

# Bethany

Health Care Center

*May you and your family experience the joys and blessings of Christmas and may your New Year be filled with peace*



A Sponsored Ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston

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## FOR OVER FORTY YEARS, SISTERS CONTINUE THEIR FAMILY MINISTRY OF SERVICE



*Sister Margaret Crann, CSJ (left) and Sister Anna Crann, CSJ*

The holiday season is a time for family. In addition to being a five-star, nationally-recognized healthcare facility, Bethany Health Care Center represents family for the women religious and residents who today call Bethany

home, as well as for its extended family of staff, donors and volunteers.

We would like to introduce you to two members of our Bethany family, identical twin sisters Sister Anna Crann (Sister James Elizabeth), CSJ and Sister Margaret Crann (Sister James Patrick), CSJ, of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. Together, the Crann sisters have served their religious community for a combined 110 years.

Having grown up in a large family in Charlestown, their devotional roots run deep, attending St. Catherine's Grammar School and Cathedral High School in Boston. Sister Anna and Sister Margaret joined their Community in 1960, spending their early years as kindergarten and Montessori School teachers in Haverhill.

Their ministry at Bethany Health Care Center began nearly forty years ago. Today, that ministry still includes tending to the personal needs of the Sisters of St. Joseph at Bethany. It is often said that it's the little things in life that make a difference and our Sisters of St. Joseph residents know that they can depend on the Crann sisters

for anything needed to bring them comfort in their Bethany home. Whether it's a candy run to the local store or securing a suit for a special occasion, transporting a Sister to a family function or replacing a pair of broken shoelaces, no task is too large or too small for Sisters Anna and Margaret.

Benefactors make it possible for Bethany to provide all of its women religious and lay residents the highest quality of healthcare, as well as a comfortable, home-like environment in which to live their lives to the fullest. In addition to caring for the spiritual life of the total person, residents are afforded a full range of physical, intellectual, creative, interactive and social programs through our Activities Department.

Our Bethany family of residents, who range in age from 67 to 105 years old, depends on the continued generosity of its donors through our Annual Fund. The level of one-on-one care delivered by its highly skilled healthcare staff, as evidenced by its national recognition, enhances the quality of life for each resident.

Your support ensures that Bethany will be able to meet the ever-increasing needs of those who have been entrusted to its care and will make a difference!



*Sister Anna Crann, CSJ (left) and Sister Margaret Crann, CSJ visit with Bethany resident*



Dear Bethany Benefactors and Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed getting to know Sister Anna Crann, CSJ and Sister Margaret Crann, CSJ, two members of our Bethany family. Their level of service and dedication to our residents is illustrative of the commitment by our entire Bethany staff.

If you have recently given to Bethany Health Care Center, a sponsored ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston, or have made a gift in the past, we thank you for your generosity. May you experience in your lives the joy that you have brought to our Bethany residents.

The benevolence of our benefactors has enabled Bethany to serve people in need regardless of their socioeconomic level or religious affiliation. Today at Bethany, there is a population of 75% women religious and 25% former residents from the metropolitan Boston and Metro West communities that relies on our staff for skilled nursing and rest home services.

The generosity of donors such as you enables Bethany to carry out its mission of providing quality healthcare to all those who today call Bethany home. Bethany currently maintains an approximate 82.1% Medicaid population and subsequently experiences a financial shortfall for each of these residents. ***Consequently, your support of our Annual Fund ensures that Bethany can sustain its delivery of nationally-recognized quality healthcare for all our residents.***

If you were to visit Bethany and meet our staff and residents, you would experience first-hand Bethany's recognition as a top-rated long-term healthcare facility. You would also see the many changes that have been made possible through the generosity of our supporters. We are constantly striving to provide our residents with a home-like setting that enhances their socialization, ensures their safety, and promotes their independence.

Your participation in our Annual Fund will help ensure that Bethany has the critical operational resources necessary to continue its legacy of delivering quality care for those in need.

On behalf of our Sisters of St. Joseph, Bethany residents and staff, may you and your family experience God's love during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,

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CEO/Administrator

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