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HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY, ED TIERNEY!

Happy 80th Birthday to Mr. Ed Tierney, a longtime St. Christopher's Inn donor who knows how to celebrate! On Saturday, June 12th, Mr.



Ed Tierney, Grace Poling, and Brian Meagher

Tierney invited more than 100 of his closest friends and family to join him at Patricia's of Tremont for a delicious lunch and to celebrate his special birthday, with one special caveat. In lieu of gifts, he asked that everyone make a donation to St. Christopher's Inn in honor of his birthday! From his cousin in Ireland to his nephew in California, so many of Ed's friends and family heard the call and responded with such generosity. A total of nearly \$9,000.00 was raised to benefit the men of St. Christopher's Inn who are working towards a better life in Recovery! We are so grateful to Mr. Tierney for remembering the Inn on this special occasion, and for



Ed Tierney & Ed Walsh

encouraging others to join in his support. The food and the conversation flowed, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful time celebrating a lovely and generous man, while making a difference in the lives of so many. Thank you, Mr. Tierney!

We welcome anyone interested in hosting an event to benefit St. Christopher's Inn—call us to discuss.

Spotlight on the SCI Board: VALERIE MASTRONARDI

Valerie and her late husband Nick first became involved with the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in 1996, where they helped found the Sharing Hope Celebration Dinner. During a visit to St. Christopher's Inn with Fr. Bernie Palka, SA, then Director and CEO of the Inn, Valerie became very interested in its mission of hope. Minister General Fr. Art Johnson, SA encouraged Valerie to join the first lay Board of Directors, which she did in September of 2000. Valerie says that the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way," greatly influenced her decision to join the board as it is exactly what the Inn seeks to do for men in crisis due to homelessness and addiction.



"It is so moving to attend Sunday Mass and experience the Inn's beautiful choir" says Valerie. "Without fail, I am always brought to tears when I hear the men singing. I am blessed to see the men on their road to recovery, perfectly groomed and dressed conservatively through the generosity of the benefactors who replenish our shop. You can see peace and contentment in their eyes."

Valerie was born and raised in the Parkchester section of the Bronx. She attended the College of Mount Saint Vincent in Riverdale, where she received a B.S. in Business. She also attended the New York School of Interior Design. After Nick and Valerie were married, they made their home in Parkchester. In 1967, they moved their growing family to Mamaroneck in Westchester County. Nick and Valerie were members of the Winged Foot Country Club for 40 years.

As an avid reader, and due to her deep Catholic faith, Valerie enjoys reading literature that is based on religious philosophy and insights written by both clergy and lay authors. She is also a fan and personal friend of the prolific author, Mary Higgins Clark, who is also active in the same circuit of charitable Catholic causes in the metro NY area as Valerie.

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amazon wishlist UPDATE

Since we first created and shared the Amazon Wish list, here is a list of what we have received:

- Over 1,000 composition notebooks
- 150 pairs of socks and underwear
- 30 pairs of reading glasses
- Nearly 200 pocket folders
- A dozen grooming kits
- Bench sander
- Drill/driver kit
- Reciprocating saw kit
- 2 lawn mowers

We are amazed at the response from everyone who took the time to check out our Wish List and respond! Every time a package arrives from Amazon, it feels like Christmas!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Inn with your purchases. As requested we will update the Wish List soon with items for the winter.