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About Oasis

"Our mission is simple but powerful: to promote healthy aging through lifelong learning, active lifestyles, and volunteer engagement—because a thriving community includes people of all ages. By fostering connections, encouraging personal growth, and creating opportunities for meaningful contribution, we empower older adults to live with purpose, share their wisdom, and continue making a lasting impact in the world around them."

"For over 40 years, Oasis has been a trusted space where older adults can discover new passions, stay active, and give back in ways that truly matter. What started as a simple idea has grown into a thriving community that empowers people to keep learning, connecting, and making a difference. As we celebrate this milestone, we remain as committed as ever to enriching lives, strengthening communities, and proving that aging is full of possibilities."

"Aging isn't about years; it's about experiences, stories, and the people we meet along the way. At St. Louis Oasis, every class taken, every friendship formed, and every act of service is a reminder that life's most beautiful moments happen when we keep reaching out, learning, and growing together."

- Paul Weiss, PhD, Oasis President

Oasis Programs

"Curiosity doesn't fade with age—it grows. St. Louis Oasis is where passion meets opportunity. With a variety of classes in arts, wellness, literature, science, and beyond, we help older adults deepen knowledge about topics they care about while keeping curiosity alive."

"Our classes and programs aren't just about the subject participants sign up for. It's about building community, making connections, and reaping the health benefits of engaging with others."

"When we learn, we grow. When we stay active, we thrive. When we connect, we find purpose. St. Louis Oasis' programs bring all these elements together, creating opportunities for older adults to lead vibrant, engaged lives."

- Juliet Simone, MPH, MBA, Chief Program Officer

Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring: One child, one tutor, one school year. Two lives forever changed

"A simple act of mentorship can change the course of a child's future. Through Oasis tutoring, older adults and young students build lasting bonds that inspire growth, learning, and connection across generations."

"Through Oasis, older adults find a rewarding way to give back, students discover the power of encouragement, and together, they create stories of success—one page, one lesson, and one connection at a time."

"A book, a tutor, and a child—sometimes, that's all it takes to open the door to a brighter future. At Oasis, we believe in the transformational power of learning, connection, and community."

- Mary Click, Oasis National Tutoring Program Director