

COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT FY2016

RESTORING

HOPE



Felician *Sponsored Ministries*

RESTORING HOPE

Dear Sisters, Ministry Colleagues and Friends,

We are very pleased to share with you the Community Benefit report for fiscal year 2016. In it you will see striking evidence of the many good things that are done in our local communities by members of Felician-sponsored ministries.

This year we take as our theme “Restoring Hope,” which echoes the refrain from our most recent Mission and Heritage Week. As such, we call special attention to the graces bestowed on others when we enact the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. As you read the accounts presented here, we trust that you will be moved not only by the generosity of Felician colleagues, students and volunteers, but also by the hope, joy and gratitude their works imparted to others. A number of the stories are truly inspiring!

In Chapter 25 of St. Matthew’s gospel, we hear the account of the Judgement of the Nations. Jesus is unequivocal in asserting that serving God and neighbor are inseparable. We read, “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.’”



Moreover, Community Benefit is demonstrated by the extent to which we leave the comfort and confines of our ministry’s four walls and seek out those in need. As Pope Francis reminded us on his visit to Cuba and the U.S., “When God comes, he always calls us out of our house. We are visited so that we can visit others; we are encountered so as to encounter others; we receive love in order to give love.” It is evident that our ministries continue to seek out “the least, the lost, and the lonely” and offer material and spiritual comfort and support.

Please join with us in wonder and gratitude at all that the Lord does through us when we remain open to Him!

Peace and all good,

SM Barbara Ann Bosch, CEO
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Andrea White
Andrea White, Ed.D., President

JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

Community Benefit by the Numbers



1,714,690
pounds of food

98,412
meals served



9,065
staff &
student
participants

226,711
people served



2,507
toys distributed



191,041
volunteer
hours



\$45,071,000+ in community benefit



FINANCIAL AID: \$28,641,573.00

CHARITY CARE: \$8,662,439.00

CASH VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS: \$4,510,810.00

CASH VALUE OF FOOD: \$2,373,409.00

CASH VALUE OF CLOTHING: \$150,114.00

CASH COLLECTED/GENERATED/DONATED: \$138,640.00

CASH VALUE OF TOYS: \$27,996.00

CASH VALUE OF OTHER: \$566,299.04

HIGHER EDUCATION

Support & Encouragement Lead to Service

I came to Felician to work as a nursing faculty member. I was satisfied with my education, but with the encouragement of a couple of colleagues I made the decision to advance my studies. While in the program, a life-changing event occurred—I lost my partner in life, my love, my husband, and I was utterly devastated. The support, compassion and outpouring of love I received from the Felician family were overwhelming, and it truly helped me get through many dark days. I still wake up every day knowing how



blessed I have been to be around such wonderfully caring people.

I have used that kindness and support and have paid it forward through service to my community. I now coordinate the health and wellness campaign for Burlington Township, planning the annual community health fair. This community outreach provides critical services such as flu shots, HIV screening, blood pressure screening, skin cancer screening and breast cancer work ups.

In addition, I also serve as vice president of the local community civic association. This organization disseminates information to local residents from the town council and

police and fire departments. We also visit the sick, pray with them and provide assistance to them when needed. I am a member of the Burlington County Medical Reserve Corps, assisting residents in times of disaster, and administering to older residents at local clinic sites.

My exposure to the Felician Franciscan values at a critical point in my life impacted me greatly, and my hope is that I have shown the people in my community the same kindness and support that was given to me. Thank you for allowing me to share my story.

—Annette M.

**May your unfailing
love be with us,
Lord, even as we put
our hope in you.**

—PSALM 33:22

LIVE LONG AND THANK YOU



Dear Everyone,

My heartfelt thanks to all of you! I am speechless, honored and overwhelmed by the generosity and compassion you showed to our people here in Silay City, Philippines. You taught me to be more compassionate and you nourished my passion for serving my people. You helped me to know that I can carry on with God’s grace and goodness. You have installed in my heart so much hope for the future of our children and you have motivated me to keep loving and serving despite trials, difficulties and even the prejudice common in our society. I thank you for choosing Gawad Kalinga Parish Flat Village as your community partner for learning and being of service to my fellow villagers and many other communities.

Reality tells us that life ends, it has a sense of direction and purpose. Being with you in this journey was a miracle of God that has created a

deeper meaning in the hearts and minds of those among us whom you have served despite our differences in race, culture, and distance. May every soul who was touched by God by your program be greatly rewarded with all the worthy desires of their hearts. My thank you and our village’s appreciation will never be enough, but our prayers will find a way to make you feel how we truly felt being with you in this journey. Silaynons will always be grateful to have you and be with you and be with you when God allows us to do more.

So I say, life is great when we serve, love and show compassion. Being of service to our fellow man is the purpose of living.

Salamat [thank you] for making us Filipinos hopeful and fortunate despite social and political difficulties. But our cultural heritage and family values have made all of us fortunate and worthy of your presence in our country.

Mabuhay! and Salamat! [Live Long! and Thank You!]



Gaining Confidence & Restoring Dignity



St. Luke’s Mission is located on the East Side of Buffalo where there is a 47% poverty rate. The mission serves the many homeless of the area, among them numerous veterans who are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorders. Villa students have served this outreach mission for several years. Here are the voices of two individuals that Villa students have served.

We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, spread love. Be poor among the poor. We need to include the excluded and preach peace.

—POPE FRANCIS

“When I was in the public school system, I was made to feel like I couldn’t learn anything. Here I am told that God loves me and that I can learn. My teacher really likes me and I really like feeling like everybody else. They give me good food and I am getting to be a better reader. People really care. We even get to celebrate different people. Last week we had a German day with German food and learned about what Germany makes and famous German people.”

A male client had this to say: “There are days when I don’t want to get up. Then I remember that I can come to St. Luke’s and see people like you who come to make my day brighter. I always say



thank you for being here. Thank God for bringing you here.

It’s good, even on the rainy days or the really cold days to know that people will be here who want to pray with us, who will feed us and who will treat me with respect—always saying ‘Sir’ and ‘How are you today?’ God blesses me with everyone here.”



Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

A Connection at St. Francis Table



and that it has helped them grow together as a family. I started to cry, thinking about the young daughter and what her life might be like.

The woman reassured me that there was no reason to cry. She said that she felt fortunate to know God's grace and that she knew he provided her with exactly what she needed; her husband, daughter, and all of the people she encountered in her life. She said that in losing all that she worked to have, that she discovered what is really important in life.

We continued to talk and she shared that meeting people like me and all of my friends, reminded her about how much good there was in the world and she hoped one day that her own daughter could have that sort of impact on the people around her. She said, "Charity isn't about giving things away, but it is the moments where people feel connected together." In that moment, we were connected by the stories we shared and the moments that we spent together.

—A student, 8th grade

This year we took a trip to the Saint Francis Table soup kitchen where we helped serve hot meals to those who have trouble affording one on their own. At one point during serving hour, a couple came in and sat down in my section. While serving them, they shared their story with me. They were young professionals who fell upon hard times financially. They had a child with them who was around two years old.

I served them their meal, giving their daughter an extra donut at the end and they asked me if I had a minute to talk. They asked me how old I was and what I liked to do and other simple questions about me. Once I had answered all of the questions they had, I asked the mom if she would tell me what it was like to come to the St. Francis Table. She shared that coming to the St. Francis Table helped her family feel connected to other people and that they knew it was God's way of providing them with what they needed. She said that living on the streets was a humbling experience



Lodi, New Jersey

FOOD FOR THE NEEDY

The Immaculate Conception High School Student Council and Youth Group joined together to collect 1,148 pounds of food for fourteen families in need at the Grace United Church in Kearny, New Jersey.

ICHS students organized and prepared baskets for each family under the guidance of advisors. Students, advisors, and the President/Principal traveled to Grace United Church to hand-deliver the baskets so these families could have a hearty and warm Thanksgiving meal.

Grace United Church Community Service Director, Irene, shared, "The donations received from ICHS provided a bit of a break from the harshness of everyday life- to sit down to a plentiful meal and know that your children have a full belly and your family has the opportunity to gather together and not worry –just be a family. It was a wonderful gift."



Our time has a great need for hope! It is necessary to offer concrete signs of hope to those who experience pain and suffering. Social organizations and associations, as well as individuals who strive towards acceptance and sharing, are generators of hope.

—POPE FRANCIS



Livonia, Michigan

Christmas Giving Tree Program



have lived in Brewster since they were children, and continue to live there with their own children. For these reasons I see similar names on the Christmas Holiday Application forms. Brewster Homes has the greatest number of children of low income housing in Midtown Detroit. They can use the support, especially at the holidays.

The impact from receiving the food boxes from Ladywood High School is that it allows families to have a Christmas dinner that is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus as a family, by breaking bread, talking and laughing with each other. It's hard to do this when you're hungry.

Gratefully,

Sharon
Our Lady of the Rosary

There is a large group of families that live in Brewster's Complex who are recipients of Our Lady of the Rosary's Christmas Giving Tree program. I have received three to seven thank you letters from this group in the past, telling me how grateful they are for both the food assistance and the gifts they have received for their children from Ladywood. That being said, I thought I would give you a little information about this complex. It might be helpful to know about one group of recipients. Their circumstances mirror the majority of the population that fill out applications for assistance with food from Our Lady of the Rosary.

Many of the parents (most have only one parent in their household) hold down full-time jobs, but please note that their salaries are not enough to support their families fully. Brewster Homes is a public housing project subsidized by the Federal government and has strict income requirements. Often the cycle of living in poverty is circular. Some parents



Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

INSPIRED TO SERVE

When it came time for the seniors to sign up for projects for Senior Service Day, Abby chose to go to McGuire Memorial Home, another Felician Ministry. She had been considering a service-related career and thought spending the day at McGuire would help her get a feel for one aspect of health care. While there, Abby and other OLSH students helped facilitate games for McGuire's Fall Festival that was going on that day. "I loved being there," Abby shared. "It was fun interacting with the residents."

Abby returned to OLSH with a renewed interest in doing service. When the Young Hands service activity moderator encouraged her students to become more actively engaged in service, Abby suggested that the group plan service days similar to the Senior Service Day. She suggested that they go to McGuire to start.

With the service activity moderator's blessing, Abby took the initiative to contact Brooke, the Director of the Adult Training Facility, and made arrangements for the group to make regular visits to McGuire. "The Adult Training Facility at McGuire Memorial is most appreciative of Abby's willingness to serve as well as her strong leadership qualities," shared Brooke. "Her compassion shines as she visits with and

assists the adults in the program. Abby has become a friend to many and has truly made a difference in the lives at McGuire."

Abby and other OLSH students have gone back to McGuire twice, helping to prepare decorations for holiday parties, playing games with the residents, and assisting with Earth Day preparations. She says that the experiences she has there keep her coming back. "Seeing people with those types of challenges really makes me realize the things I take for granted," she adds.

Being involved in service has given Abby a sense of purpose, saying, "I like making an impact and giving back and I really wanted to focus my senior year on doing something for somebody else, not just me." She hopes that the underclassmen in the group will keep the collaboration with McGuire Home alive after she graduates.

Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received—only what you have given.

—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Jackson, Michigan

A Family Letter



Center. I'm honestly unsure of exactly how we found them but I felt a peace about the center. I called Tracy, frantically, explaining our situation and that we needed someone to help us. We were simply running out of time. Then I saw that Tracy is a blessing and has a heart of gold; this is an understatement. She and I worked over the phone as to how everything would play out. I went into surgery on April 6th knowing my kids would be taken care of. I knew I didn't have to worry.

April 2016 was a very tumultuous period for our family. We had recently moved and were living among boxes. I had brain surgery scheduled for April 6, 2016. I would be in the ICU for at least a week, followed by a strict order of no lifting. My girls are six, three, and one. There was no way I was going to be able to take care of myself, let alone my kids.

My husband and I had looked a little into where our girls would go during this time. Our oldest was going to be at school and then with a friend after. We were hesitant about our other kids, as neither of our two youngest had ever been in the care of anyone other than family. We needed someone that we could fully trust and who would love our kids as we did.

Somehow, we stumbled upon the Felician Children's



This team of teachers at the Center have gone above and beyond to help us and make sure that our girls are safe, happy and loved. They have supported us, loved us, and prayed for us. We cannot say enough about them and how much we love the Felician Children's Center!

—AC, mother of two youngsters

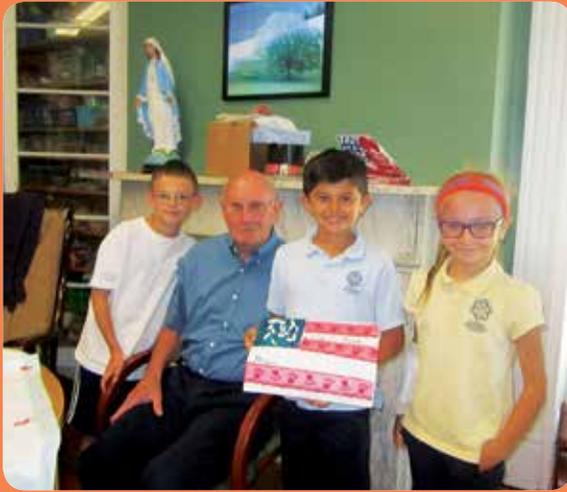
For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

—JEREMIAH 29:11



Enfield, Connecticut

A VISIT TO THE COMMUNITY



Hokey-Pokey or sing God Bless America. But on this day, Adam had been quiet for weeks, seemingly sinking further into his own mind. And then the children arrived, purposefully taking charge of all the wonderful crafting supplies made available to them by the kind staff of FADC, and Adam began to light up, engage and interact. And his niece, visiting with the children, was there to see Uncle Adam at his best again.

Uncle Adam was the favorite of all the nieces and nephews. He could bounce a fussy baby on his lap for hours, play catch with a troubled teen, or just lend a warm hug when it was needed. Adam knew he was beginning to forget, and it bothered him. Eventually the need for some respite care became apparent, and the Felician Adult Day Center in Enfield was the obvious choice for this family.

On Flag Day students of the Enfield Montessori School visited the Adult Day Center. It's an easy trek across the lawn now since the school moved to the campus, and often the two communities converge to do the

***But those who hope in
the Lord will renew their
strength. They will soar
on wings like eagles;
they will run and not
grow weary; they will
walk and not be faint.***

—ISAIAH 40:31



Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Partnering with Others to Help



The residents were waiting patiently for the girls to arrive, and once they arrived the buzz in the room was apparent. The girls buddied up with the residents providing conversation, playing cards, eating cookies and concluded with a mini concert. The faces of both the residents and the girls lit up as they chatted with each other and shared stories and hugs.

This short, yet impactful experience, taught the girls the importance of sharing time with others. The residents of Villa were equally impacted by the visit as they had the opportunity to spend time with the girls, feel loved, share stories, laughter, and be entertained.

When you add the challenge of being low income to pre-teen social pressures, it can spell disaster for young girls. To help the 4th and 5th grade girls at St. Joseph Academy be strong and confident, we've partnered with Girls on the Run (GOTR). GOTR is a nonprofit that builds strength and confidence in girls through experience-based learning that integrates running, culminating in a 5K.

Towards the end of their ten-week program, the girls along with their coaches, meet and brainstorm ways that they can have an impact on the community that they live in.

The girls selected Villa St. Francis after discussing a variety of options to serve others. Their plan was to visit with residents, decorate cookies and provide a short concert. All of the girls had learned the same songs as well as to play the recorder in their music class at SJA. The cookies were hand-decorated by the girls as a team—following directions, working together in an effort to provide a tasty treat.

When you bring seniors and kids together to form fun and meaningful relationships, both groups teach and learn from each other, and the result of these programs is always magical. One



of the residents, Diane, stated, "I enjoyed talking with the girls, their visit made my day. They made everyone

happy." She later remarked, when she was presented with a framed picture of her and three of the girls, "I want to share this picture with my family," as she hugged the framed picture and began to share the picture with other residents. She added, "I hope they come back and visit with us again, they brought me so much joy."



Livonia, Michigan

GROWING THROUGH SERVICE



Father Marc, pastor of St. Gabriel Parish had this to say about the impact FSCCC had that day:

“When volunteers from St. Mary Child Care Center come to assist in the preparation and serving of a meal to clients at All Saints Soup Kitchen, they assist two populations at once. First of all they assist members of St. Gabriel Parish. Because our parish is made up of many people who are undocumented,

and are low income, their offer of help preparing a meal is that much more valuable. When volunteers from St. Mary Child Care Center come, the ministry of the members of St. Gabriel Parish is affirmed and supported.

Secondly, volunteers from St. Mary Child Care Center assist our clients who come to us for a well-prepared meal and care and compassion. Many of the clients of All Saints Soup Kitchen are unemployed and many are homeless. Their day-to-day life can be a struggle. Volunteers who prepare and serve lunch at All Saints Soup Kitchen provide a respite from the struggle for basic needs and provide hope for clients in Southwest Detroit who arrive hungry and tired.”

During Lent, as a service project together, our leadership team and shared services team for the Felician Sisters Child Care Centers, Inc. spent the morning and part of the afternoon on a very cold Michigan winter day helping volunteers from St. Gabriel’s and All Saints Parishes in Detroit, to set up, clean up, prepare and serve lunch to about 90 homeless men and women and families living in poverty. The people served ranged from preschool age children attending with their mothers, homeless teenagers struggling with addiction, to middle aged and elderly men and women living in poverty.



Livonia, Michigan

Flint Water Crisis: Bottled Water is Collected for Those in Need

The Flint, Michigan water crisis affected the residents of Flint, as well as millions of people throughout the State of Michigan. After city tests revealed high levels of lead in Flint’s drinking water and pediatricians diagnosed children in record numbers with lead poisoning, Genesee County declared a public health emergency and Flint issued a lead advisory. On December 15, 2015, a state of emergency was declared for Flint.

Tia, a staff member at St. Mary Child Care Center in Livonia, Michigan came into work troubled by the water crisis in Flint and was moved to help make a difference. Tia said, “You couldn’t go anywhere or watch anything without hearing about the Flint water crisis. It broke my heart to think of the children and their families who would be sick for the rest of their lives.”

Through her efforts and those of other staff members, a bottled water collection was organized. St. Mary Child Care Center, Montessori Center of Our Lady, Art Van Furniture, Local 4’s Help Me Hank and Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties partnered to collect and accept water donations for the residents of



Flint. A flyer was designed and distributed to all Center families and staff members. Soon, cases of water filled the reception area of the Centers.

“I’m lucky enough to work with such caring people who were just as concerned and motivated to make a difference as I was. We were able to collect dozens of cases of water and have them delivered to the people of Flint!” continued Tia. A parent of the Child Care Center and also an employee of Marywood Nursing Care Center offered to deliver the cases of water to a local Art Van Furniture Store. Once the cases of water were delivered, a semi-truck was loaded to capacity and lovingly transported the much needed water to Flint.

Flint resident, Emma, said, “I can’t afford to continue to buy water; this free water is really going to help me out a lot.” Sixty-eight year-old retiree and Flint resident, David, relies solely on bottled water and commented, “I didn’t realize how valuable water was until I didn’t have it anymore.”

What an amazing out pouring of love and kindness. Giving to those in need; people who we don’t know, may never know and may never meet. Something as simple as a bottle of water helped to nourish weakened bodies and heal hearts of pain and suffering. This is the true meaning of giving selflessly and what we strive for as we evoke the Felician Core Values of: Compassion, Respect for Human Dignity, Transformation, Solidarity with the Poor and Justice & Peace.





SOCIAL SERVICES



Love for Felician Center

Dear Sisters and Helpers,
May God bless all of you. I remembered a while back when you sent out a contest letter to parents asking, how did we enjoy the Felician Center? Well, at the time I did not write a letter. I felt like I shouldn't be rewarded to tell how blessed Jaila and I are to have you ladies in our lives. Everyday Jaila came to the Center, she always had a story to tell. Not once did she come home without a smile on her face talking about the Sisters. (Children perceive that all lay tutors are



also Sisters.) If anything, I did my best to send you all a reward for putting a smile on my child's face. We really love the Felician Center. The Sisters and the

helpers really take the time to support and provide for all the children. I pray that God smiles down on you and blesses you ladies tremendously. Jaila and I love everything

about the Felician Center. We will forever be thankful.

With love,
Janetta, Jaila's mom

“When Francis was on a pilgrimage to Rome, he put off his fine garments out of love of poverty, clothed himself with the garments of a certain poor man, and joyfully sat among the poor....”

—THOMAS OF CELANO



Moon Township, Pennsylvania

Love & Support for the Community



*Be strong, and
let your heart
take courage, all
you who wait for
the Lord!*

—PSALM 31:24

Mooncrest provides many after school and summer programs for children and families in the area. They coordinate with the local school district calendar, helping children complete their homework, improve reading skills, experience music, art, technology, fitness, sports, gardening, games, as well as nutritional snacks. Regina, a parent of a child who participates and receives wonderful care from Mooncrest had this to say:

“Dearest Sister Renee and those who share in your ministry at Mooncrest,

Thank you for the love and service you provide to the Mooncrest community. May God continue to bless you all for your good works done in

His name. Be thankful when you are tired and weary...it means you have made a difference in someone’s life. I know that those whose lives you touch appreciate your kindness and concern. So I pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.

May God bless you and those you love real good.”



Toronto, Ontario, Canada

BENEDICTIONS



to go to after the 90 days.

So on a January morning on the streets, freezing cold, and having some really bad thoughts, I somehow found the St. Felix Centre. I believe it was my four family members from above who guided me.

For the next two months they accommodated me and my dog Jazmine and fed us three meals a day. They kept me sane in some tough living conditions. They helped me get in touch with a housing worker to find a place to live (where I am now) and they are continuing to help me and support me by helping with rides to find furniture and to get a donated bed. They even offered to take my dog while I am in hospital for upcoming surgery. And the list is growing.

I have changed my views on so many things, like just how bad the Toronto services for the homeless are. However the St. Felix Centre restored my faith in humanity and I would like to especially thank Brian, Sean, Alex, Ivy and Patricia for that.

With Sincerest Gratitude,
David

I give all my benedictions to the staff of the St. Felix Centre. I don’t know where I’d be right now without them. They helped me tremendously during a very tough time. In August of 2015 I fell off a 25 foot ladder. My lumbar broke and collapsed and I shattered my left ankle which I will finally get surgery for with the help of the St. Felix Centre for driving me to the doctor’s appointment to make that happen.

I could not go back into my place because it was not accessible, and with no family remaining, no support system, and very little money, I was like a fish out of water searching to find help with shelter and any other services for people like me, homeless in a wheel chair with a service dog, and found none that could help. As a single white educated male, I did not fit the criteria. I tried every service in Toronto, but not even any of the convalescent places could help because I didn’t have an address

**Pray constantly, hope
against all hope, believe
and you shall receive.**

—LETTER TO SISTER MARY

ISABEL, CRACOW, 1867



Rio Rancho, New Mexico

Angels Come to the Rescue, Twice!



In September the Pantry was contacted by a woman, a 21st century “Good Samaritan,” who had been assisting an elderly mother and her disabled daughter. They were about to be evicted from their apartment, and with no means of transportation they were not sure where to go for help. St. Felix Pantry was able to find alternative living arrangements for the mother and daughter and with the help of volunteers moved them from their old apartment to a new apartment. “Now I have a place to sleep and don’t have to sit in the chair all night long,” stated the grateful mother. “You guys are like a bunch of angels who came to our rescue. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

Staff and volunteers used their personal vehicles to help transport personal belongings and household items. People came together to get the job done in a timely manner. Many

voiced the blessing it was to them to provide help to a mother and daughter in a most difficult time in their lives. This blessing was exemplified in what happened next. As the “Good Samaritan” was in the midst of assisting these two women, she learned that the water in her own house had been turned off; the water bill had not been paid. When the water company was contacted by St. Felix Pantry, it learned that someone anonymously had paid the water bill and the water was turned back on! The “Good Samaritan” received a text message which said, “The angels of God will take care of you,” and indeed they had!

***Most high, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness
of my heart and give me
true faith, certain hope,
and perfect charity, sense
and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out Your
holy and true command.***

—ST. FRANCIS,

PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX



Pomona, California

RESTORED LIFE OPENS A NEW WAY OF PRESENCE



for the Sisters to be present to the “homeless homeless.” They are the clients in the home for the mentally disabled. Very few clients in the facility receive visitors. The Sisters have befriended most of the clients. The administrative staff shared that the mentally disabled hunger for spirituality, for prayer. In July 2016, the staff of the facility invited the Sisters to do “church” with the clients. A life restored opened a new way of spiritual presence to the “homeless homeless.” Once a week, the Sisters minister to the clients; the people love Jesus stories from the Gospels; they participate in songs and prayer; they attend to the Jesus videos and respond with enthusiasm in

retelling in detail the stories from the videos. They love receiving crosses, rosaries, and pictures of Jesus. Moreover, they love to pray.

After each session, the Sisters continue to visit with the clients who attended “church” and those who choose not to attend. All enjoy the chocolate treats. Truly, one life restored opened a new way to bring joy to the forgotten. Once more, the Blessed Mary Angela Spirituality Center goes where the church does not go.

Last year’s Community Benefit Report cited the story titled, “A Life Restored” about JJ, a homeless person found by his parents and his daughter after fifteen years of searching for a son and a dad. JJ is now in a home designed for assisting mentally disabled adults. At the request of his parents, the Sisters who staff Blessed Mary Angela Spirituality Center began visiting JJ; and with the help of counseling and medication, JJ is receiving care that respects his human dignity.

JJ, in reality, has opened a new way



Centralia, Illinois

A LIFE TURNED AROUND



and counting. I am so excited about my new life that I am going to take the class again in January. The information Linda shares with us about the different additives in foods and why it is necessary to eat certain foods along with exercise is astonishing to me. And the speakers we have are so informative

My name is John. I am a 51-year-old single father. I took the NExT Class with Linda as my instructor.

In 2005 I had a stroke that took away almost all my bodily functions. My weight was down to a mere 145 lbs.; for someone 6 feet tall and weighing about 235 lbs. before, that's a lot of change in weight. One of the things that I lost due to the stroke was my body's ability to know when it's full, so I got in the habit of eating until the food was all gone and my servings just kept getting bigger and bigger. I got weighed at my last doctor's appointment and I was now up to 265 lbs. He told me, "you have to lose some weight," and he mentioned this class at the Wellness Center. With the class and Linda's help, I started eating better food and smaller servings. To this date I have lost 100 lbs.

about their subjects; everyone needs to take this class. Thank you so much for this opportunity to turn my life around.

—John N.

**Do all that you can
and God will supply what
is lacking; serve Him
with a willing heart and
do not let your spirit lag.**

—LETTER TO SISTER MARY
BOLESJAVA, WARSAW, 1863



New Brighton, Pennsylvania

Giving, Receiving & Chocolate-Covered Fingers

*The Lord delights
in those who fear
him, who put
their hope in his
unfailing love.*

—PSALM 21:24



At Thanksgiving we discovered that two of our staff-families were having extraordinary financial struggles. A group of McGuire employees and staff decided to make sure that these families had an experience of hope in a hard time. We collected food for both families so that they had a reason to give "thanks" for a turkey with all the trimmings. The gratitude and joy we received in return was uplifting to all of us. We also began an initiative to have a daily candy sale, the proceeds of which would be used to assist any of our employees or staff who need a helping hand. We've also contributed to some chocolate covered fingers throughout the building...which for many, is another reason for joy!



SENIOR LIVING & HEALTHCARE



Manitowoc, Wisconsin

A Balancing Act

Manitowoc County has the unenviable distinction of ranking near the top of Wisconsin counties with a high number of deaths due to falls. To help address this issue, a United Way grant was awarded to The YMCA of Manitowoc-Two Rivers to create a "Moving for Better Balance" class. Felician Village partnered with The YMCA to hold a weekly class on our campus for residents as well as outside community members. Since the class started in November 2015, over 130 people have participated.

The classes are taught by a YMCA instructor certified in Tai-Chi. Anyone, regardless of age or physical limitations, can learn the easy movements taught at the class. A focus is put on learning to breathe properly, build core strength and move with safe balance. Prior to the start of each seven-week session, a basic balance assessment is done, and then is repeated at the end of each session. Based on these assessments, all of the attendees saw some form of improvement in their balance. "Before this program, I was struggling with my balance and nervous about using stairs safely," said one of our neighborhood participants. "Now, I feel much more confident."



*We give thanks to God
always for you all,
constantly mentioning
you in our prayers,
remembering before
our God and Father your
work of faith and
labor of love and
steadfastness of hope...*

—I THESSALONIANS 1:2

Greensburg, Pennsylvania

SHREDDING, MANICURING AND...ACCEPTANCE



looks forward to the two or three days he visits the facility each month. “I love the people here – the residents and the staff. It makes you feel so good to do the work,” Bob remarked.

St. Anne Home also provides opportunities for youth. With pastel-streaked hair and a shy smile, volunteer Sarah does not have any trouble relating to residents, many of whom are five or six decades older than she. “Sometimes I pick up people from their room and take them to activities. I help set up for bingo and the birthday parties, but giving manicures is my favorite,” she beams! “I like to talk to the residents and ask them about their families.”

For its extraordinary inclusion efforts, St. Anne Home was recognized with a 2016 Ripple Effects Award this past May. Upon receiving the award, St. Anne’s Home Director of Activities stated, “It is my pleasure to work with such a great group of volunteers. They try very hard to achieve the goals set with their peer support person. I have seen them grow tremendously through their volunteering.”

*Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer.*

—ROMANS 12:12

The Community Support Program (CSP) is an organized network of caring and responsible people who work together to help improve opportunities for individuals with serious mental health problems. CSP services focus upon the strengths of individuals and on the skills required for community living. They help each individual maintain a sense of dignity and self-esteem. The goal of CSP is to bring about a new understanding and acceptance of people with mental illness.

St. Anne Home has partnered with CSP to welcome local people from all walks of life with different challenges, giving them a chance to perform tasks that dovetail with their unique skills, abilities, and interests. It is an invitation that has made a significant impact on many lives.

Bob, an adult volunteer for the Activities Department who is often charged with shredding documents, takes great pride in his personal one-day record of 28 bags of shredding. He greatly

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Joy of Being Good Neighbors



Franciscan Sisters. Community members were provided valuable literature from the Department of Health & Human Services, Mental Health Association, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and University of Penn Educational Opportunity. The attendees, from the West Philadelphia area, were encouraged to be active with moon bounces for the children and dancing for all! Our special visitors were Philadelphia firefighters. The fireman gave tours of their truck and tips on fire prevention. The

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, St. Ignatius Nursing & Rehab Center hosted a free community Health & Resource Fair. The committee chair stated, “The reason I wanted St. Ignatius Nursing & Rehab Center to host a health fair is because I personally have gone through health and social issues so I wanted to make sure people in our community knew about resources that could help them if they needed help.” The committee was comprised of employees from various departments. School supplies were generously donated by our Board of Trustees and staff. There were several student volunteers who assembled the school supplies into backpacks. All volunteers stated they were glad to help out the community and make people happy because every child who attended was given a free backpack. One of the Sisters gave away recycled bags and told the history of the Felician

children enjoyed kid-friendly activities, healthy snacks and received backpacks full of school supplies! One lucky little girl, Nakiyah, six years old, won a bike. She said, “I am so excited to win a bike; this is my first bike!” Michelle, a volunteer face painter, stated, “It was a great event, lots of fun for adults and kids. Good job getting the community together.”

*“Never desire to be above
others, but instead,
be servants and subject
to every human creature
for God’s sake.*

—SECOND LETTER OF FRANCIS



Milwaukee, Wisconsin

RESPONDING TO CHANGE



two resident care assistants and two housekeepers. Rebekah, one of the resident care assistants, is gainfully employed and works 40 hours a week. She reports that she is happy to be working at Villa St. Francis in an environment that has great potential for personal and professional growth. “Through working here I have gained confidence in myself and am able to help provide for my family.”

We continue to work with UMOS in their “Wisconsin Works” program. If all goes well, they might become employees of the Villa.

Because of this partnership, Villa St. Francis was honored with UMOS’ “Corporate Employer of the Year” award. Going forward with these initiatives, our visibility in Milwaukee’s south side is enhanced and everyone benefits. We continue to hire bi-lingual, bi-cultural employees and have welcomed a few Hispanic residents as well.

Milwaukee’s south side is changing. The Hispanic population is growing. Villa St. Francis reaches out to them through our partnership with United Migrant Opportunity Services. UMOS continues to provide services that are strength-based, family-centered, employer-focused, yet consistent with job seekers’ interests and goals. They remain committed to developing and advancing Wisconsin’s workforce to provide employment opportunities for those who are unemployed and to meet the labor needs of the community employers. Through job fairs Villa welcomed people so as to engage them in a work program experience designed to provide on the job training which ultimately will lead to gainful employment.

As a result of this partnership, Villa St. Francis hired four Hispanic women,

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is despair, let me sow hope. For it is in giving that we receive.

—ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Livonia, Michigan

An Intergenerational Program that Builds Relationships

In a collaboration between Marywood Nursing Care Center and St. Mary Child Care Center, preschoolers come to visit the residents at Marywood. There is much wisdom and learning taking place where the residents share their experiences and knowledge with the young preschoolers from St. Mary’s. A mother of one of the preschoolers commented, “Anabelle is always excited to go to school on Mondays because she can go to the nursing home. It has brought her out of her shell and I can see that she is becoming more confident and less shy around adults.”

The residents are also happy to be with the children. Sister Annunciata commented, “Oh my, last week it was so loud and noisy. This is beautiful. This is just the pill they need.” She was referencing how happy it makes the Seniors to be with the young children. Crystal, a mother of another child, asked her child what her takeaway from the shared experiences was: “I was able to love the older people. The kids had fun doing projects and games just like the older people did. I could see people who looked happy and others that were sad. The ones that were sad we got to visit with and make them smile.”

Programs like this intergenerational program show that you can bring seniors and kids together to form inspirational and meaningful relationships. Both groups teach and learn from each other, giving respect and dignity to all involved.



St. Francis stated to his brothers, “I have done what is mine to do; may Christ teach you what you are to do.”

—2 CELANO 214



Livonia, Michigan

Helping Those Who Grieve



For nothing will be impossible with God.

—LUKE 1:37

Throughout the year Angela Hospice offers bereavement services and counseling to patients' families and members of the community free of charge. During FY 2016 Angela Hospice offered memorial services for patients' families and caregivers who died on our program, afternoon & evening grief support groups, one-on-one counseling for adults and children, twice a month quilt support group, made hundreds of funeral home visits, hosted holiday workshops, and mailed several thousand sympathy cards.

In addition to the above, off-site bereavement services were conducted in the community at the American House in Livonia and the Sanctuary of Villa Marie.

Kathy was deeply impacted by the bereavement care program. "I would

not have had the chance to understand my grief and what I was going through, or have someone explain to me that this is OK. It's OK what you're experiencing. It's OK what you're thinking. And however long it takes is how long it takes. So to get that reassurance from other people...it makes you feel better that someone else has the understanding and is going through the same thing. I think it's hard to make that



it's been wonderful. It's been very, very helpful – probably more than I expected."

first step. You know you're coming in by yourself, but



Enfield, Connecticut

PAYING IT FORWARD



who, unlike her 56 year old son, was just starting life and is already struggling because of his family situation.

Let your love be like Christ's love, revealing itself not only in feelings but in deeds. Never look for self in anything, but always seek the glory of God and the good of your neighbor.

—BLESSED MARY ANGELA

One of the residents, who had just received a telephone call from her daughter-in-law telling her that her 56-year-old son had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, came to see me. The resident shared the heart-breaking news and went on to say how grateful she was to be able to share this story. She had the peaceful trust to ask for prayers on his behalf. She went on to say, "Here I am an elderly mother; I enjoy the peace of this residence, the beauty of the outdoors that I can see from my window and friendship and concern of the residents that I call friends. I am so grateful to be living at St. Francis Residence."

At this holiday time the resident found out about a young man who was in need. In thanksgiving for the blessings and support that she felt, she purchased a jacket, shirts and socks for this less fortunate, poor teenage boy





Livonia, Michigan

Living the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy



himself at the door. Patricia had just moved from our Felician-sponsored ministry, Marywood, and was happy that a priest was visiting her new locale. Judy was thrilled, as she knew it was Wednesday and was waiting for them to come and spend some time praying with them and enjoying their company.

Over the years, a relationship has flourished with the residents of Brighton

Gardens. The weekly visits offered by Senior Clergy Village are wonderful examples of giving of self, to care and comfort another person.

God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones.

—EZ 37:1-14



Senior Clergy Village is a vibrant community of senior Priests serving the Archdiocese of Detroit communities. One of our priests travels to Brighton Gardens, a nearby nursing care facility, each Wednesday to offer Mass and distribute Communion. On a day in Advent, a special anointing also was administered.

One of the residents, Louie, indicated he looks forward to talking with Father and attending Mass. At least 35 residents and staff attended the Mass and received the special anointing.

After Mass, Father proceeded to visit 13 residents' rooms, at their request, who were on the skilled floor unable to come down for the Mass. These residents received Communion and the special blessing. Two women in particular, Judy and Patricia, who both were bedridden, were so excited when Father identified

With God all things are possible.

—MATTHEW 19:26

Felician-Sponsored Ministries

Education



Higher Education

Felician College | LODI, NJ | www.felician.edu

Madonna University | LIVONIA, MI | www.madonna.edu

Villa Maria College | BUFFALO, NY | www.villa.edu

Secondary Education

Holy Name of Mary College School | MISSISSAUGA (ONTARIO), CAN | www.holynameofmarycollegeschool.com

Immaculate Conception HS | LODI, NJ | www.ichslodi.org

Ladywood HS | LIVONIA, MI | www.ladywood.org

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart HS | CORAOPOLIS, PA | www.olsh.org

Early Childhood Education

MONTESSORI

Enfield Montessori School | ENFIELD, CT | www.enfieldmontessorischool.org

Montessori Center of Our Lady | LIVONIA, MI | www.montessoricenterofourlady.org

CHILD CARE

St. Joseph Academy | MILWAUKEE, WI | www.cdcsj.org

Felician Children's Center | JACKSON, MI | www.felicianchildrenscenter.org

St. Mary Child Care Center | LIVONIA, MI | www.stmarychildcarecenter.org

Social Services



Blessed Mary Angela Spirituality Center Among the Poor | POMONA, CA

Felician Center | KINGSTREE, SC | www.feliciancentersc.org

Felician Wellness Center | CENTRALIA, IL

McGuire Memorial | NEW BRIGHTON, PA | www.mcguirememorial.org

Mooncrest Neighborhood Programs | MOON TOWNSHIP, PA | www.mooncrestoutreach.org

St. Felix Centre | TORONTO (ONTARIO), CAN | www.stfelixcentre.ca

St. Felix Pantry | RIO RANCHO, NM | www.stfelixpantry.org

Senior Living & Healthcare



Adult Day Care

Felician Adult Day Center | ENFIELD, CT | www.felicianadultdaycare.org

Assisted Living

Villa St. Francis | MILWAUKEE, WI | www.villastfrancis.org

Continuum of Care Community (Independent, Assisted & Skilled Nursing)

Felician Village/St. Mary's | MANITOWOC, WI | www.felicianvillage.org

St. Anne Home/Villa Angela | GREENSBURG, PA | www.stannehome.org

Hospice

Angela Hospice | LIVONIA, MI | www.angelahospice.org

Independent Living

St. Francis Residence | ENFIELD, CT | www.stfrancisresidence.org

Senior Clergy Village | LIVONIA, MI | www.seniorclergyvillage.org

Skilled Nursing

Marywood Nursing Care Center | LIVONIA, MI | www.marywoodnursingcarecenter.org

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