Sisters of St. Francis Foundation

Dear Friends,

Peace and all good!

“Let us seek the grace of remembrance so as to grow in the spirit of gratitude. Let us ask ourselves: Are we good at counting our blessings?”

– Pope Francis

The words of Pope Francis give us reason for sharing the 2017 Annual Foundation Report.

Preparing the report provided a wonderful opportunity to review the past year and rejoice in your goodness. Because of you many have received help that would not have been there through any other avenue. You journeyed with us both in caring for the elder care of our retired sisters and in helping us to follow our mission in caring for those in need.

Together we have the ability to achieve far more than we can achieve alone. You give us support, prayerful remembrances, and encouragement. Each time we go forth together to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters, we respond to the Gospel and to the God of Love.

This report celebrates you, gives thanks for the times we have collaborated in responding to the Gospel message, and anticipates continuing to care together for our retired sisters and the needs of our brothers and sisters.

Be at peace and joy as you realize through this report the good that you do for us and with us.

With gratitude and thanksgiving.

Sister Deborah Krist, OSF
Director of Mission Advancement

Total Donations: $1,418,076

Restricted: $1,166,739 (82%)
Unrestricted: $251,337 (18%)

Sources of Donations: Raffle, Golf Tournament, Franciscan Night, Christmas Craft Fair, Direct Mail Appeals, Good News, E-News, Memorial Gifts, Memorial Cards, Grants, Recurring Gifts, Website/Social Media Donations, Estates and Inheritances.
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Distribution of Unrestricted Funds: $287,955*

Unrestricted funds were designated by congregational leadership to assist various ministries—for example helping trafficked women find shelter at Dawn’s Place, fostering social justice initiatives at Franciscan Action Network, and assisting sisters working with those who are poor in various U.S. ministries.

- Anna’s Place: $19,955 (7%)
- Asylee Women Enterprise: $5,000 (2%)
- Sisters’ Foreign Ministries: $21,593 (7%)
- Dawn’s Place: $5,000 (2%)
- OSF Volunteer Program: $81,435 (28%)
- Assisi House Speaker System: $15,072 (5%)
- Sisters’ U.S. Ministries: $11,000 (4%)
- Portiuncula Renovations: $28,900 (10%)
- Neumann University Capital Campaign: $100,000 (35%)

* Note: $36,618 distributed in 2017 was carried over/received in 2016.

Distribution of Restricted Funds: $1,166,739

- Assisi House Capital: $187,173 (16%)
- Shelter & Social Ministries: $80,715 (7%)
- OSF Volunteer: $36,710 (3%)
- OLA Capital: $57,795 (5%)
- Education: $21,178 (2%)
- Foreign Ministries: $5,323 (>1%)
- Memorial Garden: $850 (>1%)
- Parish & Spiritual Ministries: $19,534 (2%)
- Portiuncula Renovations: $113,238 (10%)
- SOSF Retirement: $644,223 (55%)

Distribution of Restricted Categories: Foreign Ministries: Africa, Haiti; Assisi House: roof, speaker system, renovations; Education: Drexel Neumann Academy, Neumann University; Parish and Spiritual Ministries: Franciscan Spiritual Center, OLA Chapel collections; Memorial Garden: trees, bricks; Shelter and Social Ministries: Alaska Ministries, Anna’s Place, Clare of Assisi House, Dawn’s Place, Hispanic Ministries of Delco, Red Hill Farm, Spokane Ministries, St Francis Inn, St Mary’s Franciscan Shelter.

Therefore, every dollar that our donors give is used solely for the ministries and elder care.

In Memoriam

Sister Angela Erhard
February 9, 2018

Sister Elizabeth Doyle
(Formerly Sister Elizabeth Joseph)
April 3, 2018

Sister Kathleen McMullin
(formerly Sister Kathleen Theresa)
May 27, 2018

Sister Christine Marie Nicoletto
June 6, 2018

Your generous donations to the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation help care for our elderly sisters like Sister Angela Patrice Power and fund programs such as our Franciscan Volunteers of which Mandee DeMarco was a part.