

News From Sister Kay...



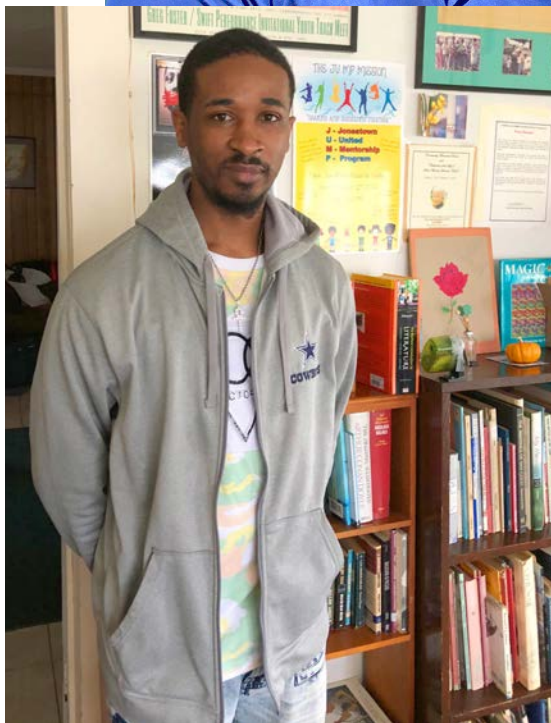
Dear Friends,

To our friends, co-workers and partners in the SNJM Durocher Program, special greetings! You will be happy to know that some program activities are resuming, safely but surely! Ms. Delores Mason started teaching piano lessons one year after COVID shut us down. She will continue the lessons through July. Young Jonestown volunteers once again can participate in the Community Garden. A few adult volunteers from outside Jonestown are blessing us with their skills. In addition, a new activity is bringing life to the Resource Center on Saturdays – quilting!



Former Students

When former students – now living and working in various parts of the U.S. and the wider world – come home to visit families and friends, they often drop in to say hello! It is wonderful and very supportive!



(Above) Kevin and daughter.

(Left) Melvin.

(Right) Cemilar,
Sister Kay and
Shernikio.

Piano

After one year away, most of the piano students began taking lessons again beginning in mid-March. All are doing very well. They will come once a week during the summer. Ms. Delores Mason has taken two new pupils, who are twin sisters.

Below: Cordale at a piano lesson.

Right: Ms. Bell with great-grand nieces Keelen and Kaylen.



Graduation

It is a happy time when families celebrate graduations. Although we were not able to attend the ceremonies as in previous years, we wished virtual or personal congratulations to the graduates who have been part of the Durocher activities.

(Below) CCC graduate Shalena.



Community Garden



Saturday mornings are the times best suited for young people to help in the Community Garden. This spring we planted seeds of okra, tomatoes, cabbage, squash, pumpkin, watermelon, carrots, green beans and a variety of flowers! Now, we spend time weeding, watering and harvesting what is ripe.



Above: Cara and Sister Kim planting watermelon seeds.

Left: Carrie and Kashayla weeding.



Witness for Peace

Our once-a-month Witness for Peace hour continues with different topic activities. It is hoped that by September we will be able to open our gatherings to the usual larger crowd. College student Ty is in charge for the June event.

Left: March 2021.

Below: Ty.



Quilting

Mary Ann Willis Mackey asked to use the Resource Center to teach quilting to Jonestown residents and others. They meet on Saturdays and have made beautiful progress.



Adult Volunteers

I have been supported and helped this winter and spring by Sister Cathy Leamy, SNJM, my sister-in-law Kathy, Lovers of the Holy Cross Sister Kim Dung Huynh from Vietnam, and neighbor Carolyn Brunt. Due to COVID restrictions, the usual high school and college spring break volunteers were not able to come to Jonestown this year. However, small adult groups from Purdue University and Santa Cruz came in May and June to help rebuild a trailer home for a family.

*Left: Purdue University
Volunteers.*

Right: Sister Kim and Kay.



Thank you!

May God bless you! Thank you for being a part of our SNJM family with your supportive prayers, thoughts and gifts. It continues to be true that without you, this Durocher Program would not be possible. I am so happy to be in it with you!

From here, daily prayers! May God bless you!

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Rest in Peace

One of our great friends, Ms. Joyce Daniels, recently passed. She came to help us year after year with summer school, recreational activities and teaching sewing to junior and senior high school students. We grieve the loss, offer condolences to her family and thank God for her life. May she rest in peace.

Joyce with Carrie and Destiny.