

## Learning Kitchen Instructions Have Begun



The Good Shepherd Program Learning Kitchen is fully operational and exceeding all expectations for how wonderful it would be. We have already offered two demonstrations/cooking classes. Tootsie D'Ambrosio has given our residents the opportunity to gather and learn to prepare simple, healthy, and economical meals. One of the best parts is being able to enjoy the delicious foods around the table together. The kitchen is a perfect place for community building and learning. We will continue to offer lessons. We would appreciate anyone interested in providing our residents with any cooking skills that will enable them to enhance their skills and are open to volunteers for this. There is no need to be a certified chef!

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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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## Celebrating the Retirement of Anne Marie

This January our beloved office manager, Anne Marie has retired. Anne Marie was with us for eleven and a half years and was widely known as “The Mother of Saint John’s” by staff, volunteers, and residents alike. Nicknamed “The Radar”, she was known for going above, beyond, and out of her way to find an answer or solution for anyone in need of help. She was a wealth of information and there was nothing she wouldn’t do for you. Her self-proclaimed purpose for being at Saint John’s was to live out the gospel of Matthew 23, and she did just that. At the end of January, we hosted a retirement party for her, where we celebrated Anne Marie’s hard work and years of commitment to Saint John’s. Anne Marie truly embodied the spirit of Saint John’s and she will be missed.



## Remembering the Life of Hanif Jackson

We regret to inform you that this February our operations manager Hanif Jackson passed away. Hanif worked for St. John’s for 25 years and is credited by some as starting our coffee house program. He was known for his passion for the program and compassion for others. Director Barry Martin has said, “The spirit of coffee house embodies the compassion of Hanif.” Remembered as a great leader and somebody to count on, Hanif would fill in wherever he was needed, no matter how big or small the role was. Others recall what a pleasure it was to see him come in every morning, and how Hanif was someone you could talk to about anything. We remember Hanif with gratitude and love and ask that you say a prayer for him and his family.

## Save the Date: Boot Up Philly - October 28th, 2023

We are thrilled to announce that on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, we will host our annual Boot Up Philly distribution day! Boot Up Philly strives to mimic the work of St. John Neumann, who would give the shoes off his feet to those in need. Last year, we significantly exceeded our goal by raising over \$161,000, which allowed us to serve over 500 men, women, and children and distribute thousands of undergarments, feminine products, coats, food, and boots to those in need. We are so thankful for all who supported last year’s Boot Up Philly initiative and hope you will partner with us again this year to help make an even larger impact in the lives of those who need it most in the City of Brotherly Love.

To learn more about Boot Up Philly, please visit our website at [saintjohnshospice.org/bootupphilly](http://saintjohnshospice.org/bootupphilly).



## Giving Back to Saint John’s Hospice



# Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are an essential part of Saint John’s daily operation. Without them, we wouldn’t be able to carry out our mission of helping those less fortunate in the great city of Philadelphia. We are currently in need of more volunteers on a regular basis to help serve during our mealtime programs. Lunch is served Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM and our dinner program is Monday through Friday from 4 PM to 6 PM. We hope to have you come and spend some time with us to help out and truly see just how special Saint John’s really is.

To learn more about our programs or sign up to volunteer, please visit:

[saintjohnshospice.org/volunteer/how-to](http://saintjohnshospice.org/volunteer/how-to)