

## For The Guys

One afternoon, Vinnie, a well-mannered 8-year-old, went to the movies with his nanny. Before leaving, his parents gave him money for snacks and popcorn. When he returned, Vinnie had \$5 left over. Instead of keeping it, as he was given permission to do, he looked up at his poppy, a beloved Saint John's driver for almost 15 years, Mikey D, and said, "Poppy give this to your guys". His generous heart and earnest care is inspiring to all of us here at Saint John's!



***"Vinnie has made me proud so many times in his 8 years on this earth-both academically and in the sports world. But never, have I been more proud than when he decided to donate his last \$5 from the movies to help the men we serve."***

***-Mikey D***

## Cooking Up a New Life Skill



*\*The GSP learning kitchen and yard are a part of Phase 2 from the Connelly Foundation grant.*

Our clients come from all different backgrounds and walks of life, both in and out of the kitchen. While currently experiencing homelessness, spending time in the kitchen and learning the skill of cooking is not a privilege they have. This can present future hardships when transitioning back into independent living. The Good Shepherd kitchen was built as a teaching kitchen, equipped with a demonstration bar where our clients will learn basic kitchen skills and recipes to take with them when they leave our Good Shepard program. The knowledge and experience this kitchen will provide our clients wouldn't be possible without donors like you. Your gift continues to bless them after they leave us, changing their lives for the better.

# SAINT John's HOSPICE newsletter

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Programs providing crucial, life-sustaining services with dignity, respect, and compassion to individuals experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.

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Saint John's Hospice is a Catholic Social Services shelter for men located in Center City Philadelphia. St. John's provides crucial life sustaining services with dignity, respect and compassion to homeless men in Philadelphia

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## The Dining Room Gets A Makeover

Individuals experiencing homelessness worry about their next meal, and where it's coming from. At Saint John's we take pride in serving these individuals a full hot and ready meal every weekday during our lunch hours. Our clients can now enjoy their meals in the new Connelly Dining Room, complete with new lighting, tables, and a complete bathroom remodel! While this project was mostly funded by two partners, we couldn't have completed it without the generosity and graciousness of our everyday donors, like you!



## Philly Loves Saint John's

By nature, our clients are more at risk of viruses and diseases, especially during city-wide flare-ups. To protect our residents, Saint John's has partnered with the City's Homeless Services and The Department of Public Health to provide vaccinations. Since March, they have visited a total of 7 times to distribute Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters. This September, the partnership set up a vaccination clinic in our brand-new Connelly Dining Room to give our residents the chance to get their free Monkey Pox vaccine. By the time you're reading this, they would have visited for a second time this year!



## Booting Up Philly in 2022

The cold weather months are a trying time for all individuals experiencing homelessness. To help combat this problem, St. John's Hospice hosts an annual boot drive, Boot Up Philly. This year, distribution day was Saturday, October 22nd. Because of your generosity, we exceeded our goal, serving over 600 men and women, and 100 children, distributing thousands of undergarments, feminine products, coats, food, and of course, boots! All excess supplies will be on reserve at St. John's for distribution as needed and the remainder of the funds raised will go towards supporting the general mission of St. John's Hospice throughout the year. We couldn't have done it without you!



## Dreaming Up a New Yard



Every day at 10 pm, Saint John's provides emergency overnight shelter in our yard, as a part of our coffee house program. Previously, this yard was nothing but an empty cement rectangle but thanks to your generous spirit and continuous support, we have been able to transform this space by adding black metal bunk beds, housing 30 beds in total. This doesn't just give our clients a safe place to stay for the night, away from the extreme weather of each season, but gives them the opportunity for a good night's rest. Because of donors like you, our men get a bed to themselves for the night, furthering our mission of helping individuals experiencing homelessness find dignity, respect, and a new beginning.