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MI Knights Provide \$100K Matching Grant to SLC

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As with many non-profits during the pandemic year of 2020, St. Louis Center in Chelsea, MI struggled to maintain its budget projections without being able to hold fundraisers throughout the year. The events that were scheduled during the first half of the year were cancelled or pushed into the fall, and by the end of the year, the Center had to make up a \$650,000 deficit to continue caring for the 70 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities who reside there. Thankfully during the month of December, Fr. Enzo Addari, CEO and his staff were able to reach out to their many friends in the community to raise the funds needed to close that gap.

Now that the first challenge has been met, St. Louis Center will need to continue to reach out to the community for help so they don't fall behind, and that's where the Michigan Knights of Columbus come in. Under the leadership of State Deputy Walter Winkle of Columbus, MI, (St. Clair County), the State Council of the Knights have agreed to support St. Louis Center with a \$100,000 matching grant. So every \$500 donated to the Center will become a \$1000 donation under this program. "January comes and the costs continue, so we knew we had to do something to help," said Winkle. "It makes us feel good to make this donation which was raised by Knights throughout the State of Michigan. It was a collaborative effort."

Fr. Addari says that. "St. Louis Center is grateful to the community and the Knights of Michigan for the continued interest and support for the safety and care of the residents. We have a very vulnerable population that would be lost without a place like St. Louis Center to call their home. Thanks to everyone for their prayers and contributions."

For more information about St. Louis Center or to donate, please visit www.stlouiscenter.org, or call Development Director Christina Ferris at 734-475-8430. St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year in Chelsea, MI.

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St. Louis Center is a caring, residential, family living and learning environment providing for the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children and adults with developmental disabilities.