OKARCHE - The Center of Family Love in Okarche is celebrating its 40th year serving adults with disabilities.

In September 1981, the first resident, Pauline, came to live at the center. Doctors didn't expect her to live past age 25. Yet, 40 years later she's found her place as the resident rock star. Her success story is a testimony to the mission of The Center of Family Love to empower adults with physical and intellectual disabilities.

The anniversary celebration began in May and was kicked off with a surprise birthday parade for residents. The center's annual Gift of Love Gala, held virtually in June, was the pinnacle event of the yearlong celebration. The gala, which raised more than $860,000, marked the first time ever that a CFL resident hosted and emceed the entire event. Surprise performances included a ballet recital performed by residents that was made possible to a partnership between the center and the Oklahoma City Ballet. Auction items included ceramic

The Center of Family Love
resident, Pauline.

USCCB launches initiative inspired by Fratelli Tutti to counter polarization, division

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched a new initiative aimed at addressing polarization in society. Based on Pope Francis’ call in his encyclical, “Fratelli Tutti” for “a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” (No. 154), the new initiative, “Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics” asks Catholics to respond to this invitation with charity, clarity and creativity.

The initiative, which many dioceses throughout the country will be participating in locally, will aid efforts of evangelization to shine the light of our faith on the often-challenging area of politics. At CivilizeIt.org, participants can take a pledge and access supporting materials, including an examination of conscience, short reflections, prayers and a guide that will empower individuals, families and communities to be bridgebuilders across perspectives.

Based on Ch. 5 and Ch. 6 of “Fratelli Tutti” and on other reflections by the Holy Father, the materials aim to help Catholics and others of good will to cultivate a culture of encounter, root perspectives in truth, justice and solidarity, and seek collaborative action for the common good.

Archbishop Coakley, as chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development, reflected on the importance of the initiative at this time:

"Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics" builds on an initiative of a similar name implemented during the 2019-2020 election season that sought to help Catholics model love of neighbor by honoring human dignity through civil conversation during the election year.

More information on the initiative as well as the pledge, resources and other tools may be found on CivilizeIt.org.
The following events are part of Archbishop Coakley’s official calendar.

**Archbishop Paul S. Coakley**
Chairman, Committee on Domestic Justice and Human Development
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

**Bishop David J. Malloy**
Chairman, Committee on International Justice and Peace
U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Sept. 1, 2021

In his message for the 1900 World Day of Peace, Saint John Paul II stated it well that “when the Pandora’s Box of moral crisis of which the destruction of the human being is only one tweaking aspect.” Twenty-five years later, Pope Francis further developed the important moral dimensions of ecology and its interrelatedness to other human and spiritual concern in his encyclical, Laudato si’.

The moral dimensions of the ecological crisis demands that each of us cultivate an ecological conscience, one that enables us to see clearly, judge rightly, and act ethically when it comes to the care of our common home. Environmental problems can be solved only when people, groups, nations and the whole human family live in solidarity and love for one another. Each of us is called to do our part to protect the Earth, especially the most vulnerable, such as children and those who are sick or old. We are called to the moral obligation to respect the most vulnerable and protect the environment.

The crisis of ecology must be placed in the context of history and moral progress. The world has made considerable progress in the last 25 years, and we have a better understanding of the moral dimensions of ecological issues. We have a better understanding of the need for action to address climate change, and we have a better understanding of the need for justice and peace.

We must work together to create a world that is more just, more peaceful, and more sustainable. We must work together to create a world that is more just, more peaceful, and more sustainable.

Let’s show our support and appreciation for everyone who is contributing to the global effort to address climate change.

*Archbishop Paul S. Coakley*

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**Sooner Catholic Staff**

*Put Out Into the Deep* 

We need more than masks and vaccines to win this battle

I cannot remember how long we have been living with this COVID pandemic. It seems like a long, long time. It has affected all of us.

By now COVID-19 and its variants have claimed more than 650,000 lives in our coun-

cy alone. Most of us know families, co-workers, and loved ones who have been affected by
due to this deadly virus. You may be among them. Millions more have been stricken and are struggling economically.

The pandemic affects every aspect of our lives. It has caused extensive unemployment,

economic losses. It has disrupted the education of children and adults at every level. Sadly,
it has been published everywhere in every manner (consider masking or the choice to vaccinate or not to vaccinate).

Unavoidably, the global pandemic has af-

fected our religious and spiritual lives as well. In the initial months before we understood how to effectively slow the spread of the virus and before we had a single vaccine, church-

es across the country and around the world were shuttered and Masses were available online only. The faith community and the Catholic Church focused on spiritual formation and worship online.

The pandemic has put stress on all of us. The return to school has been a very diffi-

cult challenge for many parents, teachers, and administrators and students in our Cath-

olic schools, as in all schools. Hard decisions must be made to preserve the possibility of safe in-person instruction: masks or no masks, vaccine or no vaccine.

At such a time as this, we are vulnerable to the wiles of the Evil One. He wants to make us his pawns. In order not to fall into his snare, we need refrain from rashly judging or impatience to others, from souring fear and spreading rumors. Our weapons are prayer and fasting. The virtues we need to practice are patience, vigilance and solidarity. Our work as disciples is to build up; the work of the Evil One is to destroy, and our task is to build and to destroy (Matt. 16:18). We pray for the unity of the Church.

As we move forward, Christians must not neglect our responsibility to pray for one another, especially for those who have the unenviable responsibility of making tough de-
cisions that will not please everyone (perhaps sometimes hardly anyone). We have rightly applauded our first responders in the medical field during the darkest days of the pandem-
ic. Let’s show our support and appreciation for our teachers, principals and school staff members as well. God is with us.

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**Archbishop Coakley’s Calendar**

**Sept. 12 - Mass and celebration of Feast of Our Lady of LaVang, 11:45 a.m.** The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, OKC

**Sept. 13 - USCBC Religious Liberty Committee meeting, Washington, D.C.**

**Sept. 14 - USCBC Administrative Committee meeting, Washington, D.C.**

**Sept. 16 - School Mass, 8:30 a.m., Bishop John Carroll Catholic School

**Sept. 17 - St. Brigid Brother Silvestro Presents 5th annual, 4 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center

**Sept. 17 - Saints and Scholars Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Embassy Suites by Hilton, OKC**

**Sept. 17 - Inauguration of St. John Bosco High School, OKC**

**Sept. 18 - Willow Life of the Party Gala, 6:30 p.m., Omni Oklahoma City Hotel**

**Sept. 23 - Institute for Priestly Formation Program for Bishops, Mundelein, IL**

**Sept. 24 - Episcopal Installation of Msgr. Thaddeus Moogendrach, 4 p.m. St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, Reno, NV**

**Sept. 26 - Young Adult Mass and Cookout, 3 p.m., CPC**
I n April of 1892, the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad completed its mainline into the town of Chickasha, altering the future significantly. Until then, it was a relatively small town inhabited by railroad employees. There were a number of the workers who were Catholic, precipitating the arrival once a month of Father Urammon, pastor of El Reno, to celebrate Mass. The first resident pastor to serve Chickasha was Father Joseph Van Hulse (one of three brothers to minister in Oklahoma), Father Van Hulse celebrated Mass in the homes of parishioners and later the second floor of the Fitzpatrick building. He was reassigned, and Father Francis Hall, newly ordained, was given the task of building a church. Sadly, his lack of experience did not help with twisting the necessary arms to fulfill this need. He was remembered, however, as the priest who was robbed by the Jennings Gang while riding on the Rock Island; truly the wild west.

For a structure to be built, a priest of great ability was brought in to complete the task. Father Isidore Ricklin, O.S.B., was the visionary behind the sprawling Saint Patrick’s Indian Mission in Anadarko. By 1898, a frame church under the patronage of the Holy Name of Jesus was dedicated. Using his influence with Saint Katherine Drexel, whose Sisters of Glen Riddle, Penn., it would serve as a model, Saint Francis who have educated succeeding generations of Catholics who remained faithful and true under conditions most adverse; the devoted Sisters of the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, which still stands today.

Holly Name of Jesus Catholic Church, Chickasha

is, a sign of the strong faith of the people of Chickasha as well as an inspiring beautiful church. During a retreat this past year, Father Novak felt a calling to expand the church’s adult faith formation program. “This is one area that I feel we need to focus on,” he explained. “We truly need to be proud of our heritage, proud of our teachings, and we need to be able to know them so that we can evangelize.”

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Bishop McGuinness recognizes 105 AP Scholars

The College Board released the Advanced Placement Scholar awards for the 2020-2021 school year, and 105 students at Bishop McGuinness Catholic High School were named AP Scholars, the largest number of BMCHS students to ever receive the honor.

With the AP Scholar Awards, College Board’s Advanced Placement Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. Of the 2021 graduates, 56 were named AP Scholars. In the spring, a total of 282 students grades 10-12 took 530 exams in 22 subjects with 77 percent of students earning a passing score of 3 or higher.

The Advanced Placement program offers college-level courses for students while in high school. Beyond providing students the academic rigor and experience of a college-level class, these courses offer the opportunity for students to earn college credit for qualifying scores on the end of the year AP exam. Taking AP exams gives students an advantage in college by allowing them to earn credit while in high school and save money on higher education.

Forty-eight students received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams and were named AP Scholar. They are Luis Al-Botros, Hannah Bernstein, Megan Bohrman, Jenna Carmine, Eli Chadde, Ty Dinh, Claire Dugninski, Grace Engel, Juan Echevarria, Isabella Farley, Liliana Garcia, Casey Germly, Paola Grelle, Emery Hammond, Evan Hammond, Hailey Harrington, Jacob Holman, Isabelle Ille, Sarah Janots, Fatima Kari, Lisa Klechka, Paola Le, Alexander Lefler, Sally Lytle, Henry Maxwell, Helen McDonald, Madeline McLaughlin, Heather Moncada Murphy, Anson Nguyen, Jason Nguyen, Karol Nguyen, Tony Nguyen, Elise Offa, Zachary Rhine, Julia Richard, Emma Roger, Caroline Ruten, Ariel Santos, Shelby Sweazy, Aiden Smith, William Smith, Elizabeth Sullivan, Cate Tollison, Hailey Turman, Christina Vo, Isabella White, Luke Wiencek and Matthew Williams.

The AP Scholar award is given to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. They are Lindsay Boyd, Sarah Brunette, Catherine Carrier, Luke Channell, Kalessa Chomons, Matthew Cosmas, Paulina Covarrubias, Rowan Dover, Katherine Elbow, Jonas Ford, Michael Goodman, Kira Jones, Olivia Kowal, Bryn Leahr, Case Leonard, Ryder McCoy, Emily McDougald, Reece Meares, Emmanuel Mejias, Tristan Nguyen, Birdie Presley, Thomas Raglow, Ryan Schwartz, Rory Sebastien, Samuel Shadid, Halsey Spence, Vivian Vo, Brigitte Webb, Daniel Wieber, Anni Marie Weitzenbick, Charles Williams, Jacob Williams, Samuel Wilson, Helen Wright and Daniel Zarabia.

2021 BLUE MASS for LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRST RESPONDERS

GUEST SPEAKER:
Johnny L. Kuhlahn, United States Marshal for the Western District of Oklahoma
St. Joseph Old Catholic Church
234 North College Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK, 73102

2021 RED MASS for LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

GUEST SPEAKER:
Ward Wegner, Ph.D.
The Cathedral of Our Lady of perpetual Help
3214 North Western Avenue
Oklahoma City, OK, 73118
Author Meg Hunter-Kilmer made a surprise visit Aug. 30 to students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Oklahoma City. Hunter-Kilmer read from her new book “Saints Around the World.” Meg Hunter-Kilmer’s book can be purchased at local Catholic bookstores or on Amazon. Photos Maria de Loera.

The annual freshmen Heart to Heart retreat was held Aug. 25 at Mount Saint Mary Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. The retreat begins with prayer and includes a conversation with Principal Talita DeNegri; Mass; a question and answer session with upperclassmen; and a discussion about the true meaning of friendship led by MSM Spiritual Director Frank Casey. Photos provided.

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The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City 2021 Annual Appeal
"The LORD is the maker of them all"

To the faithful of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City,

The rich and the poor have this in common: “The Lord is the maker of them all.”

I think this inspired Scripture also is an inspired theme for this year’s Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Pope Francis charges each of us to “go to the margins.” He teaches that the Church is a “field hospital” to a world in great need and we ourselves ought to return, “smelling like sheep.”

Pope Francis’ highly visual language complements this Scripture passage and the image we’ve selected to go with the appeal. On one side of the image is a woman in need; on the other is a woman perhaps of means, but also in need! Made alike by the Lord, we need each other.

Those among us whose needs are apparent – poverty, addiction, physical or mental illness, undocumented, homeless – invite us to know them, to see them, to offer of ourselves so they can more fully live the life God intended for them.

We too have a need to more fully live the life God intends for us. By reaching out to help, connecting with others in need, we learn that relieving their needs actually helps us to meet our own.

In Christ,

Patrick Raglow
Executive Director
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City

Dr. Dave Chansolme, an infectious disease specialist and parishioner at Christ the King Catholic Church, was awarded the Archbishop Beltran Award for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City at Catholic Charities’ annual Mass on Aug. 26 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Pictured are Archbishop Coakley, Dr. Chansolme, Jessi Reisenberg and Ray Haefele.

Fr. Oby J. Zunmas, pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Madill, was awarded the 2021 Clergy of the Year award at the Catholic Charities annual Mass on Aug. 26 at The Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Photos provided.
Sister Sara Dwyer, A.S.C., celebrates 50 years

Sister Sara Dwyer, A.S.C., celebrated 50 years as a vowed member of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ on Sept. 4 at the Wichita Center. She made both her first profession (1971) and final vows (1977) on the Feast of Pentecost.

Sister Sara began her first full-time ministry in parish work as the director of adult education at Saint Thomas More Catholic Church in Norman from 1977-1985, and later as a pastoral associate at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Norman from 1997-2000. She gave retreats and taught adult education classes for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City’s pastoral ministry program.

Sister Sara serves as director of the Washington Retreat House in D.C., a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement. She also serves her congregation as the U.S. region’s contact for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

KOC retreat

The Knights of Columbus annual retreat is 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at the Catholic Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City. The guest speaker is Sister Diane Keore, R.S.M., winner of the Spirit of the Conference Award from the National Association for Lay Ministry. Her topic will be “Mercy, the principal path marked out by Jesus Christ for those who desire to follow him.” Cost is $30 per attendee. Open to everyone, includes morning refreshments, lunch, coffee and afternoon cookies. Send checks to Michael Zink KofC, 14616 Collingwood Lane, Edmond 73013 by Oct. 16. Contact Michael-the-g-j@att.net, (405) 314-4120.

Marriage retreat

The archdiocesan Office of Marriage and Family Life presents “Be Light: A Marriage Retreat for Couples” 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Nov. 6 at St. Monica Catholic Church, 2001 N. Western Ave. in Edmond. Cost $50 per couple. Lunch included. Register at archokc.org/marriageretreat. Contact Alex Schimpf at (405) 709-2755, aschimpf@archokc.org.

Marian University held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 3 to open its state-of-the-art learning lab for nursing students in Oklahoma City. The lab is located in the IBC Bank Building, 3817 Northwest Expressway, Suite 450. For more information, visit onlineabsn.marian.edu/oklahoma-city. Photo provided.

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Jobs Box

Executive director - OKC

Immediate opening for an executive director at Catholic Social Services (CSS). Center to provide comprehen- sive Catholic social services to the underserved community in operational man- agement, programming, planning and long-term growth. Accountable for staff management, development and recruitment, retention, community satisfaction, resident occupancy, fiscal reporting, regulatory compliance, and sales and marketing initiatives. Actively involved in case- mission, philosophies and value- added services. Actively involved in daily supervision of employees, residents and families. Submit resume and cover letter to archokc.org/jobs-box.

Archdiocesan Catholic school coordinators - OKC

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a education to develop an online school formation and academic renewal services to advance the mission of developing, recruiting and super- vising a plan for the continuous renewal of the intellectual forma- tion of teachers and students. The coordinator for operations provides staff support to the director of Catholic schools. Additional partic- ular support to principals for the operational tasks of 19 Catholic school leadership. To three years’ experi- ence in Catholic school administration or a preferred bachelor’s degree in education and/or central office. Send resume to mmills@archokc.org.

Production assistant - OKC

Immediate opening for a Production assistant for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to work with the Coordinator of Di- snoten Evangelical Theology in previous works on video, live-streaming, graphics, social media, media relations and the website. Experience/training required. Practicing Catholic and bilingual in Spanish an asset. Send resume to mmills@archokc.org.

Accountant - OKC

Immediate opening for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City to seek an accountant with a bachelor’s degree in accounting and an understanding of Catholic finance and some experience in accounting, providing general accounting duties. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be able to pass background check and have a clean driving record. E-mail Laura Cain, principal at lcain@seasok.org.

Summer camp coordinator - OKC

Immediate opening for an Executive coordinator of the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City is seeking a coordinator of the summer camp program. The summer camp is a opportunity for all students, regardless of age and interests, to participate in a safe and nurturing environment. Send resume to mmills@archokc.org.

The Catholic Difference

The mighty pen of Fr. Mankowski, S.J.

But, he wasn't a masochist, and he didn't deliberately seek out punishment. It seemed to him, and he didn't think he imagined that his role as the Jesuits would be to suffer: in, because of, and through the suffer- ing in which he would appear to be engulfed. No, his role as a priest, scholar and musician, and engaging the faith- ful into participation in worship. Fr. Mankowski put his name to a Mass in honor of St. Maximilian. The Catholic Difference

Book Review: “Monuments, Marvels and Miracles”

When Paul Mankoski, S.J., died unexpectedly in the spring of 2013, he left behind a wealth of books and articles. Over the past 44 years as nov- ice, novice master and propaedeutic director, Paul Mankowski, S.J., published over 30 books, many of which have become classics in the field of Jesuit history and spirituality. In his most recent book, “Monuments, Marvels and Miracles,” Paul Mankowski explores the complex and often contradictory nature of our Catholic faith and its impact on society. The book is a collection of essays and articles that have been published over the course of his career and offers a unique perspective on the history and spirituality of the Jesuit order. The Catholic Difference

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George Weigel

Ethics and Public Policy Center

Book Review: “Monuments, Marvels and Miracles”

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Freelance writer for the Sooner Catholic

Traveling around the United States presents some unique opportunities to enrich our Catholic faith by visiting specific church locations and the notable shrines. However, knowing where “off the beaten path” are can be challenging. I also met Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, who specializes in “faith travel” and its role in the spiritual enrichment of the faithful. The mighty pen of Fr. Mankowski, S.J.
Necesitamos más que cubrebocas y vacunas para ganar esta batalla

No puedo recordar cuánto tiempo llevamos viviendo con la pandemia del COVID. Parece que ha sido por mucho, mucho tiempo. Y nos ha desgastado a todos.

Al día de hoy, el COVID-19 y sus variantes han reclamado más de 650,000 vidas solamente en nuestro país. La mayoría de nosotros conoce a familias, compañeros de trabajo y fíl-

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**Briefs**

Please contact organizers before attending. Find more briefs at archokc.org/briefs.

**The Ladder of Ascension**

Another Mother Institute is enrolling for The Ladder of Ascen- 

dion, a journey thorough the 40 sessions of the Catholic Church. The two year, four semester course meets weekly Sept.-May. Contact, Rathekisti@archokc.org or (405) 721-4240.

**Catechetical Conference**

The Catechetical Conference will be held this year on the 2nd Sat. of the month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for 11 sessions beginning Sept. 25. Contact, ccrprayers@gmail.com.

**Guild Silver Tea**

Guild Silver Tea is 12:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at 1100 N. Sara Rd. in Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com or call (405) 320-8817.

**Love Run**

The Knights on Bikes poker run “Love Run” to raise money for The Center of Family Love is 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Center in Midwest City. It is open to motorcycles and cars. Cost: $20 first hand; $10 each additional hand. Cash prizes. $200 high hand, $50 low hand. The last stop is with bicycle Bob McGee at 421 E. Acres St., OKC. Contact, potato.lang@gmail.com.

**Fall Radiothon**

Beginning our evening with a blaring yourself before the Lord and joining in. It is a simple but powerful and hum- 

ifying prayer before the Lord to acknowledge the need for his help.

On Oct. 12, Mass will be celebrated for the deceased with the Center of Family Love 

Saints & Scholars Dinner for 

The Center of Family Love.

12:30 p.m. Sept. 25 at 1100 N. Sara Rd. in Norman.

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**Pray the Rosary for Life**

Pray the Rosary for Life, 9 a.m., 2453 Wilcox Dr., Norman. Contact Connie Lang, (405) 249-1041, potato.lang@gmail.com.

**Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

Feast of St. Pius of Pietrelcina. 3 p.m., McGuinness Catholic High School, OKC.

**Memorial Mass for the unborn**

Memorial Mass for the unborn infants who have been the victims of abortion. 9 a.m. Oct. 2 at St. Benedict Catholic Church in Shawnee.

**Fall Festival**

Fall festival at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church fall festival is 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. Oct. 1 and 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Oct. 3 at 4201 S. McKinley Ave. in Oklahoma City.

**Cultural Institute Opening**

Cultural Institute opening at 2 p.m., 200 N. Classen Blvd., OKC. Visit, serraokc.org.

**Diocesan Calendar**

For over 138 years, our insurance program has helped generations of Catholic families find stability and security.
The Maker’s Mark Beefsteak Dinner benefitting the CFL is Sept. 30. It will feature handcrafted cocktails garnished with the CFL-grown herbs. The 40th anniversary provided an opportunity for reflection on the evolution of the center and its future. Espinosa said Pauline’s story inspired her to plan more broadly.

"It’s important to look back at the progress we have made over the past 40 years," Espinosa said. "Now, we have to look at the next 40, 50, 60 years because some of our residents may be here for that long!"

The addition of a cutting-edge facility is the next exciting step for CFL. In response to the wishes of residents, a capital campaign was launched to provide a more functional space and newer technology. Currently, residents are restricted to activities within their houses. Plans for the Newfield Community Education Center include a culinary arts school with adaptive equipment, a swimming pool, a performance stage and an art studio.

The center will provide residents with entirely separate spaces and equipment to pursue their passions and hobbies. Upon completion of the center, residents will have a designated building where they will spend their days. While the addition of the new center is in response to residents’ dreams for the future, it will serve the community. Individuals who are not residents of the CFL will be able to participate in activities.

Nellie Sanders, vice president of philanthropy, explained how integral the new center will be in connecting families.

“There is such a need for families to come together, understand and connect with others who have been in their shoes,” Sanders said. “We have a responsibility to show the value of every resident, and what they are contributing to the world.”

To learn more about the center, buy products online or for ways to give, go online to centeroffamilylove.org.

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