

St. John's Villa proudly celebrates 75 years of providing compassionate, dignified, and respectful care to adults with developmental disabilities.

For many of our residents, St. John's Villa has truly been *home* for most of their lives. They have witnessed the remarkable evolution of the Villa—from its beginnings as an orphanage to its mission today of supporting individuals with developmental disabilities.

Over the years, St. John's Villa has continued to grow and expand its services, including the addition of The Growing Tree Child Daycare, Adult Day Services, and the Villa Restaurant. What was once an institutional setting has transformed into a beautiful 52-acre campus featuring seven residential homes, a pavilion, gazebo, maintenance building, and administration building.

When asked what they love most about their home, many residents share how meaningful it is to have their own bedroom. Before the homes were built, residents shared bedrooms and bathrooms with several others. Today, each home offers a warm, family-style environment with a living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry area, and eight bedrooms. Two fully accessible bedroom with a private bathroom is located on the first floor. While the upstairs bedrooms share adjoining bathrooms between every two rooms. A cozy sitting area upstairs provides residents with a quiet space to relax, enjoy television, or spend time alone.

The natural beauty of the Villa grounds further enhances daily life. Residents and visitors alike enjoy walking paths, a firepit area, a peaceful pond, and multiple sitting areas—perfect for watching the deer and other wildlife that call the property home.

For 75 years, St. John's Villa has remained committed to creating a safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment where every individual is respected, valued, and truly at home.



A Message From Our President ...

Celebrating 75 Years of Service, Faith & Community at St. John's Villa

Dear Parents, Guardians and Friends,

This year, St. John's Villa proudly celebrates **75 years of dedicated service** to individuals with disabilities and children. Since our founding, our mission has been rooted in compassion, dignity, and respect—values that continue to guide our work every day.

From the very beginning, the **Catholic Church has played a vital role** in supporting St. John's Villa. Its unwavering commitment to service, advocacy, and care has helped shape our mission, strengthen our daily operations, and support the steady growth of our agency. That partnership remains a cornerstone of who we are today.

A major milestone in our history occurred **25 years ago**, when St. John's Villa moved to our current **52-acre campus**—a move that expanded our capacity to serve and laid the foundation for decades of growth. Today, St. John's Villa is **one of the largest providers in Carroll County**, offering a comprehensive range of services including **Residential, Respite, Adult Day, Vocational,**

Transportation, and Child Care services.

None of this would have been possible without the continued support of our **community**. For 75 years, your generosity, trust, and partnership—along with the support of many others—have helped shape St. John's Villa into the organization it is today. We are deeply grateful for everyone who has stood with us along the way.

As we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we invite you to **join us throughout the year**, as each of our events will be dedicated to honoring our 75th anniversary. Together, we will celebrate our past, recognize those who made it possible, and look forward with excitement and hope to what lies ahead.

We are proud of our history, grateful for our community, and inspired by our future. **The future of St. John's Villa is bright—and the best is yet to come.**

Warm regards,

Richard Davis

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President, and CEO



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**If you dream it,
you can do it.**



1948



1958



1951

In 1948, Mother Mary Clare Heurich, Sr. Immaculate Heart Keating, and Sister Mary Assumption Chartney came to the Steubenville Diocese to establish a children's home. The first location in Caldwell was soon found inadequate for their needs and was condemned by the Ohio Department of Health. In 1951, thanks to aid from Bishop Mussio, Mother opened St. John's Villa in Carrollton, OH, bringing with her seven Sisters and thirty-eight children.



Mother Clare supervised the construction of the beautiful campus and served as Superior and Administrator from 1948 to 1981.

Sister Elaine Weber, of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, relocated to Carroll County and served as the President of St. John's Villa from 1993 to 2008.

During her term, she realized the Villa was in need of a new campus, giving our residents a new homelike atmosphere. Through a capital campaign, 52 acres was purchased and seven homes, pavilion, restaurant, maintenance building and administration building were constructed.

Today, the Villa is licensed to serve 55 residents with developmental disabilities, and is under the direction of Richard Davis who has been serving as the President of St. John's Villa since his term began in 2020.

Richard strives to provide the best for our residents through team building and providing the best training possible for staff to better serve the residents of St. John's Villa.



St. John's Villa 2025 Golf Outing

1st Place Bradyware



Shaun Liptack, Shane McCort, Paul Wackerly & Mark McCort

The Jon Capri Memorial Golf Outing was held September 5, 2025 at Carroll Meadows Golf Course in Carrollton, OH.

The day began with coffee and donuts for the 11 teams that were registered to enjoy the day. During registration, the teams were able to purchase additional items that could help benefit their game such as: the magic ball, mulligans and the 4-ft. string. After registration, the teams were sent to tee off at 9 a.m. by Mike Pozderac, owner of Carroll Meadows Golf Course.

The teams got to enjoy a beautiful day on a scenic golf course with an attempt to win some pretty amazing prizes. The teams finished up the day by meeting back at the pavilion for a steak dinner and an awards ceremony. The 1st Place Team was BRADYWARE, 2nd Place Team was ST. JOHN'S VILLA and the 3rd Place Team was ALONOVUS--Congratulations Guys!

Our family at St. John's Villa would like to also send out a BIG Thank you to all for helping to make this event a fun and successful day. We are truly looking forward to our next years event scheduled—**SEPTEMBER 4TH, 2026 AT CARROLL MEADOWS**, in hopes for a successful outcome!

2nd Place St. John's Villa



Kenny Myers, Richard Davis, Jeremy Wright & Kody Wright

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Dave Mast, Ralph Miller, Carey Conn & Billy Lally

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**St. John's Villa events benefit
the resident's activities significantly.**

Carroll County Squatch Fest & Parapalooza



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Carroll County has been the site of several bigfoot sightings over the years and St. John's Villa is only 20 minutes away from the infamous Minerva Monster incident in 1978.

With such a squatchy history, St. John's Villa's marketing team decided to see what other interesting stories there are in Carroll County and the surrounding communities and the Carroll County Squatch Fest & Parapalooza was born.

A light shower on the morning of Oct. 18, 2025, soon gave away to a perfect day to learn more about bigfoot, ghosts and more. The event featured presentations by Ohio Squatch Project founder Glenn Adkins, Bigfoot Field Researcher Jim Thompson, and T.A.T. Sisters Paranormal.

A highlight of the day was the calling contest, where contestants gave their best howl, whoop or scream. The Bigfoot (adult division) winners were: first, Rich Berta; second, Ralph Campbell; and third, Gary Nist. The Littlefoot (children's division) were: first, Barrett Long; second, Amari Fuller; and third, Hayden Fuller.

The crowds were steady throughout most the day as visitors enjoyed the presentations, crafters/vendors, food trucks, a kids' zone and a haunted trail.

Thank you to everyone who came, volunteered and worked the event. Everyone told us how great the event was and how much they enjoyed it.

The 2026 Carroll County Squatch Fest & Parapalooza is Oct. 17, 2026.



Property Maintenance

SJV repairs, updates facilities in 2025

As our campus celebrated its 25th anniversary at its “new” location, 2025 was filled with capital improvements and repairs.

SJV board authorized several large projects from its capital fund to provide a safe environment for our residents, but also move toward energy efficiency and sustainability.

SJV has undergone some major updates/repairs to our buildings and mechanical systems. A slippage at the edge of our main parking lot was repaired. Our pavilion, where our residents enjoy picnics and parties, was a priority with a roof replacement, repair/addition of concrete pads, and parking lot repairs.

In addition, two air-conditioner units and furnaces were replaced in the administration building. Two of the houses, Houses C and D, had the downstairs bathroom transformed into a wet room to better serve our aging population.

SJV plans to renovate the downstairs bathrooms in all the houses into wet

rooms as funds become available. Recently, SJV received grants to renovate the bathrooms in Houses E and F.

SJV strives to keep the family-style atmosphere in the homes— that means sharing meals together with two tables in each house. After 25 years, the dining-room tables are needing to be replaced. Thanks to the generosity of two of our donors, we have replaced two of the tables. The 12 other tables will be replaced as funds become available. Plans are underway to enable our residents to take trips/vacations that would be a hardship without financial assistance. Residents have enjoyed ball-games, train rides and travel destinations thanks to our donors’ generosity.

This is evidence of SJV’s ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our residents.



Clients, providers enjoy Family Fun Day



The Minerva High School Steel Drum Band made a return appearance at St. John’s Villa on Sept. 12 as the musical entertainment for Family Fun Day.

Family Fun Day features a picnic, music, games and more for our residents, clients from other providers and family members. The food was provided by SJV’s house managers, other providers and family members. Restaurant Manager Sherry Myers grilled the hot dogs and hamburgers.

This year’s event was one of the largest with over 100 people attending.





A Beautiful Way To Remember Loved Ones

When someone loses a loved one, it is often impossible to know what to say. A gift in memoriam to St. John's Villa can be a beautiful way to express your condolences. Not only do you show that you care, but your donation will have a direct and positive effect on the individuals with disabilities served by St. John's.

Memorials July 2025 through December 2025

Cam & Mary Abbott
*Donna Abbott
Dan & Judy Gill*

Sister Annunciata
Elizabeth Stone

Robert Bennett
Jerry Bennett

Andrew Bianco
Joseph & Susan Capobianco

Amy Bowden
*Gretchen Casey
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"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. John's Villa, an Ohio non-profit organization located at

701 Crest Street
P.O. Box 457
Carrollton, OH 44615

The sum of \$ _____ (or specifically described property.)" Inquires regarding bequests are always welcome.

In loving memory of

Amy Marie Bowden

Amy Marie Bowden passed away Friday, August 8, 2025, peacefully and surrounded by love in her home at St. John's Villa.

Amy was born in Lakewood, Ohio, but has called St. John's Villa her home since a young age. She brightened every room with her sweet nature, kind eyes, and delightful sense of humor. She never met a stranger. As a resident at St. John's Villa, she worked in the Villa restaurant for many years. She competed in Special Olympics thanks to the devotion of staff who made her swimming career possible. She brought a smile to all who worked and lived with her.



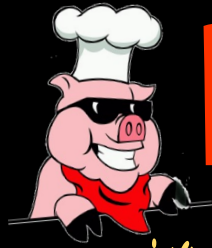
January 11, 1960 - August 8, 2025

Amy loved her Pittsburgh Steelers, spending time with family, vacationing with Lori and her family and loved time spent with her cousin Jon. Amy will be missed by all that had the opportunity to know and love her.

2026 St. John's Villa Events

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June 15, Aug. 17,

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September 4, 2026

Golf Outing Event



Sept. 11, 2026

Oct. 17, 2026



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