



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S INN

AT GRAYMOOR

2011 ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating Over 100 Years of Caring

A Ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

† Our Mission †

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THE WORDS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI BRING TO LIFE

OUR MISSION AND OUR CHALLENGE:

*We have been called to heal wounds,
to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring
home those who have lost their way.*

St. Christopher's Inn, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, is a temporary homeless shelter dedicated to the rehabilitation of men in crisis whom we call "Brothers Christopher." Our mission is to offer a continuum of quality health care services that facilitate physical, emotional, and spiritual healing by providing Chemical Dependency Treatment, Primary Health Care, and Temporary Housing. We strive to restore the personal dignity of each individual by utilizing a holistic approach in all our programs. No one is ever turned away because of race, religion, or the ability to pay.

DEAR FRIENDS,

The year was 1920 and the building that was to become the 2nd "St. Christopher's Inn" had just been purchased to give the wayfarers more suitable lodging. It was an old Army barracks from camp Merritt, N.J., the first had been a chicken coop. By 1929, the year of the Great Depression, the Inn was providing more than 69,000 meals and over 23,000 lodgings per year. More than 100 years later, today's Inn continues to care for men in crisis, the homeless and the addicted. In 2011, the Inn served 157,856 meals and gave away \$622,974.00 in funding to provide scholarships for chemical dependency treatment, medication, medical services and transportation to those in need.

Over the years there have been thousands of Alumni who passed through our doors and left as miracles. We truly wish that after all of these years a cure would have been discovered to eradicate the disease of alcoholism and addiction and stop the pain associated with it. Wouldn't it be wonderful to prevent all the physical, spiritual and emotional destruction caused by chemical dependency? To be honest in today's world it has become much more complicated to treat the origin of homelessness and address all the problems which go along this disease.

How fortunate were our founders, Fr. Paul and Mother Lurana, to have been able to save so many "Brothers Christopher" without the concern of many of today's issues such as HIV/AIDS, insurance coverage, regulatory compliance, catchment areas, multiple medication needs and an epidemic of prescription drug addiction. Yes, life back then was much simpler. Today our vast knowledge of the disease makes it our responsibility to treat them all. This is a daily challenge for the Inn. The cost of medication and medical services are staggering but we continue our mission because the positive results are evident to every community in which our Alumni return.

Times have changed and today we all share in the tragedy of many social issues leading to addiction. So many of our young people have succumbed to drug and alcohol abuse and have lost everything. This tragedy affects us all whether by watching a loved one suffer from the disease of addiction or by watching the end results on the news.

St. Christopher's Inn is the one place that remains constant in an ever changing world. St. Christopher's Inn provides the care and treatment that is necessary to turn lives around. It is because of the forward thinking of our benefactors and friends that the Inn continues to invest in hope and life saving treatment. There is no place like St. Christopher's Inn where every man receives spiritual, physical and emotional guidance to assist them to return to society with self esteem, dignity and sobriety.

We urge you to continue your support to St. Christopher's Inn so we may continue our mission, "of healing wounds and bringing those home who have lost their way". There are many miracles on the mountain, and with your help, there will always be room at the Inn.

Sincerely,

Fr. Bill Drobach, SA



Fr. Bill Drobach, SA

Michael Elms



Michael Elms

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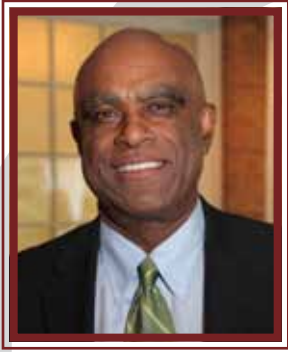
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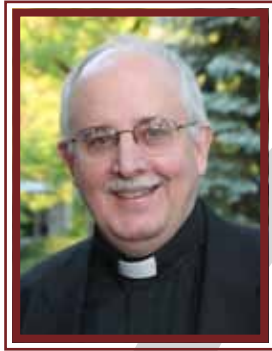
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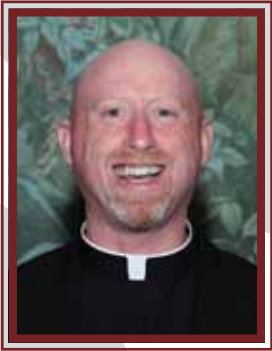
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‡ Administration and Staff



MANAGEMENT TEAM

Back Row Left to Right: Nick Petruzzi, CFO; Fr. Bill Drobach, SA, President & CEO; Colin Ross, David Gerber, Paul Manzo, Tom King

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

Left to Right: Nick Petruzzi, CFO; Marianne Taylor-Rhoades, COO; Fr. Bill Drobach, SA, President & CEO

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‡ Who We Are

Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
Licensed by the New York State:
Department of Social Services
Department of Health
Office of Alcohol & Substance Abuse Services



‡ What We Provide

- Room and Board
- Case Management
- Discharge Planning
- Pastoral Counseling
- Self-Help Meetings
- Alcohol and Drug Treatment Services
- Primary Health Care Services
- Ambulatory Detoxification
- Relapse Prevention
- Family Counseling Services
- Mentally Ill Chemical Abuser (MICA) Treatment Services
- Psychiatric Evaluations
- Individualized Treatment and Discharge Planning
- Creative Arts Therapy
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy
- GED Preparation
- Vocational Assistance
- Yoga
- Smoking Cessation
- HIV Testing and Referrals
- Nutritional Guidance
- Aftercare





In 2011, **157,856** meals were served at St. Christopher's Inn. That includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, in 365 days.

925 people were admitted to the Alcohol & Drug Treatment Services at St. Christopher's Inn.



\$276,978 was given in scholarships to men in need of treatment without any resources of their own.



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK



\$27,000 was provided in medication and medical supplies and **\$221,770**



was provided in medical services (medical and psychiatric visits) for uninsured clients in need.

54% of the men that joined the Smoking Cessation Program successfully quit smoking.



\$97,226 was provided in transportation to assist clients to make appointments and get to aftercare essential in supporting their recovery.

1,225 men and woman participated in the family program which provided education on the disease of alcoholism and addiction to both family members and clients.



62% of clients successfully completed treatment, which is the **highest completion rate** among similar programs in New York State as evaluated by NY State Office of Alcoholism and Substance.



49,945 Treatment visits were provided.

1,815 client assessments were completed in the year 2011.

‡ Employee of the Season

The employees of St. Christopher’s Inn are second to none—their commitment and dedication to the residents and the Mission of St. Christopher’s Inn are an inspiration to those who see them in action every day. To recognize and reward their hard work, a committee was formed at the Inn called the Employee Recognition Committee which enacted a new initiative called the Employee of the Season. Four times each year, the staff will nominate and select one of their fellow employees who they think deserves special recognition. The committee developed selection and eligibility criteria, and make nomination forms available to all staff

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Michael Boccia
Employee of the Season
Winter



Michael is truly an example of dedication & inspiration to the men. He returned to work from a serious injury and continued on like nothing ever happened. He often works on snow days when others cannot make it in due to the weather. He offers to provide coverage if someone is out and is always willing to help in any way he can.

In addition to his case management of Project Renewal, Michael volunteered to facilitate a special program for the men at Christmas time – “A Christmas Carol”. Michael also was a great help with the Men’s Christmas play and directed one of the acts. Michael has routinely volunteered to run a special program during the abundance of snow days this winter season. Michael truly cares for the men and his kindness and compassion shines through in his work. Michael is a genuine power of example.

Michael Boccia has always been a wonderful role model for me. He is always available to lis-

ten, to offer assistance, just to be a mentor. Michael always reaches out to those staff members not feeling well by visiting, send around a card, etc. Clients and staff who work with Michael praise him for his spirituality and positive attitude. He is an inspiration to me in many ways.

Michael embodies our mission through his care, compassion, and concern for the men, as well as for the staff. He continues to do lectures and “fill in” wherever he is needed. He has demonstrated his fortitude, determination, and commitment to the Inn by returning to work – “full stream” following his accident.

Michael has a deep love for the men and is always willing to give the most difficult and resistant client more time and a lot of positive feedback and love. Michael is a great asset to SCI and deserves this honor.



Tom King
Employee of the Season
Spring

Tom has been at SCI for over 14 years. During that time he has volunteered most Saturdays and many holidays to take the men down to play softball. As we all know weekends and holidays are precious to most of us yet Tom gives up this valuable commodity to give the men an opportunity to have some “sober fun”. Tom is also organized and has been very instrumental in the “Annual Alumni Picnic” for many years. Tom volunteers year after year to be a part of the Halloween festivities. He also plays a huge roll in the annual Christmas play. Aside from all these things, if you know Tom, you know that no matter what, the mission of SCI is what keeps Tom doing all of these things.

Tom is always available for anyone to come and seek his advice or to assist them in whatever way he is able at the moment. He is truly a team player and is always willing to take on more tasks whenever the department is in a bind. Tom has a great love for his work and the men that he serves. This love for the men is seen in the way he donates his time at the ball field on Saturday afternoons. Tom has a wealth of knowledge about Chemical Dependence and has the personality that makes him well loved both by the men and the staff. It is about time that Tom gets the recognition he deserves for the work and dedication he has for the men at SCI.



Jane Male
Employee of the Season
Summer

Jane is a relatively new addition to Medical and works closely with the men as a medication nurse and filling in at the front desk when needed to help triage, comfort, and assuage assuageable issues. I hear her always requesting what she can do to help, working weekends when she is not “on the road” following her son’s sports schedule, and adding a unique compassionate stance that benefits not only the men, but the staff as well. She is quick to interact with this provider, staff, and of course her supervisor, and quite open and responsive to information. She is both modest and humble, fun and funny. She is a team player and raises the spirit of both men and staff. She is very well liked and appreciated by the men. She is a welcome addition to St. Christopher’s Inn and a wonderful ambassador of the mission of St. Christopher’s Inn.

I am nominating Jane for “Employee of the Season” for many reasons, but the first one has to be for her pleasant disposition. Whether she is speaking with another nurse, or a client on the med-line, or a counselor on the phone, Jane is always present and courteous and you would never know how busy she is, based on the amount of time and attention she gives each person. Jane consistently helps her supervisor, co-workers and department by offering to work weekends when no coverage is available. Most recently, when the medical department was short staffed due to a staff member out for medical reasons, Jane offered to cancel her vacation, saying “I don’t have anything all that great planned, I can come in.” Jane is someone who consistently seeks to help out, and always thinks of others. She is a pleasure to work with.





Anne Marie Heffernan

Employee of the Season

Fall

Anne Marie always goes above and beyond her job as medical assistant/biller. Recently she helped get a dying client into the appropriate setting to handle his needs. Anne Marie went to visit the client on several occasions on her own time to bring him comfort and love. She even gave him a Christmas tree for his room and made him soft food to eat. Anne Marie has a big personality and a huge heart. I'm proud to work with Anne Marie.

If one of the men has a medical issue you can bet Anne Marie will not stop until it is resolved. The men always come first in her book. If it takes numerous phone calls, transportation scheduling, or other special arrangements to meet the client needs, you can be sure Anne Marie will get it done. She is always willing to help her co-workers in any difficult situation that arises. She has a wonderful work ethic and consistently volunteers to do extra in our employee recogni-

tion committee. She also has the longest running part in our Halloween production!

From the first day I met Anne Marie I felt like she was someone I've known all my life, she has a special energy about her that she readily shares with not only staff in medical but everyone that walks through our doors. Today for example, David came for his appointment in medical after congratulating him on a job well done in last evenings Christmas play, she asked if playing the part of the son who had just lost his father was hard for him since David had recently experienced the loss of one of his parents. I couldn't help thinking how thoughtful; then, she took it one stop further and asked him to please put an ornament on our Christmas tree as I have witnessed her do with several of the other gentlemen that walk through the door of medical this time of year. Faith holds her head up high!

‡ Board of Directors Dinner



On May 26th, we celebrated the service and commitment of our honorees, Mr. Peter Pritchard of Pritchard Industries, Inc. and Brother Benedict Teresawa, SA, along with the good work of the Friars, staff and residents of St. Christopher's Inn at the 7th Annual Board of Directors Dinner. While the guests attempted to out bid each other for the luxury items at the Silent Auction, old friends were reunited and new acquaintances were introduced--all in the spirit of hope and recovery.

Ambassador Shigeki Sumi of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations, and long-time friend of Br. Benny Teresawa, SA, kicked off the evening with a warm welcome for all guests. The Very Rev. Jude Arogundade was kind enough to give the invocation before the meal, expressing his admiration for the Inn and



the good work that goes on there. Bill Evans, Master of Ceremonies for the evening, spoke of his visit to St. Christopher's Inn and his commitment to helping the Inn and the residents as they work toward changing their lives. Mr. Pritchard also spoke of his visit to the Inn with his wife, Zohreh, and the touching performance by the men's choir. Br. Benny asked for forgiveness before his speech as his English was "made in Japan." However, the highlight of the evening came when Atticus L., a St. Christopher's Inn Alumnus, shared his story. After speaking about his time in and out of rehab programs, and his struggle with addiction that began when he was in his teens, Atticus thanked the Friars, Staff and Benefactors of St. Christopher's Inn for giving his mother the opportunity to hear him stand up and tell his story of RECOVERY!

‡ SCI's 2011 Golf Tournament



Once again, the annual St. Christopher's Inn Golf Classic was a wonderful and successful event! Although the course was still wet from Hurricane Irene, the weather for the day couldn't have been better. With a sunny day and good spirits the golfers headed off for a slightly delayed 10:20 AM shotgun start, and made their way around the 18 hole, par 72, championship course. Our Million Dollar qualifier hit a beautiful shot that was pin high and hooked the

right way but alas, was short of the hole. Afterwards, our guests enjoyed a delicious buffet and celebrated the good work of St. Christopher's Inn. Door prizes, golf prizes and raffles were announced, and the crowd left feeling content and proud to be a part of great day and a great cause! Thanks to everyone who participated, donated and supported the 2011 St. Christopher's Inn Golf Classic. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



‡ Renewal Farm Moves to Graymoor



Renewal Farm is a small organic farm operated by Project Renewal and is a unique part of their transitional housing and vocational program for homeless men. The men who participate in the program live and receive substance abuse treatment at St. Christopher's Inn and are afforded the opportunity to gain sobriety, develop employable skills, good work habits and obtain jobs and housing by helping to operate the farm. By doing so, they learn to nurture their own lives while cultivating healthy, wholesome organic greens, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Late in 2010, they were faced with the daunting challenge to find a new location after their host in Garrison informed them they required use of the site for their own expanding needs.

The program's motto being "We Grow Hope,"

their Program Director noted they could only hope to find a new location close to Graymoor and St. Christopher's Inn where they operate. "Our hopes could not have come to a better end as The Friars of the Atonement graciously made a location available to us at Graymoor. It is a wonderful new relationship that will further enhance the possibility of success for our men."

The results of their efforts can be seen this spring. A greenhouse and raised beds filled with greens, flowers and herbs will blossom on the old tennis and handball ball court here at Graymoor, and the plants will be sold at the Renewal Farm Stand in front of the St. Christopher's Inn "That Nothing Be Lost" Thrift and Antique Shop.

‡ Visit from a Judge



The Honorable Marcia P. Hirsch brought along a team of people from the five courts over which she presides in Queens County, New York when she toured the Inn, met with the SCI Management Team, participated in a focus group with several residents, and was serenaded by the SCI Mens Choir on Wednesday, October 12, 2011. Judge Hirsch and her team said the transformation of the men she sends to St. Christopher's Inn is so impressive that she wanted to come and see for herself the secret to the overwhelming success. After spending the day at the Inn, she and her staff believe there are several reasons why St. Christopher's Inn residents come



back to her "different people." Some think it is the length of stay for the residents; some think it is the presence of spirituality on the mountain, while others believe the enthusiasm of the SCI staff helps provide the results. It is likely a combination of all of the above lead most St. Christopher's Inn residents to believe that they are good people, worthy of love and respect, and to find their way back to hope and recovery.

The Judge's day included viewing the St. Christopher's Inn Testimonial video, available on the St. Christopher's Inn website, www.stchristophersinn.org.

‡ Halloween Staff Show



Each year, the staff at St. Christopher's Inn produce a Halloween Show for the residents. This show is a major production, complete with costume and set changes by the staff, and always concludes with the much requested "Thriller" video and dance number by several members of the staff. Not only is this a way for the staff to show the men how to have fun without drugs or alcohol, but it is also a way to show them that they are blessed to be a part of a family that re-



ally cares about their success. Why else would the staff dress up and make fools of themselves, just for their entertainment? Many photos of the staff were shared on the SCI website, and videos of several of the skits were uploaded to the SCI Youtube Channel. You can find them through the St. Christopher's Inn website at www.stchristophersinn.org. I promise, you will be entertained!



‡ Ride to Remember



On September 4, 2009 while en route to his daily AA meeting Jeff Coursen died tragically when a deer collided with his motorcycle. Jeff, a recovering alcoholic served as an AA sponsor to many young people, and was on his way to sponsor addicts in recovery from alcohol and heroin on the night he died. In September of 2011, for the second year, motorcycle enthusiasts gathered to remember and celebrate the life of a friend who dedicated himself to his recovery, and the recovery of others. The “Ride to Remember Jeff Coursen,” organized by his family and friends in Pawling, New York, brought over 60 riders to en-

joy an 80 mile course, followed by a barbeque at the Pawling Firehouse. The purpose of the ride is twofold--to celebrate Jeff’s life and his commitment to helping others find recovery, and to raise awareness and funds to help those struggling with addiction. All funds raised through the Ride were donated to St. Christopher’s Inn. According to Jeff’s widow, Beth, “We want to raise awareness about effective treatment programs for alcoholics and addicts.” Jeff was only 53 years old when he died. However, the Ride to Remember is not for mourning, but rather a legacy of moving forward.



‡ On *Viewpoint* with Ken Rosato



On Sunday, November 6, 2011, Fr. Bill Drobach, SA, President and CEO of St. Christopher’s Inn, along with two current residents of St. Christopher’s Inn, appeared on New York Viewpoint--a program produced by WABC TV, which focuses on cultural events and positive community efforts in NY, NJ and Long Island. Viewpoint is a half hour program, which airs

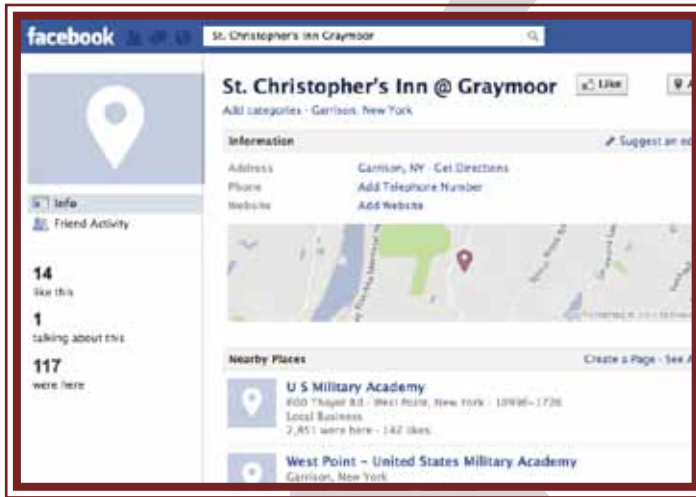
on Sunday mornings at 5:30am on WABC TV, Channel 7. The program features discussions in the studio with Ken Rosato, the morning and noon Anchor of Eyewitness News. The residents of St. Christopher’s Inn answered Ken Rosato’s questions about their addictions and spoke candidly about their lives both before and during treatment and recovery at St. Christopher’s Inn.



‡ SCI's New Web Presence



On February 7, 2011, the new St. Christopher's Inn website went live! After the Inn's Centennial celebration in 2009, when the focus was on the rich history of helping men in crisis for the last 100 years, the Board of Directors, Friars, and Staff decided it was time to modernize the presentation of St. Christopher's Inn. With this in mind, much time and effort went towards creating and launching a new presence on the Web. The new website is modern, attractive, informational, and easy to navigate. Visitors can easily access information about the shelter, treatment programs, upcoming events, alumni information, and make donations through our



secure server. In addition to a new website, St. Christopher's Inn is on Facebook and Twitter. Over 350 Facebook users "Like" the Inn, and many alumni and family members have shared heartfelt and moving posts on the page. While Facebook and Twitter have given the Inn an outlet for sharing quick tidbits of information, the new, monthly ENewsletter allows for more information and efficient communications with friends, benefactors and alumni. To make sure you stay up to date on the latest news, visit the new website at www.stchristophersinn.org, sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, and find St. Christopher's Inn on Facebook and Twitter.

‡ Testimonials on the Web ‡

On Our Website:

Hello. I don't have a general question but I wasn't entirely sure who to contact. I just felt the need to commend you on all of the outstanding work St. Christopher does. I've had dealing with some miserable rehabs in the past and St. Christopher's is a breath of fresh air. My fiancé is there now and he is a completely different person than he was the day I dropped him off there. He has a completely different outlook on life and I'm so excited to see what the future holds for him and for us. Because of St. Christopher's I have my life back, I can't thank you all enough. God Bless every single one of you for everything you do.

Sincerely,
Christine

Via Email:

It looks i'll be having a sober Holiday this year thanks to all of you. I'll never forget all the help you all gave me & i'll always be thankful. I was hoping to make it down to see everyone before Christmas... With work & College....It doesn't look like that is going to happen. Early next year for sure!! Please forward this email to all departments as i don't have everyone's email address there. Bless you all.

P.S. - I hope you like this photo better than the last one i sent. lol

Dear staff,
I was there recently for a family meeting i am forever grateful to have my uncle back with a smile on his

face a healthy happy thriving man as for everyone else there is so much love and smiles it's hard not to feel it yourself I could not help but cry tears of happiness in mass to see him singing in the choir when the man next to me said " don't worry honey with prayer everything will be okay" I left the church and had people I have never met want to hug me how could you ever say no to that ! With you're help you have brought joy to my family and I to have a family member back in our lives. I can not thank you enough God bless.

R.D.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! May God bless all of you and your works!
Merry Christmas!

On Facebook:

Anthony wrote:

"saved my life. i'll never forget this place"

John wrote:

"I was at SCI with Anthony and it definitely saved my life and has set me and my family on a path toward healing and closeness we have never had ! God Bless the Friars,Sisters and Staff"

Joseph wrote:

"three years ago I was a resident at The Inn for Christmas, New Years, and even my birthday. Ive been clean and sober since. My life has been getting radically better since my recovery process started there in 2008. Thanks so much to the staff who have touched and transformed my life in ways they may never know."

‡ OASAS Scorecard



For the first time, The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, OASAS, released to the public a scorecard of all licensed chemical dependency treatment programs in New York State. All outpatient chemical dependency programs were ranked in 11 categories to determine program quality. We are very proud to report that St. Christopher's Inn was the only Day Rehabilitation Program in New York State to receive the highest possible score in 9 of the 11 measured categories. This ranking indicates what the Friars and Staff of the Inn already know--that St. Christopher's Inn is

among the highest performing and most successful programs in New York State. We know this because the entire team at St. Christopher's Inn works hard to make our clients feel welcome and cared for, while challenging them to do the work necessary for their recovery. From Admissions to Security, from Medical to Food Services, from Billing and Client Resources to Counseling--congratulations on recognition for a job well done! Learn more about the Treatment Programs offered at St. Christopher's Inn through the website at www.stchristophersinn.org.

‡ Holiday Spirit



TURKEYS FROM STEW LEONARD'S

The residents of St. Christopher's Inn were a little more thankful this year at Thanksgiving due to the generosity of Stew Leonard's in Danbury, Connecticut. After hearing on the radio about Stew Leonard's annual Turkey Brigade where thousands of Thanksgiving turkeys are given to charity, Dawn Baisley, a St. Christopher's Inn staff member, took quick action. Soon after her appeal, Dawn recieved a letter from Stew Leonard's saying that St. Christopher's Inn was one of over 20 organizations chosen to recieve turkeys! Cindy Gerber, Development Associate, was the Inn's representative at the big giveaway, and is pictured above with designees from many of the other chairities, ready to collect the turkeys. Many St. Christopher's Inn Alumni joined the kitchen staff on Thanksgiving Day to help with set up and service of the celebratory meal, sharing freely their stories of recovery and thanks for the Friars and Staff of St. Christopher's Inn.



SCI STAFF DONATIONS

Each day, the residents of St. Christopher's Inn are given everything they need to succeed in their recovery, and to find their way back to their lives as husbands, brothers, fathers, and friends. We recognize, however, that the men of SCI are not the only ones in need. This year, not only did the SCI staff donate generously to the Christmas fund for the men at the Inn, but they also donated toys and food for local children and families in need. The donated toys pictured above were delivered to the Astor Home for Children in Rhinebeck, New York, while the food went to a food pantry at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Elmsford, New York where the parish supports 55 families in need. Thanks to all of you, who help all of us.

‡ Christmas at the Inn ‡



On Monday, December 12th at 7:00 PM, a longstanding tradition of holiday entertainment at St. Christopher's Inn continued with the annual Christmas Play. This tradition started many years ago when the Friars put on a show to entertain the Brothers Christopher for Christmas. After several years, the men decided they wanted to entertain the Friars, and the original Christmas Play began. This year, the play was written by Michael Boccia, a Social Worker at St. Christopher's Inn, and entitled "Remember Who You Are . . . A Christmas Story." It was performed before a packed house at Pilgrim Hall, including current SCI Residents, Alumni, Friars and Staff. By all accounts, the play was a big hit, and the crowd rewarded the performers with thunderous applause. The evening concluded with a performance by the SCI Men's Choir, who were joined on the final number



by all Alumni Choir Members! Check out the photos on our Facebook Page.

The Holiday Festivities continued a week later at the St. Christopher's Inn annual Men's Christmas Party. The men all enjoyed cookies, coffee and fellowship, followed by a visit from Santa who had a gift for everyone! Each resident received two collared shirts, a hand-knitted scarf and an envelope with \$5 enclosed. Thanks to everyone who donated shirts; thanks to all members of the Prayerful Mantle of Holy Child Church who knitted the scarves; and to the Friars of the Atonement and SCI Staff who contributed the monetary gifts. The men were moved by the generosity of others, and very grateful for their gifts. One very happy resident expressed his gratitude, "I can't even remember the last time I smiled before tonight." Merry Christmas to all!

‡ Give Yourself a Chance ‡

Give yourself a chance, when it seems you haven't got a prayer,
When everything seems impossible and no one seems to care.
Trust in your Higher Power for He is always near,
No longer living in chaos, faith instead of fear.

Give yourself a chance, never shall you quit,
Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it.
Life can be a battle, life can be a test,
Trust in God always for He will give you rest.

Give yourself a chance, stop living in the past,
Enjoy every moment, like it could be your last.
Once I felt lost, like I didn't have a clue,
But thanks to St. Christopher's, I know that's not true.

*Thank you St. Christopher's, Sincerely,
A Brother Christopher*

—GOD BLESS YOU ALL & MERRY CHRISTMAS—

‡ Alumni Breakfast



The annual alumni breakfast, which was held on Sunday November 6, 2011, was an overwhelming success. Over 100 alumni returned to the Inn to share in food, fellowship, music and a special appearance by the SCI choir to end the day. Two SCI alumni shared their stories of recovery, along with one current resident. The SCI Alumni Association honored St. Christopher's Inn President & CEO, Fr. Bill Drobach, SA, who was presented with a plaque recognizing him as man of the year for his work with the SCI alumni over the years.

During the breakfast, the SCI testimonial short film was shared on the new 60 inch Smart TV, which was donated to the Inn by the Alumni Association for use by the current residents. St. Christopher's Inn is very fortunate to have an active Alumni Association with men who enjoy giving back to the Friars in thanksgiving for all that was freely given to them. Over the holiday season, many alumni visited the Inn to help serve the Thanksgiving and Christmas Day meals for the current residents.

‡ Alumni Picnic



The St. Christopher's Inn annual Alumni Picnic is an event that the Friars, Staff and Brothers Christopher look forward to all year. It's an opportunity for the many men who found their way home at St. Christopher's Inn to reunite and celebrate! This year was no exception. More than 200 alumni showed up, with their families, for a day of fun, food and festivities on August 6th at the Inn. The day began, as usual, with Mass in Pilgrim Hall, followed by a performance from the current St. Christopher's Inn Choir, and then joined by all Choir Alumni. Check in at the Picnic Grounds went smoothly thanks to all the Staff Volunteers, and

everyone ate their fill. The annual "current residents vs. alumni" softball game is always a big hit, and thanks to Tony Merando and his band, the live music was exceptional. As always, the highlight of the day came with the opportunity to "Dunk" the SCI staff volunteers who were brave enough to take a turn in the dunk tank. Each member of the St. Christopher's Inn staff consider this day to be very special--a gratifying opportunity to celebrate years of hard work by and with the many men who darkened the door of St. Christopher's Inn broken, but left full of hope and promise.



† Just One Man's Journey †

As I wandered aimlessly, through the empty trees
Bare lines all around me, absent of leaves
A mountain up ahead of me, only time will tell
Can I look in the mirror, and see how hard I fell

Unwilling to let go, the anger in my mind
Hiding behind pictures, afraid of what I'll find
So far away from my girls, feeling sorry for myself
I'm not like these other guys, how can they give me help

Father John spoke so simply, of life's ever changing seasons
90 days for me to grow, for all the right reasons
He challenged me in ways, none other has ever done
Stop trying to be perfect, learn, laugh, and have fun

Battled with Amato, about perspective and art
Teaching is what I do, he thinks he's so smart
Surrender the brush and canvas, go outside and look around
It's the experience not the art, where my innocence is found

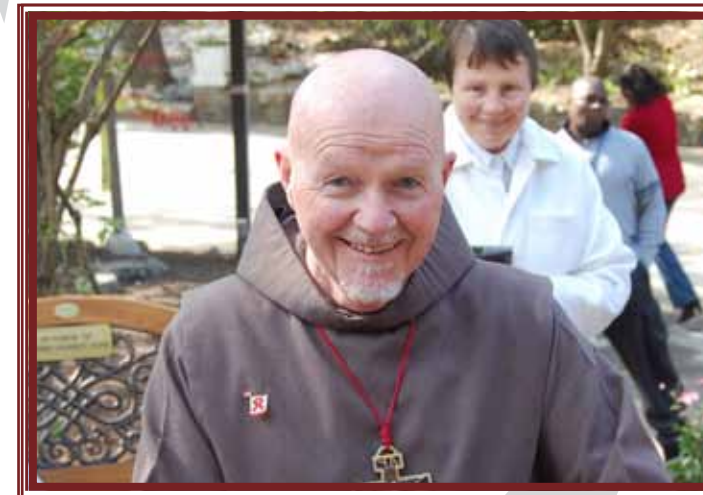
First time as an acolyte, so scared I might mess up
Just my luck its Father Bill, rumor has it he drives the bus
My hands were shaking so badly, I almost spilled the water and wine
Relax you're doing great he said, God loves you, you're gonna be fine

The jury was out on the little man with spiked hair
Can I take three months of mannerisms & gestures from his chair
He took away my sketchbook, open up and face your fears
I don't know you did it, Andy, I let go and found my tears.

Soon things started to change, thanks to Laura and the Staff
I realize these men are my brothers, we are all on the same path
From the caring ladies upstairs to Janet and her crew
I'm a man worthy of love and respect, It's time for me to start new

As I walk humbly down, among the familiar trees
All my senses are as one, and my mind is at ease
So I thank the Friars with all my heart, for allowing me to be your visitor
Who am I kidding? The Inn is my home—I'm a Brother Christopher.

† Brother Kevin Goss, SA



Brother Kevin Goss, a Friar of the Atonement for 38 years, passed away unexpectedly on February 22, 2011. He was a tireless servant of the homeless and addicted Brothers Christopher, and the embodiment of the mission started by the Order's Founder, Fr. Paul Wattson, to serve those who are in need. So many men who came to St. Christopher's Inn over the years looking for love, kindness and encouragement, found all of these and more in Brother Kevin.

Brother Kevin's first assignment was as a cook in the kitchen at St. Christopher's Inn, in 1973. "He was a young kid when he started at St. Christopher's Inn – about 20 years old," said Fr. John Kiesling, SA, Spiritual Life Counselor at St. Christopher's Inn. "He trained to be a cook and worked at Graymoor while he was a novice.

For his whole life, he loved to cook, and in later years cooked for his fellow Friars in the Friary." Brother Kevin poured his love of cooking and caring for others into his work in the kitchen for the residents of the Inn. Later, he was appointed head of the main Friary kitchen and dining area at Graymoor, serving his fellow Friars and the untold number of visitors who come to Graymoor every year on retreats, pilgrimages and for other reasons.

"Brother Kevin was a man who knew how to get things done," said Paul Manzo, current Food Service Director at St. Christopher's Inn, who worked closely with Brother Kevin for many years. Paul was first hired by Brother Kevin in 1980 to work in the Friary kitchen, up the hill from St. Christopher's Inn, where many of the

‡ Brother Kevin Goss, SA



Friars live. “Brother Kevin was so respectful to everyone he encountered, and as a result he was highly respected. When he had something to say, people listened to him. He was always very highly focused on whatever job he was doing, and he would never ask anyone to do something that he wouldn’t do himself. He was always right there, working alongside everyone.”

According to Paul, Brother Kevin was also tremendously resourceful. “He had an amazing number of contacts,” Paul said. “If money was needed for the kitchen, or something needed to be built, Brother Kevin knew exactly where to go. He had a knack for knowing how to get what he needed in order to get a job done.”

Cooking, while clearly a passion for Br. Kevin, was not his only responsibility or gift as a Friar. He served in many capacities within the Society of the Atonement and in fact worked as a counselor at St. Joseph’s Rehabilitation Center in Saranac Lake for several years in the 80s and early 90s. St. Joseph’s was one of the many ministries of the Friars of the Atonement, and the Friars remain committed to its success still today.

In 1994, Brother Kevin went to the Friars’ residence in Toronto, Canada, and began serving at St. Joan of Arc Parish in 1998, where he was, among other things, Pastoral Associate. As

Pastoral Associate, he was in charge of religious education. He also worked with the senior citizen population, and coordinated a joint program between St. Joan of Arc Parish, the Paulist Fathers, and the Sisters of Zion called “Winter Welcome Table.” It was a feeding program for the homeless, and served those in need for twenty weeks per year, from the first Sunday of November to the last Monday of March.

“Brother Kevin was the most caring guy I ever knew,” said Fr. Kiesling, who worked with him at St. Joan of Arc for 11 years. “He cared so much for the parishioners at St. Joan and was of service to so many people. He could work well with and serve everyone, and related well to both the seniors and the youth. And he was very involved in every aspect of parish life.” Br. Kevin was also head of the pastoral care team, which involved coordinating the Eucharistic Ministers and providing pastoral care to the sick.

Br. Kevin was elected to the General Council of the Friars of the Atonement twice, and served as Secretary General--the primary assistant to the Minister General. In addition, he worked tirelessly as the Health Care Coordinator for the entire order, seeing to the health care needs of all the Friars around the world. Just prior to his passing, Brother Kevin personally escorted

an elderly Friar from Japan back to the United States, and personally arranged for his placement in a skilled nursing facility that served the Friars for many years.

In 2009, Br. Kevin came back to Graymoor and lived at St. Christopher’s Inn, serving as the Inn’s liaison to the Friar’s General Council. “One of the main things that stood out was his sense of humor,” said Fr. Bill Drobach, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Christopher’s Inn. “He didn’t get worked up about things,” Fr. Bill said. “He handled everything in stride.”

According to St. Christopher’s Inn Chief Operating Officer, Marianne Taylor-Rhodes, “Not only did Brother Kevin have a great sense of humor, but he also loved the residents. He was a powerful voice for us, and for the needs of the men that we all serve.” “He was a tremendous advocate for the Inn,” agreed Nicholas Petruzzi, Chief Financial Officer for St. Christopher’s Inn. “When the Inn had needs he would bring issues to the General Council and advocate for

us. His presence around here was uplifting.”

According to people who worked with him over many years, Brother Kevin’s sense of humor and compassion was also matched by his work ethic. He was highly organized, had a sense of his mission, and knew what was needed to accomplish any task he undertook.

In all, Brother Kevin spent 21 of his 44 years at Graymoor, the headquarters of the Order of the Friars of the Atonement, founded by Fr. Paul Wattson and Mother Lurana. The service Brother Kevin provided throughout his life as a Friar was filled with caring, kindness, and a sense of humor that helped lift the spirits of the suffering souls who came to the Inn’s doors. He was also a leader, whose work ethic and genuine concern for those in need served as a model for St. Christopher’s Inn staff. Brother Kevin was a powerful presence at St. Christopher’s. He is sorely missed.

✠ In the Words of Our Men ✠

My spiritual life took on a whole new meaning and I regain faith in myself.

*This place has changed my life. I came in broken and now I am fixed –
for today. That’s one of the things I learned here.*

*Overall, my experience here was brilliant. I had to do some work and dig deep to relieve
some of my inner pain. I lost my dad while I was here but I can truly feel he is in a better
place. I accepted who I am because I was allowed to do so here.*

I got my confidence back. I now look forward to living sober.

*I was at SCI with Anthony and it definitely saved my life and has set me and my family on
a path toward healing and closeness we have never had !*

God Bless the Friars, Sisters and Staff

*SCI is like no other place. It helped me to become well rounded and
taught me how to be a man. Thank you.*

“You guys have been doing this for 100 years; you’re doing something right.”

*I feel wonderful about being able to “stay in the day” and keep a positive, motivated and
spiritual attitude while being here. My soul is awake again and I am very blessed.*

I see live and hear life in a new prospective. My thoughts and behaviors have changed.

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	2011	2010
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Program service fees	\$6,052,443	\$5,447,480
Government grants and contracts	97,264	263,958
Contributions, private gifts and foundations	952,062	1,051,470
Contributed services – In kind Support	380,000	466,833
Investment income, net	87,938	84,574
Other income	107,966	154,610
Total revenue	\$7,677,673	\$7,468,925
EXPENSES		
Shelter program for homeless men	\$3,030,702	\$3,015,527
Medical Services	1,559,652	1,410,933
Outpatient Clinic Program	2,583,207	2,409,334
Administration	655,076	640,907
Fundraising	167,507	200,453
Total expenses	\$7,996,144	\$7, 677,154
Change in Net Assets	\$(318,171)	\$(208,229)
NET ASSETS AT THE BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$5, 571,968	\$5,780,197
NET ASSETS AT THE END OF YEAR	\$5,253,797	\$5, 571,968

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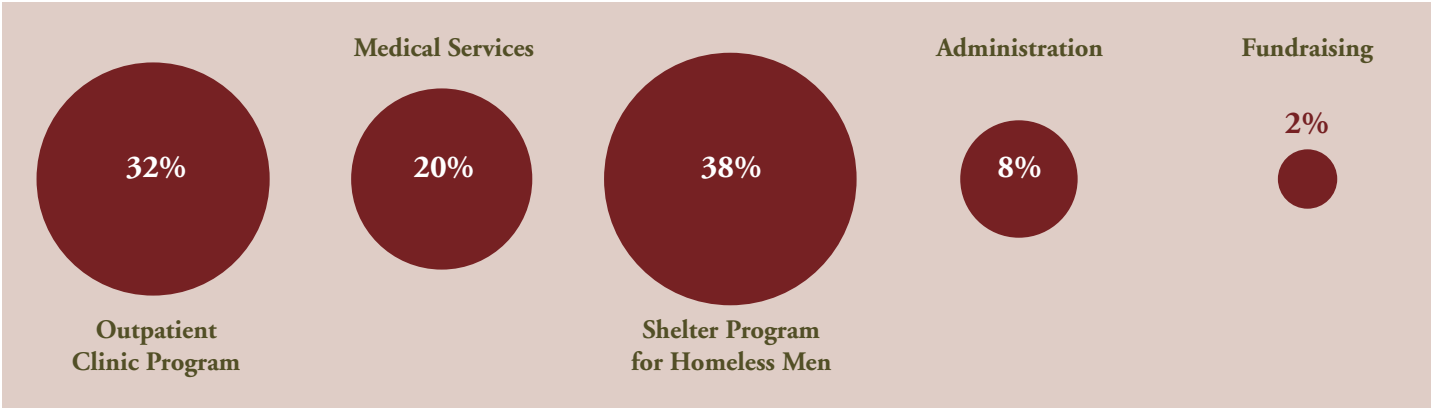


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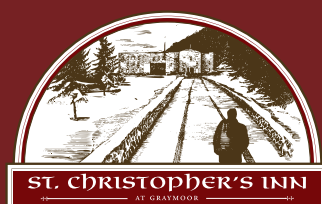
ST. CHRISTOPHER’S INN, INC.
BALANCE SHEET
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011 AND 2010

	2011	2012
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$507,061	\$629,780
Investments, at fair market value	3,308,004	3,364,290
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$140,562 in 2011 and \$50,731 in 2010	793,155	452,581
Contributions and grants receivable	38,268	150,531
Prepaid expenses and other assets	115,567	297,147
Property and equipment, (net)	1,029,582	1,147,682
Total assets	\$5,791,637	\$6,042,011
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$500,935	\$461,747
Due to Friars of the Atonement, Inc.	36,905	8,296
Total liabilities	537,840	470,043
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	5,246,437	5,560,091
Temporarily restricted net assets	7,360	11,877
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$5,253,797	\$5,571,968
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$5,791,637	\$6,042,011

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