

on target #newsflash

What's happening at Special Needs? Read below for the latest up-to-date news. If you have any information to share, please send an email to Chris Howard at choward@stvincents.org.

LED Lighting

Replacement of lighting at 95 and 975 has been completed with the exception of a few punch list items at the Stratford adult day campus.

Stamford Group Home

Discussions are ongoing with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) to seek alternative solutions for our Stamford group home.

The FEROLETO Center - Renovation

As previously discussed, our senior team has been looking into several workable solutions to the space issue at the school. Here are some updates:

- We truly appreciate everyone's flexibility in working around the loss of the circus room. Therapists are now treating in half of the rec room and all CPR and orientation classes are being held in the board room at 101 Merritt Blvd. We anticipate construction to be completed on the new classroom by mid-March.
- Several staff requested a window be installed in the new classroom and we are happy to report that we received approval this week. Great teamwork everyone ... it definitely pays to speak up!
- On January 20th, members of the Board of Directors from the Medical Center and Foundation attended a luncheon and went on guided tours of the FEROLETO Center. Ray had the opportunity to present a proposal for future renovations and expansion of the building. In addition, our senior team submitted a capital request to Ascension for financial support for the project.
- We are aware that parking is also a challenge and options are being explored.

TV Monitors

Where did the second monitor go? You may have noticed that one of the TV monitors had to be removed when construction on the new classroom began. This will be remounted once construction is complete. We continue to work with IT to gain access via our network for messages to be uploaded.

Shades

All shades have been installed in the lobby, pool and conference room at 95.

Windows at 975

Plans to replace 144 windows at the 975 Oronoque Lane campus are underway. We are working toward a March start date with completion targeted for June 1st.

Vehicles

As a result of Ray joining the Capital Planning Committee for St. Vincent's Health Services affiliates, we have received capital approval to replace six vehicles this year with a plan to replace up to 10% of our fleet annually! Thank you, Ray, for making sure Special Needs has a seat at the table and our critical needs are being addressed.

Furniture for 95 and 975

Furniture has been ordered for three rooms at 975 including Oceanview, Road Warriors and Paradise. Each room is being personalized to meet the needs of all participants and associates.

Several classrooms have received new furniture at 95 leaving approximately 10 rooms left to be outfitted.

Proceeds from this year's golf tournament will go toward additional furniture upgrades. If you have family or friends that like to play golf and/or want to support a wonderful cause, please direct them to our website at <https://give.stvincents.org/specialneedsgolf> where they can register as a sponsor or player.