

Quarterly Newsletter November 2021

SJPC 12th Annual Benefit Dinner



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To view photos of the evening's event, please [click here](#).

SJPC successfully held our second in-person event since COVID-19 and largest fundraising event of the year at The Stamford Yacht Club! Thanks to your generosity and support, we raised approximately \$162,000 with 131 people in attendance at this outdoor tented Benefit Dinner event.

This exciting evening included a cocktail hour with live music by the Chris Coogan Trio, dinner with a beautiful view, a live and silent auction, and our signature treasure chest that held a "Mystery" item from the renowned Betteridge. Inside the Chest contained a beautiful diamond pendant necklace, valued at \$2,500!

We were also delighted to honor the Harvard Business School Club of Connecticut Community Partners with the *Imagine Award*, which was presented by our Founder, Measi O'Rourke and Board Member, Carmen Seleme-McDermott. Thank you for all who attended and supported us at this year's event!

Client Testimonial



Yolian Cerquera recently attended our Dads are the Difference program and gave an impactful testimonial at our recent Benefit Dinner event. He opened his speech with, "Being a husband and a father is the toughest and most important job that I've ever had in my life. It is a job that requires your attention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are no days off. No sick days. No part time off. More importantly, you cannot delegate your responsibilities to someone else. That day, I understood that marriage and fatherhood are more than a job, they are a vocation."



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Mark your calendars, November 30th is Giving Tuesday!

This day was initially founded in 2012 with the intention to set aside a day that was all about the generosity of giving, an American tradition. Give Thanks by Giving on November 30th!

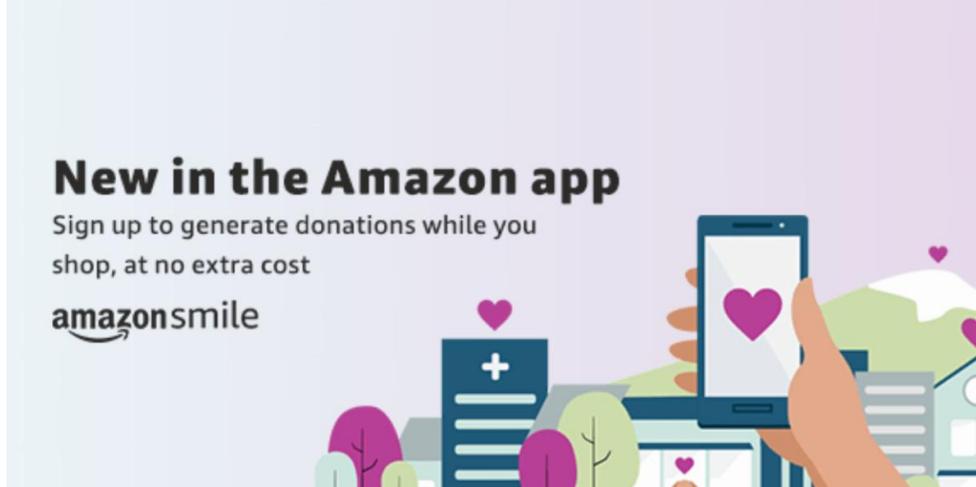
Become a Peer to Peer (P2P) Fundraiser for SJPC! It's simple, contact our Fundraising Manager, [Emily Carriero](#), for more information. You can also make a donation by [clicking here](#) or texting "sjpcgivingtuesday" to "243725". We're counting on you to help us make a difference.

Upcoming Events

The Holidays are fast approaching and SJPC will be hosting a Thanksgiving and Christmas Drive. The end of this month we are partnering with Bridgeport Rescue Mission and Our Lady Star of the Sea to distribute Thanksgiving meals to our parents. On December 17th SJPC will host a Christmas Drive in the Gym of the Yerwood Center.

If you are interested in giving back we are in need of adult men's and women's hats and gloves, and grocery store gift cards. For more information, please contact our Associate Director of Volunteers, [Terrell Dais](#).

Shop Amazon Smile for the Holidays and Support SJPC



Want to make a difference in the lives of families at no cost to you? We are happy to announce that you can now use the Amazon mobile App to sign up for Amazon Smile and select Saint Joseph Parenting Center as your favorite charity. By signing up, a portion of your eligible purchases will help us educate parents and protect children. It's easy when you follow the steps below.

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "Amazon Smile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "Saint Joseph Parenting Center" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate Amazon Smile in the mobile app
5. On your phone, if you have Amazon installed, go to settings and turn on Amazon Smile to make sure we receive a donation whether you shop on your desktop or phone. Thank You!
6. Bookmark smile.amazon.com on your laptop so when you go to Amazon you are always in the correct site for the donation. If you go to the regular Amazon site, there is no donation.

Support SJPC Through Givelify

We're excited to announce that we have set up a new account with Givelify, a donating platform designed specifically for non profits. Looking for an easy way to donate? It's simple, follow these steps below:

1. Visit [Givelify.com](https://www.givelify.com) or download the app on your phone
2. Type "**Saint Joseph Parenting Center**" in the search for your organization search box
3. Select your gift amount
4. Feel free to add a message
5. Want to save yourself the hassle of logging in several times to make donations to SJPC, click "**recurring gift**"
6. click "give now"



**Wedding Congratulations to
Our Board Member, Alan Chapple!**



Congratulations to Alan and his new wife, Kay Krill Chapple, on their recent September wedding.

We wish you a lifetime of joy, peace, and good health!

Facilitators Recognition



Former SJPC client and current facilitator William H. Dupree, knows firsthand what our clients experience week in and week out, how much they value the communal support found in class and individual support with their case managers. He emphasizes with our clients and says, "SJPC was there for me and I'm committed to being there for you. If I can help, I will."



Congratulations! We want to recognize one of our long-term facilitators, Adriana Molina, on her recent promotion to Sargent of the Stamford Police Department! She has previously been awarded as one of the most influential 50 Latinos in Connecticut. We are blessed to continuously have her support!

SJPC Staff Highlights



Congratulations to our Case Manager, **Cecilia Tumbaco**, who recently welcomed a baby boy, Teddy, into the world! Congratulations on your new family addition!

More exciting news: we recently welcomed **Lisa Randolph**, Book Keeper, and **Terrell Dais**, Associate Director of Volunteers to the SJPC Team!

Lastly, we also want to acknowledge staff member promotion. **Joan Corcoran** was promoted to Associate Director of Development and **Emily Carriero** was promoted to Fundraising Manager.

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