

A Family When You Need It Most

FALL 2019

NEWS FROM OUR HOUSE

Resident Spotlight

RITA KISIL, A MODEL Of Faith & Love

Rita was never afraid of death. Her strong faith was palpable in all she said and did. Just three days before she passed away, Rita saw her husband Bill, who died in 2007, at the foot of her bed.

Rita relayed the story to her children about her latenight encounter. "The caregiver came in to see who I was talking to. I told her it was Kisil. He was wearing his wedding suit." Rita smiled as she spoke, assuring her family all would be well. As usual, Rita's faith and love was helping family and friends prepare for life's next challenge.

Family always came first in Rita's life. She grew up on Shonnard Street on Syracuse's west side in a loving, hard-working family. They were active members of St. Lucy's Church. Her father owned and operated Whitehouse Bakery. Growing up during the Depression was challenging, but the family was grateful for what they had.

Rita recalled a time in grade school. "It was my birthday and no celebration was expected." Rita continued with a giggle "So I invited all of my friends to my house after school—without telling my mother. She didn't get mad. She went inside and brought out a big pitcher of chocolate milk. We each got a glass. We were all so happy. It was a great day."



Rita celebrated her 91st birthday at Francis House with her family and friends

When Rita grew up, she continued to focus on family. She always felt her heart and her home were big enough for whoever needed to be included. She was always working. First at the phone company, then her father's bakery, and she then decided to become a nurse. Her days were busy working at Crouse-Irving and Hutchings. However, she always had time for her family which included her 7 natural-born children and 4 foster children. She expanded her family with 5 unwed mothers who found themselves pregnant with nowhere to turn. Rita welcomed them, and their children, into her home.

Earlier this year Rita had a surprise visitor—the son of the once teenage mother that became part of Rita's family. Now a successful attorney, he was traveling in this area and went to his childhood home to find Rita had moved due to her illness. He found Rita and spent the afternoon sharing updates on his family, thanking Rita for saving his life and enabling him to have a full life with a wife and three children of his own.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The Butterfly Conservatory in Niagara Falls, Canada is a magical place. As you walk through the maze of green plants and brightly-colored flowers, you see butterflies of all sizes and colors flying around from every direction. If you are fortunate, one of these delicate creatures will be attracted to you and land on your shoulder, head or hand. On one particular visit, I was wearing a multicolored, Francis House pin. A beautiful blue butterfly landed on it and stayed- until it realized it was not a food source! For that moment though, I felt pure joy.

Butterflies have had many meanings to different cultures and religions for hundreds of years. They have been described as a symbol of the Divine presence in all life and the call to embrace it. In some traditions, the butterfly means strength, hope or life transformation.

In the Christian tradition, the butterfly can symbolize resurrection and the spirit of someone we love. The stained-glass window in the meditation room at Francis House has three sections. To the left is the caterpillar itself crawling on the surface of the earth. To the right is the chrysalis, or pre-emergent butterfly hanging from a branch. The center section contains a stunning monarch butterfly, wings spread, ready for flight. For us, the butterfly symbolizes the transformation our residents experience as they shed their human bodies and become fully alive, free spirits. It is a powerful and deep representation of life.

Recently a caregiver shared that as he sat on his porch having tea, a monarch butterfly flew around him. He had not seen many monarch butterflies and thought how unusual it was. After contemplating the moment, he thought about a resident to whom he had spent some time at the end of his last shift. He called Francis House and was told that the resident had passed away that same morning. To this caregiver, the butterfly was a symbol of that resident, free and happy.

Thank you for the support you give to Francis House so that we may continue to be there for the people who need us as they approach the end of life. Thank you for making our home one of strength, hope and transformation. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to witness the Divine presence in all of the special people we welcome through our doors.

In Peace and Gratitude,

Many Light

Nancy Light, Executive Director



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The following week his mother traveled from Missouri with her husband to say goodbye to Rita and thank her for being an answer to her prayers.

Rita was never without visitors at Francis House. Her family was always by her side. Staff, volunteers and visitors enjoyed Rita's stories and her wit. A favorite story was about the infamous date with her future husband.

"My pastor told me that when I found a good man, I should spill my soup on him in public. Then I could watch his reaction and know how he would treat me. So, one night we were at a restaurant and I dumped my whole bowl of soup on his lap. He just looked at me and calmly said, "Don't worry, it's alright. That's when I decided I would marry him."

Rita touched many people in her life. She gave her time to church and many other community organizations. She always offered support.

Even in her final weeks of life, it was Rita who helped her loved ones accept her illness and her prognosis. She was unwavering in her



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strength and her faith. We were blessed to welcome Rita—and her extended family—into our Francis House family.

THANK YOU ISABEL

In July, we said goodbye to Isabel McCormack, our Francis Corps volunteer for the past year. Isabel had a beautiful connection with our residents and families. We wish her success as she pursues her path to becoming a nurse.

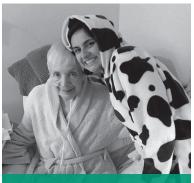
Discovery Of Love

By Isabel McCormack, FC 20

Where am I called to go from here? Well, physically, in a few weeks, I am packing up and leaving Syracuse, leaving Francis House, and going home. I am hopefully starting a nursing program in Chicago within the next year, which is a decision I am confident in, and one that I can thank Francis House and its entire staff for helping me to see so clearly. When I think back to this year, though, I am not going to hold in high regard the moment that I made the decision to become a nurse. I am going to remember all the moments, both incredibly challenging and lifegiving, that have shaped me into the person that has not only made the decision for my next step, but has also has impacted each step I will take after.

I am heartbroken to leave Francis House, and yet so ready to go on to my next adventure. I am going to take so much from Syracuse with me: the love from residents and their family members, memories from staff and volunteers who have become like family to me, the personal growth I've made, the many frustrations and joys both at the FrancisCorps house and my service site, and the life-changing friendships I've made. Each experience I've had this year, both large and small, impacted me and altered my trajectory for the path I am taking in life.

The most impactful "experience" I've had this year that I am going to be taking with me, and definitely the hardest to explain in a short blog post, is a new discovery of love. I have soaked



Isabel trick-or-treating with resident Rosalie B.

up so much love and joy this year at Francis House, and reflecting on it, I know that I am called to share that love wherever I go, starting at home with my family and at school, and continuing on to my profession. I am called to a life of service, no matter where I am or in what capacity I am serving. There is a handful of people whom I have met this year, or have heard about from other service sites in Syracuse, who have taught me this lesson.

They live with so much love and generosity, not just doing service, but living service. Those are the people who change the world, one small community at a time. Those are the people that have inspired me, and that's how I know where I am called to go from here. I have learned from this year that am called to be a nurse, but more than that, I have learned that I am called to be one who has a heart for service. I am called, to the best of my ability at every stage of my life, to reach out to and to generously serve both the people around me and those at the periphery.

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For more information please go to our website **www.francishouseny.org** or contact Adrienne Kelley, Assistant Director of Development at 315-475-5422 or email akelley@francishouseny.org.

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MOBILE BIDDING FOR THE SILENT AUCTION!

Once again, we have teamed up with GiveSmart, to provide mobile bidding for our silent auction items. Guests of the event (and those who are not able to attend) have the ability to bid on a smart phone, iPad, tablet or computer.

You may start bidding September 25th and throughout the night of October 9th. You will receive notices when you've been outbid and if you are the winner.

How to register in advance:

Go to **tnplh19.auction-bid.org** and click the "Register" tab at the top of the page. It is a secure site and your information is confidential. Fill out the information, accept the terms and conditions and input your credit card information. You will receive a text message from 24700. Respond with YES to receive your outbid notifications. You will receive one more message and you are ready to bid.

This is a fun way for our out-of-town supporters to be a part of the excitement of the event!

How to register the night of the event:

Register your phone with of the GiveSmart staff members at the event. Look for your "Welcome" text message from GiveSmart.

Unable to attend the event but would like to donate:

Open the blue link in your registration text from GiveSmart. Click the Green "donate" tab and type in your donation amount. No dollar signs or decimals needed.

To donate via text:

Respond to the text message from GiveSmart (24700) with the word "GIVE" a space and the amount of your donation. No dollar signs or decimals needed EX. GIVE 500 just made a donation of \$500!

We hope our out-of-town benefactors and family members will be a part of our event through mobile bidding.

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- ▶ One week stay for two at Chabil Mar Villa Belize, Central America
- ➤ Thermal Electric 8 Bottle Wine Cellar with touch panel adjustable thermostat
- ▶ Buffalo Sabres Experience including tickets to game and hotel for two
- ➤ Cooking Class for 12 at Vince's Gourmet Imports





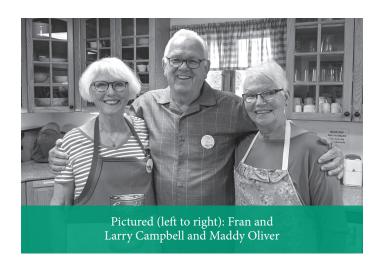
Pictured left to right: Event Steering Committee Member Tracy Durkin, Syracuse Mets Manager Tony DeFrancesco, General Manager Jason Smorol, Bench Coach Benny Distefano with Assistant Director of Development, Adrienne Kelley.

Syracuse Mets stopped by Francis House to donate several items for the There's No Place Like Home event silent auction, including a autographed Tim Tebow jersey.

AND MANY MORE!

Volunteer Spotlight:

MADDY OLIVER, FRAN AND LARRY CAMPBELL: INSPIRING FRIENDSHIP



Maddy Oliver was standing in line at a store and overheard a woman talking about Francis House and what a wonderful place it was. "It was perfect timing," shares Maddy. "I had been retired a few years and I was looking for a meaningful way to spend my free time." She decided to call Francis House for a tour and began volunteering the next day. That was fifteen years ago.

After a few years of volunteering, Maddy brought her friend Larry Campbell to volunteer with her. Larry says it was an easy decision to sign up as a volunteer. "He has such an easy rapport with residents," shares Maddy. "He sits right down and has genuine conversations. It makes me smile."

In 2013, Larry's mother-in-law Nancy Poillon became a resident at Francis House. It was then that Larry's wife decided to join her husband Larry and her long-time friend Maddy in volunteering. Fran knew she had something special to offer after her experience. Every Wednesday evening Larry volunteers; and Maddy and Fran alternate weeks to volunteer with Larry.

When all three were asked why they continue to volunteer, they responded, "We are inspired by seeing the wonderful caregivers, staff members and volunteers giving wholeheartedly of themselves to this ministry. We are proud to be a part of this unique and important service to our community." The three say their favorite quote sums it up, "I learned to create from another's suffering my own usefulness, and once you know how to do this, you can never refuse."

When they are not volunteering, the three, along with Maddy's friend Richard Lightcap, often spend time together. They enjoy travel and winter in the same community in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. During SU basketball season they are rooting for the Orange.

The three also share common careers in education. Maddy, a teacher, and Fran, a teacher and librarian, taught together at elementary schools in the Jamesville-Dewitt District for over 30 years. Larry taught for 27 years in the East Syracuse-Minoa School District.

Maddy had a long, happy marriage to Richard Oliver, a middle school principal in the East-Minoa School district, who passed away in 2010. She has four stepchildren, five grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren. She enjoys gardening and hiking trails in our area and the Adirondacks with her friend Richard.

Larry grew up on the south side of Syracuse. He met Fran, an Albany native, through his sister. Their first date was at a peace march. This year they celebrate 45 years of marriage. They have one daughter and a granddaughter.

We are grateful for the commitment Maddy, Larry and Fran have to supporting our residents and families. But they insist they receive much more than they give. Shares Maddy, "Just the other day someone thanked us for being here. My response was, 'We love being here with you.' The woman replied, 'We can tell you do!' That was the most wonderful thing anyone could say to us. We love being at Francis House!"

Make a Difference In Someone's Life Become A Volunteer

Join our Francis House family and make a difference in the lives of others. For more information, contact Rea Carver, Volunteer Coordinator at 315-475-5422.

A DAY OF FRIENDSHIP AND FASHION



New Auxiliary Board Members (left to right): Kathleen Conway, Betty Szatkowski, Emily Alberts and Melissa Braun.

"Today is a celebration of friendship and fashion, but most importantly, it's about the special people who spend their final days at Francis House," shared Kathy Sportelli, co-chair of the Auxiliary Annual Meeting and Luncheon. Kathy and fellow co-chair Lis Fournier welcomed over 250 guests for the event held on May 16th at the Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Hotel.

The luncheon's spring garden theme featured topiary watering can centerpieces and seed packet favors. In the background a video showed moments from the Auxiliary's past events.

Jane Morgan's Little House once again presented a fashion show including our favorite model Sister Colette Walter, Francis House mission integration coordinator.

Patte DeStaffan, Auxiliary president, reported on a successful year of activities. She thanked outgoing Board members Lisa DiMiceli, Dawn Falge, Cathy Haley, Kristin Mancuso, Dorothy Wagner and Francie Smith for the many hours of service they have given over the

years. Auxiliary nominating chair Kristin Mancuso welcomed newly voted-in Board members Emily Alberts, Melissa Braun, Kathleen Conway, Rita Romano and Betty Szatkowski

Lisa DiMiceli, Auxiliary treasurer, presented Executive Director Nancy Light with a check for \$15,000 representing proceeds from the past year of activities. Lisa also reported that the Auxiliary gifted Francis House \$5,000 at Christmas.

Youth Auxiliary co-president Sophia Sportelli shared her experiences over the past year. She reported on the volunteer activities of the group and that they had collected 1,100 rolls of paper towels for the house over the past year. The Youth Auxiliary presented Francis House with a check for \$1,200.

Nancy Light thanked the Auxiliary Board and members for the great support for our ministry and their efforts to grow and strengthen the Francis House family.



Lisa DiMiceli, Auxiliary treasurer; Kristin Mancuso, Auxiliary nominating chair; Betty Hatem, luncheon committee; Patte DeStaffan, Auxiliary president; and Lis Fournier, luncheon co-chair.

AUXILIARY PRIZE GATHERING





Thank you Kathy Sportelli and Patte DeStaffan of the Francis House Auxiliary for hosting a wonderful prize party in support of There's No Place Like Home event. Pictured above Sister Colette Walter, Francis House Mission Integration Coordinator and co-host, Kathy Sportelli, share a smile. Also pictured above, Auxiliary Board Member Melissa Braun welcomes guests Michelle Militi, Nuala Andrews and Emily Behan.

THANK YOU...

We are grateful to the Anaren employees for taking time out of their busy day to clean windows and helping make Francis House look great. Thank you Vietnam Veterans of CNY Foundation for their generous donation in support of our veteran residents.



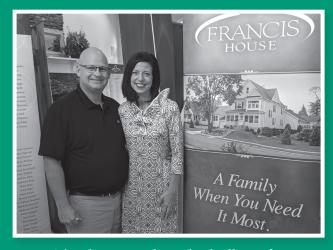
Thank you Gingerbread Preschool and Daycare for collecting 100lbs of coffee for Francis House wish list.



Adrienne Kelley, assistant director of development, thanks Brian O'Connor and the family members of resident, Harriet "Terry" Boysen for donating proceeds from the golf tournament.



Congratulations Jerry Cali for being named a finalist in the 2019 WellCare Champions. Francis House was awarded \$1,000 in your honor.



Thank you Emily and Ed Alberts for opening their beautiful home and hosting a wonderful evening in support of "There's No Place Like Home".

Thank you Sr. Maria Salerno and Peter Rhodes for your many years of service on the Francis House Board of Directors. We are grateful for your leadership and your hands-on help for the many projects and activities of our ministry.

Than you to the St. Joseph's Physician office on Taft Road for your collection of pantry items.

THE FRANCISCAN PERSPECTIVE

Francis House is named after St. Francis of Assisi. Our mission and values, and the guide for our ministry, are rooted in Franciscan values. But what are Franciscan values and what it means to be Franciscan in the world we live in? We asked Sister Kathleen Osbelt, Founder of Francis House, to share her thoughts on the Franciscan perspective:

The Franciscan perspective on the world has always been one of abundance. Our gracious Creator loves us with an abundant love that never stops, no matter what we do, who we are, or what mistakes we make. That abundant love has surrounded us with an unending supply of gifts... food, beauty, family, community. And it is gratitude for these gifts that is the hallmark of the Franciscan or anyone, who is aware of this overwhelming love and generosity of God.

Followers of the Franciscan Tradition believe in a loving God who desires for us to live as One. A God who calls us to unity and reciprocity, while celebrating diversity. This means regarding all things and people with great respect and reverence. All creatures bear the mark of the Creator and are meant to be regarded by us, as God regards them. This means that there is nothing and no one superior to anything or anyone else. There is nothing or no one who is undeserving of love.

Both of these perspectives undergird the values by which all of us at Francis House fulfill our ministry. We are ever grateful for the abundance of gifts that we observe every day: those gifts of time, which come through our caregivers and volunteers as well as the gifts from our donors. All residents are a gift to us by allowing us the privilege of caring for them in their last days. We celebrate and hold in great respect the diversity of each person as we strive to regard each person with that unconditional love of God.

Francis House is blessed with our very large family of residents, their families, staff, volunteers and donors. Together, we create a piece of what Jesus called the "Reign of God."

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce newly elected members to our Board of Directors. Thank you for your dedication to our ministry.



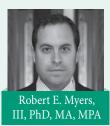
Sister Jane Bourne operates NunBetter, the Sisters of St. Francis' chocolate store. Sister Jane founded and ran Gingerbread Preschool and Daycare that originated in houses where Francis House's 114 Michaels Ave home now stands.

Ten years ago, Sister Jane created a welcome bag for children and grandchildren of Francis House residents. The special package provides treats and supplies for children to make cards for their loved one. Every bag also includes a letter of support.



Alicia Calagiovanni is an attorney with Costello, Cooney and Fearon PLLC specializing in estate planning, wills, trusts and elder law. She is a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law. Alicia volunteers her time to many

organizations including serving as a house volunteer for Francis House. She is the Co-Vice President of the Onondaga Community College Foundation; lector and Eucharistic minister to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse; lay member to of the Religious Retirement Committee of the Diocese of Syracuse.



Robert E. Myers, III, PhD, MA, MPA comes to the Francis House Board as a liaison for Partners in Franciscan Ministries. Rob is the Executive Director of The Kelberman Center, the regional center of excellence on autism in Central New York. He

was appointed to the State Autism Advisory Board and serves on numerous committees of The American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disability (AAIDD). Throughout his career he has also worked within the United Nations system on issues related to disability and equity.



Joe Russo born and raised in Syracuse, a graduate of Le Moyne College. Joe worked at Peat Marwick & Mitchell CPA before assuming the leadership role in the family business, Russo Produce Co. Russo Produce has served CNY for over

100 years. Joe served on the Le Moyne College Board of Regents for 25 years as well as a Board Member of the Dolphin Athletic Association. For the past 18 years Joe, together with Paula and Andy, hosts a Memorial Golf Outing in memory of their dad which funds the Russo Family Scholarship at Le Moyne College helping over 200 students attain their dreams. Joe served as Francis House event chair last year and event vice-chair in 2017.

AWARD-WINING YOUTH FRANCIS HOUSE AUXILIARY MEMBERS YOUTH AUXILIAR

We have been blessed with a talented and dedicated group of young men and women who make up our Francis House Youth Auxiliary. The group was founded in 2006 with a goal to engage high school students in our ministry. Today the group continues to meet monthly during the school year and volunteer for activities inside and outside Francis House.

We are proud of the accomplishments of our Youth Auxiliary Members. We wish our graduates a successful college career and recognize the many awards they received upon graduation included:

Katelyn Lowther West Genesee

- Presidential Scholarship, University of Vermont
- Jeff Proietti Memorial Scholarship

Hughie White Marcellus

- John J. Lamanche Scholarship
- Driver-Sweet Memorial Scholarship
- Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award

Caroline Trytek Marcellus

- Marcellus Faculty Award Scholarship
- Marcellus Booster Club Scholarship

Sophia Sportelli CBA

- Service Scholarship at St. John Fisher
- The CNY Young and Amazing Award for Philanthropy 2019
- President's De La Salle Leadership Award 2019
- Community Service Award

Nicole Tessier West Genesee

- Presidential Scholarship at University of Vermont
- Rensselaer Medalist

Lindsay Chamberlain West Genesee

- Camillus Optimist Student of the Year 2018
- University Scholarship at Seton Hall

Christopher Bushnell CBA

- Wilder Leadership Scholarship at the University of Rochester
- Distinguished Senior Award by the CBA Alumni Association
- AP Scholar Award
- Scholar Athlete Award, Varsity Golf and Swimming

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By naming Francis House's Endowment The Caring Fund in your will or other planned giving vehicles, you will be impacting the lives of our residents and family members for many years to come.

As with any financial decision, you should contact your accountant or financial advisor to discover what type of gift is best for you.

For more information on The Caring Fund, go to **www.francishouseny.org** or contact Beth Lynn Hoey, Director of Development at 315-475-5422.

WISH LIST

Miscellaneous

- 8 ½ x 11 white & colored copy paper
- Grocery store gift cards
- Home improvement gift cards
- Postage stamps

Food

- Applesauce snack cups with sugar
- Bisquick
- Broth: beef, chicken vegetable
- Brownie mix: fudge, dark
- Cake mix: yellow, chocolate
- Canned fruit (small): peaches, mandarin oranges
- Chocolate chips (semi-sweet)
- Coffee: decaf, regular
- Cookie mix
- Cooking oils: olive, canola
- Cooking spray
- Crackers: Ritz, club, oyster, saltine
- Cremora creamer
- Frostings: chocolate, vanilla, cream cheese
- Fruit snack cups: cherry, mixed fruit
- Gravy: chicken, beef
- Jello snack cups: strawberry & orange
- Juice: cranberry juice cocktail, apple
- Mayonnaise (30oz)
- Nuts shelled: almonds, walnuts
- Pancake syrup & mix
- Peanut butter (16oz. jar-creamy)
- Pie fillings: cherry, blueberry, apple

- Pudding snack cups
- Quick bread & muffin mix
- Soda: colas, root beer, ginger ale
- Soup: chicken noodle, tomato, mushroom
- Sugar: granulated, brown, confectioners
- Tomato: diced, crushed
- Tuna: (canned) solid white, light

Paper Goods

- Flexible straws
- Freezer & storage bags (all sizes)
- Paper towels
- Parchment paper
- Snack bags

Household

- Dishwasher detergent gel pacs
- Disinfecting wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Liquid hand soap
- Swiffer sweeper cloths (dry & wet)
- Trash bags (13 & 30 gallon)

Supplies

- Alcohol pads
- Baby wipes (unscented)
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CORE VALUES OF FRANCIS HOUSE

Compassion, Unconditional Acceptance, Respect and Dignity.