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Sr. Edna Lonergan, OSF

St. Ann Center for Intergenerational Care, Inc.

- Founded St. Ann Center, 1983 to present. St. Ann Center is a community-based day services center for children, older adults, and people with disabilities. Built overnight respite care addition in 2007.
- President, St. Ann Adult Day Care, Inc., 1983 to present.
- President of St. Ann Adult Day Care, specialized dementia unit, 1987 to present.
- Director of Rehabilitation Department, St. Ann Center, 1975 to 1987.
- Founded St. Ann Adult Day Care Program, integrated unit, 1982 to 1995.
- Developed and presented Benevolent Touch workshops, 1985 to present.

Advocacy

- Initiated and chaired the Intergenerational Council in the Commission on Aging, 2002-2010.
- Chaired Commission on Aging for Milwaukee County 1994 to 2000. Reappointed 2002-2010.
- Chaired the Legislative Committee for the Wisconsin Adult Day Services Association, 1998 to 2002.
- Started a mentoring program for Central City youths at St. Ann Center, 2002 to present.
- Founded the Milwaukee Community Service Bank (1998-2011). The bank was sponsored by St. Ann Center and made free donated goods and services available to people waiting for state and federal funding.
- Began Day Care A La Carte, an outreach program providing personal hygiene and grooming services to people in the community unable to care for these basic needs (1994).
- Developed and Co-Chaired Needs Assessment of Older Adults of Milwaukee County, 1984 to 1985.
- Advised Kennedy Advisory Committee, Alverno Life Care Community Project for Adult Developmentally Disabled, as a consultant, 1983 to 1985.

International

- Presented the benefits of community-based care in China as a delegate with the People to People Ambassador program (2005).
- Presented a multigenerational concept of day care service as a representative of the Holy See to the Second World Assembly on Aging in Madrid, Spain (2002).
- Visited the Tertiary Sisters of St. Francis in Cameroon to determine their needs and help them promote community-based care (2003, 2004, 2009, 2016). Facilitated donations of livestock to elders caring for grandchildren, which created jobs and enhanced nutrition. Also facilitated donations of money for a dormitory, a store, medical equipment, cataract surgeries for elders, and more. Now raising money for an agricultural teaching farm for orphans, taught by elders.
- Presented St. Ann Center's intergenerational care model at the World Intergenerational Conference in Singapore (2010)
- Presented St. Ann Center's intergenerational care model at Generations United's Global Intergenerational Conference in Milwaukee (2016)
- Presented St. Ann Center's intergenerational care model at the International Conference: Three Generations Under One Roof in Taiwan (2018)

Teaching

- Associate Preceptor, Department of Kinesiology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1994.
- Clinical Supervisor of Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant and Registered Occupational Therapy Program, 1977 to 1990.
- Instructor, rehabilitation procedures and Gerontology, Mount Mary College, 1980 to 1982.
- Instructor, medical ethics, Cardinal Stritch College, 1981.

Education

- MS in Aging from North Texas State University
- BS in Occupational Therapy, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee
- Licensed Practical Nurse, Sacred Heart School of Nursing, Milwaukee
- Diploma "Integrating Body Therapy with Psychotherapy"
- Massage Therapist and Certified by the American Massage Therapy Association
- Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, three-month training program in occupational therapy in the area of physical disability for all age groups, 1974.
- Hines Veterans Administration Hospital, 1975, six-month training program as part of an affiliation requirement in physical disabilities and psychology for all adult ages.

Memberships

Wisconsin Adult Day Care Association, Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association, National Council on Aging, National Occupational Therapy Association, Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association, Wisconsin Coalition on Aging, State LPN Association, Milwaukee Aging Consortium, Milwaukee County Commission on Aging, Rotary Club of Milwaukee

Awards

Name of award	From	Date
2019 Citizen of the Year	Milwaukee Chapter, UNICO, & Milwaukee Ladies of UNICO	May 2019
eAchievement Award	eTown	April 2019
Year of the Child Honoree	Milwaukee Community Journal	Aug 2018
Force For Positive Change Finalist	Marquette University & Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation	March 2018
Social Innovation Prize	Interfaith/UNISON	Oct. 2017
Year of the Child Honoree	Milwaukee Community Journal	Aug. 2017
Donald Driver Driven to Achieve Award	Donald Driver Foundation	March 2017
Social Innovation Prize Fellow	Interfaith	Oct. 2016
Rotary Person of the Year, Vocational Recognition Award	Rotary Club of Milwaukee	June 2016
Most Influential People in Milwaukee-Nonprofit	Milwaukee Magazine	Nov.2015
Nonprofit Executive of the Year Finalist	BizTimes	Nov. 2014
Madonna Medal for Professional Excellence	Mount Mary University	Oct. 2013
Excellence in Innovation	Non-Profit Center of Milwaukee	Dec. 2012
Buelah Brinton Community Service Award for Outstanding Leadership	Buelah Brinton Community Center	Oct. 2012
Intergenerational Shared Site Best Practices Award	Generations United	July 2009
St. Francis Citizen of the Year Award	St. Francis Association of Commerce	Jan 2009
William C. Frye Civic Leadership Award	The Greater Milwaukee Foundation	June 2008
Intergenerational Shared Site Best Practices Award	Generations United	June 2008
Torch Award for Business Ethics (runner up)	Wisconsin Better Business Bureau	Nov 2007
2007 Platinum Award	Mature Worker Committee of Greater Milwaukee & Interfaith Older Adult Programs	Sep 2007
Advocacy for People in Need	Wis. Alliance of Retired Americans	Oct. 2006

St. Ann Center: One of the 12 Best of the Great Lakes Region in Aging	Grantmakers in Aging	Oct. 2006
Unsung Heroes Award	Milwaukee Common Council	Nov. 2003
Women of Influence Award for Non-Profit Leadership	<i>Milwaukee Business Journal</i>	June 2003
One of 20 Best Places to Work in Milwaukee	<i>Milwaukee Magazine</i>	Nov. 2002
Benevolent Touch	Milwaukee Archdiocesan Holy Name Union	April 2002
Community Service Award	American Legion Post 489	March 2002
Ageless Heroes Award for Intergenerational Advocacy	Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups	2002
First Place Service to Seniors Award for Milwaukee Community Service Bank	National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare	May 2001
The Wisconsin Century: People Who Shaped Our Lives from 1900 to 2000	The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel	Dec. 1998
St. Ann Center Model Project Award	White House Conference on Aging	1995
Dedication to Older Adults of Milwaukee County	Milwaukee County Dept. on Aging	Jan. 1995
Advocacy Efforts for Older Adults	Older Adult Service Providers' Consortium	Sept. 1994

Publications

Lonergan, Edna 1986. *Holistic Model of Day Care*. Unpublished manual. Cardinal Stritch College.

Review of *Contemporary Environments for People With Dementia*, Cohen, Uriel & Day, Kristen; 1993 Johns Hopkins University Press.

Lonergan, Edna 1994, April/May. *Benevolent Touch for Persons with Dementia*. New Avenues

Lonergan, Edna 1996, *Training Manual On Benevolent Touch: For Persons With Alzheimer's Disease and Other Related Dementias* (Co-author).

Lonergan, Edna 1996, December. Issue of Mental Health Special Interest Section Newsletter sponsored by American Occupational Association. *Benevolent Touch: Use for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias*.