



Villa Siena Views

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Meet our Villa Siena Supervisors

Matt Burke, Ann Kaye, Corine Bernard, Sr. Jean Marie Williams, D.C., Justin Bernard, Felix Cortez, Fabian Montebello, Alvin Silva, and Joy Lagundino

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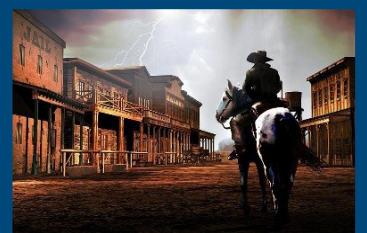
Showcasing awards & accomplishments and the generosity of people.

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Our 2nd annual Winter Wonderland event in December held at Villa Siena.

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"A Night at the OK Corral"

On Saturday evening September 17th Villa Siena hosted "A Night at the OK Corral" the annual fall themed fundraising event. Attended by a crowd of nearly 250, participants enjoyed an evening of BBQ, line dancing, socializing, and fun games.

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Meet our Villa Siena Supervisors

MEET CORINE BERNARD – Corine is the Executive Director. She oversees the entire operations of Villa Siena. Corine has been at Villa Siena for over 23 years. A fun fact about Corine is that she is a big sports fan and loves family game nights which happen often in her family. She says the best part of working at Villa Siena is being able to work with the Daughters of Charity in helping carry out their mission of serving the elderly. The best advice she has ever been given regarding work is "Find a job that you love and make sure you find it rewarding".

MEET JOY LAGUNDINO – Joy is the Director of Staff Development. She oversees the continued education of the staff members, new orientations and is the Assistant to the Director of Nursing. Joy has been at Villa Siena for over 28 years. A fun fact about Joy is that she loves to travel and she is a foodie who speaks 2 dialects, a bit of Tagalog and Ilokano. Joy says the best part of working at Villa Siena is the residents and her co-workers. When asked what was the best advice, she was given regarding work, she says "When you work, do it for the Lord and not to please others".

MEET FABIAN MONTEBELLO – Fabian is the Director of Food Services. He oversees all aspects of the food service department in both buildings. Fabian has been at Villa Siena for over 19 years. A fun fact about Fabian is he loves to cook, is a professional bartender and speaks both Spanish and English fluently. He says the best part of working at Villa Siena is being guided by the core values which include treating each resident with respect and working in a family orientated facility. Fabian says the best advice he has been given in regard to work is "Be proactive and seize career growth opportunities".

MEET FELIX CORTEZ – Felix is the Housekeeping/Laundry Supervisor. Felix is responsible for all aspects of the environmental department. Felix has been at Villa Siena for over 4 years. A fun fact about Felix is that he finds cleaning and cooking very relaxing. He says the best part of working at Villa Siena is the people and the core values. When asked what was the best advice, he was ever given regarding work, he says "Every person you meet is a potential door to a new opportunity, personally or professionally. Build good bridges because you never know how they will weave into a larger picture of your life".

MEET ANN KAYE – Ann is the Director of Nursing. She is responsible for all aspects of the Nursing Department and is second in charge in the absence of Corine. Ann has been at Villa Siena for over 3 years. A fun fact about Ann is that she once ran a half marathon and she is also learning to speak Hebrew and French. Ann says the best part of working at Villa Siena is the people. She says the people here make her happy every day that she is here.

MEET SR. JEAN MARIE WILLIAMS, D.C. – Sr. Jean Marie is the Director of Mission/Spiritual Services. She oversees all the religious programs at Villa Siena and provides spiritual support to the residents and staff. Sr. Jean Marie has been at Villa Siena for over 2 years. A fun fact about Sr. Jean Marie is that she speaks Russian and spent 7 years in Russia as a Daughter of Charity Missionary. Sr. Jean Marie says the best part of working at Villa Siena is learning from and journeying with the residents and staff. When asked what was the best work advice, she ever received, she says "Let go and let God!".

MEET JUSTIN BERNARD – Justin is the Marketing/Admissions Supervisor. He is responsible for all aspects of Admission and Marketing. Justin has been at Villa Siena for over 11 years. A fun fact about Justin is that he has bowled over 16 perfect 300 games and loves golfing. He says the best part of working at Villa Siena is the family like environment that you can't find anywhere else. He says the best advice he has received regarding work is "Don't chase the dollar, you won't find happiness".

MEET MATT BURKE – Matt is the Social Services/Activity Supervisor. Matt oversees all aspects of the Social Service and Activity Departments. He has been at Villa Siena for over 19 years. A fun fact about Matt is that he is a writer including short stories, columns and articles for various publications. He says the best part of working for Villa Siena is serving the residents and making their life better. When asked what was the best advice he has ever received regarding work, he says "No matter what you are tasked with, put your mind to it and give 100% of yourself".

MEET ALVIN SILVA – Alvin is the Maintenance Supervisor. He is responsible for all aspects of maintenance. Alvin has been at Villa Siena for over 14 years. A fun fact about Alvin is that he speaks Portuguese, loves camping, gardening, and wood working. Alvin says the best part of working at Villa Siena is the residents. He says the best work advice he has received is "Always give 100%".



"A Night at the OK Corral"

As attendees arrived at the OK Corral Night they were greeted by Sr. Jean Marie Williams, D.C. and our western photographer who took photos of the guests.

Reflecting the theme, Villa Siena's courtyard was transformed into a Western town full of attractions and activities including line dancing, panning for gold, 5 card poker, a wild west display, a western saloon, and more.

The Crowd enjoyed the BBQ from "Big Boy BBQ" which included brisket, chicken and sausages. The Villa Siena Dietary Staff served wonderful appetizers, side dishes and great desserts.

While being entertained by The Dancing Cowboy, our guests were led in different types of line dancing. Attendees also purchased raffle tickets in hopes of winning the grand prize a Carmel Valley Ranch stay and golf for 4 with a \$1500 resort gift card.

Proceeds from the fundraiser went towards the Villa Siena Foundation mission of supporting our residents who outlive their financial resources. A big thank you to all the donors, sponsors, volunteers, and attendees for making this event a huge success!



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We are truly thankful for all the individuals, business, and organizations that supported our ongoing mission of the Villa Siena Foundation during 2022.

We will remember your generosity in our prayers during the year.

Villa Siena is blessed to have so many people involved in our Mission of serving seniors within our community. We are grateful for the involvement of The Daughters of Charity, our staff and especially our volunteers and supporters who are such a significant part of what we do every day. If it weren't for our supporters, we would not be able to carry out our mission of providing excellent care to those we serve regardless of their financial ability.

On behalf of Villa Siena Thank you!

Corine Bernard

Executive Director

Villa Siena/Villa Siena Foundation

2022 has been a particularly challenging year for all of us, but especially for the residents. Through all of this, with cases of Covid still occurring, and the addition of flu and RSV, the residents have shown remarkable resiliency.

Knowing that they will always have a home, even as their finances dwindle, gives great comfort and peace to residents and their families. Your generosity and support ensure they will continue to enjoy the many blessings of Villa Siena.

On behalf of the Villa Siena Foundation Board of Directors – THANK YOU!

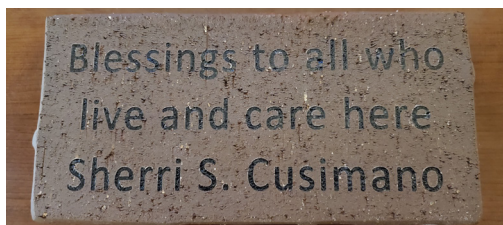
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Members of the Heritage Society and Founders' Circle are also listed on our Donor Wall*

Leave a legacy...

... in sponsoring a memorial brick or a bench in honor or in memory of a loved one.



Engraved bricks are beautifully displayed near the fountain next to the St. Louise Chapel. Inscribe the brick with wording of your choice. \$500 per brick.



Benches are located throughout the peaceful grounds and courtyard at Villa Siena. Inscribed bronze plates in honor of your loved one. Costs vary depending on location of the bench.

Sponsorships are tax-deductible and support the Villa Siena Foundation. For more information, please visit our website at www.villa-siena.org or contact Monique Flores, Development Assistant at (650) 318-5813

Villa Vignettes



Excellence in Programming

Two activities were separately honored with an Excellence in Programming Award at the 2022 California Association of Health Care Facilities conference held in Palm Springs. These annual, statewide awards are handed out in November and are based on a program's individual merit and the impact the program has had on its respective community.

"Simply Succulents" is a weekly garden club that was formed by the activity department staff and a dedicated group of Villa Siena residents. Many of the succulents and other materials that went into the creation of this charming garden were obtained by way of generous donations. The garden has become a great source of inspiration to those residents involved in its routine care.

"Boogie Woogie" is an exercise program that takes place twice per week prior to the noontime meal in the skilled nursing center. The program brings staff members from various departments together with residents to partake in a spirited session of movement that is set to music. It has been the ideal segue into meals and has lifted the atmosphere in the dining room during the lunch hour.



Noni Blankets

Acts of kindness are nothing new to Diane Calcagno. She has been crocheting her "Noni Blankets" for the varsity football team at Saint Francis High School for decades. It has become an Autumn tradition of sorts, a tradition that requires countless hours of intricate work and a generous dose of goodwill.

Earlier this summer, Diane reached out to Villa Siena staff in hopes of positively impacting another demographic of people with her handmade "Noni Blankets." She committed to crocheting a blanket for each resident living in our skilled nursing center. Blankets were tailored to match the color preferences of individual residents, and the results were outstanding. Residents were overcome by Diane's thoughtfulness and creativity, and her charitable acts of kindness will not soon be forgotten.



Dates for our 2023 Fundraising Events



Our 12th annual **Bocce Ball Tournament** will take place on **May 8, 2023** at Campo di Bocce in Los Gatos. Go to our website at www.villa-siena.org to register for this event.

Our Fall Fundraising event theme for 2023 will be **"A Night at the Kentucky Derby"**. Stay tuned for more information.

Villa Siena's 2nd Annual "Winter Wonderland"



On Friday December 9th, 2022 Villa Siena had our 2nd Winter Wonderland event. The courtyard was transformed with decorative lights, 35 Christmas Trees, and our Gingerbread Café. Our residents enjoyed a wonderful time with family and friends as they took in the Christmas decorations and the wonderful sweets and treats. Due to weather conditions we were unable to hold our second night of our event and we would like to thank everyone for their understanding. All proceeds from the fundraiser went towards the Villa Siena Foundation's mission of supporting our residents who outlive their financial resources. Our thanks to all the donors, sponsors, tree sponsors, volunteers, and attendees for making this event a success.

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VILLA SIENA'S VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

OUR VISION:

Inspired by the compassionate healing ministry of Jesus Christ and the mission of the Catholic Church to promote dignity and justice for all people of God, Villa Siena is a values-driven residential and skilled nursing care facility whose administration, employees and collaborators strive to advance the Mission through idea, influence and action. As a Daughter of Charity sponsored ministry, we are faithful to the tradition of service established by our founders, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Louise De Marillac and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

- Make a positive difference in the life and human development of individuals and communities.
- Serve the spiritual, physical, social and emotional needs of seniors in a spirit of humility, simplicity and charity.
- Create an atmosphere of hospitality involvement and concern for our residents, their families and our employees and volunteers.

OUR CORE VALUES:

The Charity of Christ urges us to:

- Respect, quality service, simplicity, advocacy for the poor, and inventiveness to infinity.

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