

*St. Joseph Catholic Club*

440 ST. JOSEPH STREET  
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA 17603

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Founded 1909

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Dear Patron/Vendor/Supplier,

There's a saying that goes, "You won't understand the unabashed power of a community until you're a part of one."

For over the last 16 years, the St. Joseph Catholic Club has been operating a carnival on the athletic fields just off of Wabank Road in Lancaster, PA. During this duration, the St. Joseph Carnival has accrued over \$190,000 in which all proceeds went toward funding the St. Joseph Youth Athletic programs in efforts to benefitting our young members in the Lancaster city community.

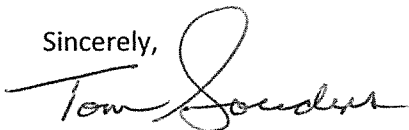
Unfortunately, we have noticed a sharp decline in the profit from this event over the recent years for various reasons including inclement weather and the rising cost of overhead. Even though many different avenues were tried to reverse the current trend with things like "Special Events", entertainment, new amusement rides and games combined with numerous ways to cut expenses; however, our attempts to combat the shrinking profits were of no avail as the results illustrated no change.

Therefore, after much deliberation, the Carnival Committee has decided to forgo the St. Joseph Carnival and explore new opportunities to continue its influence in providing and supporting stability for our city's youth through these programs.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the efforts that you have graciously given in order to have a positive impact on our local community. People are quintessential to the success of the communities they belong to or the communities in which they help promote an optimistic change and for that, we thank you!

If you would like to contribute to the prolonged St. Joe Club's historical 108-year mission of offering Youth Athletics for the young members in the Lancaster city community, please visit our website at [www.stjosephcatholicclub.com](http://www.stjosephcatholicclub.com) for more information on how you can help better the lives of a whole community.

Sincerely,



Tom Souders, Chairman  
St Joe Carnival Committee