

NORTH FAIRMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER—UNSUNG HERO: JANE GRIFFITH

Jane Griffith came to help at the North Fairmount Community Center many years ago as part of her studies for the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program at Mount Saint Mary's.

She spent most of her time out in the neighborhood knocking on doors and talking to residents about what they wanted to see in North Fairmount. At the time, some elderly residents were afraid to open the door to a stranger which was a little frustrating, but understandable. She found that most households had working parents with the daytime childcare provided by older adults—probably grandparents. The residents very clearly hoped for opportunities for their children in recreation, education and group experiences of a broader nature.

Jane came to help before she had children. Today, she and her husband are the proud grandparents of a school age little boy whose mother works in retail and a younger daughter in college who will be studying for a while in China.

And once again, Jane will be back to help with all the work connected with the Christmas Giving Tree Project from signup to distribution of thousands of gifts and food items.

We cannot begin to thank her enough for all she has done for so many years and into the future.

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