

Message from the Director

As Director of St. Patrick's Center, I consider myself fortunate to live and work in a community that places a high value on collaboration and believes in working together to strengthen families and lift people out of poverty. Here at the St. Patrick's Center, our dedicated staff is passionate about the work they do and, together with our community partners; we work to help individuals in need move beyond difficult times. The mission of the St. Patrick's Center is to support and strengthen individuals and families by assuring safety, promoting self-sufficiency, eliminating poverty and improving the quality of life in our community. In these difficult economic times, our community has been hard hit by the failing economy and rising unemployment is forcing many more individuals and families into poverty. Now more than ever, the safety net services we provide are critically important to ensure that the basic needs of East Side residents are met. We are here for a parent who has lost a job, or for a family member facing a catastrophic illness; we are here for the homeless in search of affordable housing; we are here for children who are hungry and for children who are at risk of abuse; we are here for the disabled and the elderly in need of support or at risk of abuse; and we are here for the laid off workers. We serve with compassion, we respect human dignity, and we value diversity. In collaboration with our community partners, we develop innovative strategies to better serve our community. Working with non-profit agencies, schools, local businesses and other public agencies we offer resources for career advancement and employment training for job seekers; we coordinate services for children and families, we support systems of care for elderly and dependent adults; and we promote outreach strategies to improve access to health care and other services. As a community center we are fortunate to have community partners who value collaboration and who understand that by pooling resources we can make a greater difference in the lives of those we serve. Together we provide a network of support to lift individuals and families out of poverty and build healthier communities. My pledge to the residents of Wilmington's east side is that our staff will be unwavering in their commitment to provide quality services to all who seek assistance; and our organization, in partnership with a caring community, will continue to work to end poverty, hunger and homelessness in Wilmington, DE.

Warmest regards,
Joel Harris, MS
Executive Director

St. Patrick's Center News

February 2018

Riddle of the month

⇒ What relation would your father's sister's sister-in-law be to you?

If you think you have the correct answer, see Devin for a prize!

ATTENTION

St. Patrick's Center will be **closed** on Tuesday, February 20th.

This Month...

⇒ Join us for a Super Bowl party on Friday February, 2nd! There will be snacks, trivia, and prizes for all participants! Party will begin at 10AM on the second floor.

⇒ Seniors, \$2 will secure your seat on the bus to Golden Corral! See Lana to sign up!

⇒ Seniors, please let Devin know if there are any stores that you would like to visit. Shopping trips will be scheduled once a month.

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Fri

Sat

				1	2 Super Bowl Party! 	3
4 LET'S GO EAGLES! 	5	6	7 BINGO	8 Senior Shopping Day! 	9	10
11	12	13	14 BINGO	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 BINGO	22	23 	24
25	26	27	28 BINGO			