



Midtown Notes

December 2023 Newsletter

Celebrating the Season

On December 2, Midtown hosted our annual “Breakfast With Santa” event for 65 children and their families! In addition to visits with Santa himself, the kids got to enjoy crafts, breakfast, and a viewing of “The Grinch”!

We are thrilled that our Santa, volunteer Vince Reese, joined us for his 31st event in a row! [You can check out Vince’s Santa story on Fox 2 here.](#)

A big thank you goes to the University of Dayton alumni group for volunteering with Midtown once again!



Holiday Giving

Thanks to the generosity of supporters who donated gifts, gift cards, and funds to Midtown’s Holiday Sponsorship program, the holidays will be brighter for 39 families and 65 seniors.

In addition, the St. Louis Cardinals and Cardinals Care loaded our vans with presents for our kiddos!



Family PRIDE

This past month, our Family PRIDE kiddos had the chance to play with their families and friends at The Magic House. We also hosted a holiday tea party for their moms, which included our "Ending to the Beginning" workshop where they discussed their achievements over the past year and set personal and parenting SMART goals for 2024!

Afterschool

Our afterschool kids started the holiday season with a Halloween party where the Midtown staff dressed up like them. We've also spent time making holiday crafts and constructing gingerbread houses. The participants ended their fall semester on a high note thanks to the tutoring and homework help provided by team members and volunteers.



Senior Programming

The Midtown Mamas have been busy with a variety of educational and fun-filled activities, including a Halloween party and Thanksgiving potluck, arts and crafts (including making their own t-shirts), a workshop on chronic pain, and a holiday bowling get-together at Shrewsbury Lanes!

Thank You, Supporters!



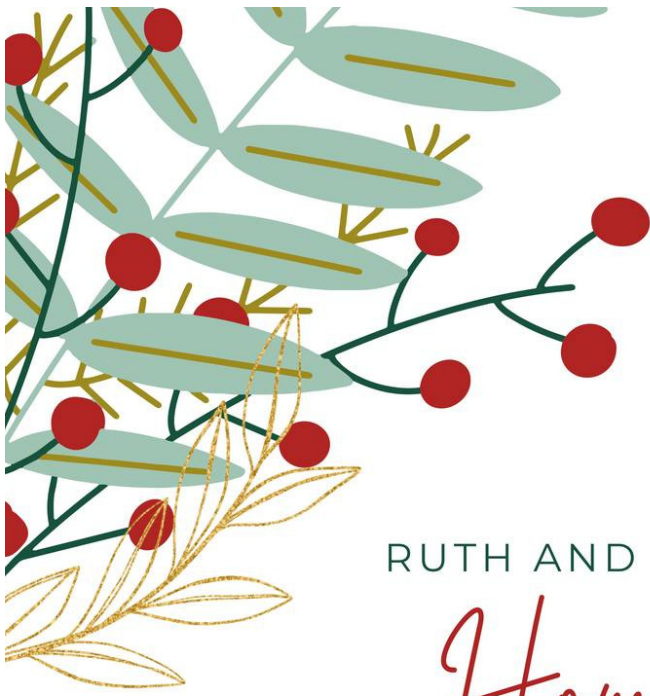
\$20,000 Raised at Midtown's Holiday Gala!

Once again, Midtown, our community members, and supporters came together to celebrate the past year's achievements at our annual Holiday Gala.

This year, Spire received the Herald of Hope award for everything they've done to improve our playground, Garden, and facility over the years. In addition, Vince Reese was our Bob & Mary Alice Helmsing honoree for his 31 years as Midtown's Santa.



Save the date for the Tony McDonald Memorial Trivia Night on Saturday, March 9, 2024 at The Heights in Richmond Heights. [Click here](#) for more information. Ticket sales open up in January.



RUTH AND ELLY CHRISTOPHER'S

*Home for the
Holidays*

BENEFIT CONCERT

DECEMBER 26, 2023, 2PM

**PROCEEDS GO TO MIDTOWN'S
FAMILY PRIDE PROGRAM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ST. LOUIS
7200 DELMAR BLVD,
ST. LOUIS, MO 63130



Happy Holidays From Midtown!



On behalf of the 275 community members we served in 2023, thank you for your incredible support this past year. It is because of our donors, volunteers, and advocates that we are able to make a difference for families and seniors here in St. Louis.

The Midtown office will be closed from Friday, Dec. 22 through Tuesday, Jan. 2 for the holidays. We can't wait to see everyone in 2024!