November 25, 2013

Dear Benefactors of SOAR!

Blessed be our dear elderly religious whom Pope Francis calls "the shrines of holiness which are the nursing homes of elderly priests and religious sisters." “Bearing the burden of solitude, these priests and sisters are waiting for the Lord to knock at the door of their hearts” and he urged the faithful not to forget them and to visit them.

I am pleased to present to our benefactors this 2013 annual report of activities. This report is the statement of accountability for the use of funds for the past fiscal year. The administration of SOAR! seeks to be responsible, accountable and transparent in our financial activities. The accountability of SOAR! is not only to its donors, but also to the aging religious who benefit from the mission of the organization.

Support Our Aging Religious was able to support 64 congregations of men and women religious in 2013 with grants to help them care for their aging members. Thanks to you our support of Sisters, Brothers and Priests in religious communities continues to make a difference.

We thank every benefactor who has contributed to significant concrete projects that complemented the religious retirement collection. The safety and security of elderly and infirm individual religious were ensured through wheelchairs, whirlpools, electric beds, and handicapped accessible spaces. The infrastructures of their retirement homes were made safer with the replacement of boilers, roofs, and windows.

On behalf of the SOAR! Board of Directors and the women and men religious to whom you are committed, we thank you for making SOAR! one of the Catholic charities you support. You are a part of our mission and vision, and for that, we are grateful.

With prayers of gratitude,

Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM
President
Support Our Aging Religious, Inc. (SOAR!)
Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

Operating Revenue and Expenses and Changes in Net Assets, Year Ended June 30, 2013

Total Revenue - FY 2012 - 2013

Individual Contributions $1,415,223
Special Events $450,366
Bequests $328,153
Foundations $32,000
Combined Federal Campaign $29,131
Other $89,117
TOTAL INCOME $2,343,990

Combined Federated Campaign (10041)

Total Expenses - FY 2012 - 2013

Programs $1,815,821
Fund Raising $315,330
Administration $113,796
TOTAL EXPENSES $2,244,947

Statement of Activities - FY 2012-2013

Total Public Support and Revenue $2,343,990
Total Expenses $2,244,947
Change in net assets $99,043
Net assets, beginning of year $570,349
Net Assets, End of Year $669,392

Note: Audited financial statements accompanying the balance sheet are available upon request.

Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2013

Assets

Current Assets
Cash $130,388
Money Market Accounts $573,829
Investments $0
Bequests Receivables $0
Contributions Receivables $0
Prepaid Expenses $27,415
Total Current Assets $731,632

Noncurrent Assets
Office Furniture & Equipment $19,541
Accumulated Depreciation $11,559
Investment held for Endowment $54,000
Security Deposits $0
Total noncurrent assets $7,982
Total Assets $739,614

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities
Current Maturities of Capital Lease Obligation $0
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses $16,222
Grants Payable $0
Deferred Revenue $0
Total Current Liabilities $16,222

Noncurrent Liabilities
Capital lease obligation, less current maturities $0
Total liabilities $16,222

Net Assets
Unrestricted $669,392
Permanently Restricted $54,000
Total net assets $723,392

Total liabilities and net assets $739,614

Sources of Funds FY 2012-2013

How are funds used? FY 2012-2013
Dear Friends of SOAR!

What's your favorite time of the year? For the board at SOAR!, the answer is easy. Our favorite time of the year is the season of spring, for this is when we award grants to the congregations of men and women religious who have asked for our help. This year SOAR! was able to fund 86% of the applications we received — a new record! And, it is only through the generosity of friends like you that SOAR! can help care for retired religious.

Board members of SOAR! are eager to visit the Priests, Brothers and Sisters to deliver a grant check in person. When they visit, they bring with them not only the grant that your donation has made possible, but they also carry your special intentions, entrusting them to the prayers of the Sisters and Brothers. The retired religious who receive grants from SOAR! are privileged to pray for you and your needs, and they pray in gratitude for your generosity, care and concern for them.

Thank you for making it possible for SOAR! to help so many elderly and aging religious. I promise you that SOAR! is helping those congregations most in need of assistance with projects that will bring dignity and respect to aging religious. I offer you my continued prayers of gratitude and blessing.

In gratitude,
Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM

SOAR! SOAR! proudly announces its “Catholic Nuns and the Making of America” series!

We have posted on our website www.soar-usa.org excerpts from the many inspirational stories in co-founder John Fiatka’s book: Sisters: Catholic Nuns and the Making of America. The stories are about the religious Sisters who lives have influenced multiple generations of Americans in every walk of life. Their dedication played a significant role in shaping the fabric of our nation’s history.

Those who wish to read about these incredible women and their gift of service to the church and the world can do so in John’s book, which you can order from Amazon.com or receive directly from SOAR! for a donation of $50.

This donation will support retired religious Sisters and Brothers through the work of SOAR!. To receive the book for your donation, please contact Danielle Bell directly by email dbel@soar-usa.org or by phone at 202.529.7627.

Save the Date

2013 Grants

MINNESOTA
Franciscan Sisters, Little Falls
Upgrade and remodel bathroom in convent care facility

MISSOURI
Adorers of the Blood of Christ, St. Louis
Upgrade Waver Guard System
School Sisters of Notre Dame, St. Louis
Elevator installation

NEW JERSEY
Sisters of Saint Dominic, Caldwell
Electronic charting/medical record system

New York
Capuchin, Franciscan Friars, Beacon
Install door alarm in infirmary
Daughters of Divine Charity, Staten Island
Stainchair replacement
Medical Missionaries of Mary City Island, Bronx
New carpeting for residence

Sisters of the Atonement, Garrison
Safety upgrades: flooring and handrails
Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic, Maryknoll
Remodel 4 bathrooms for handicap compliance

Congregation of the Passion, Rye Brook
Renovation of bedrooms with handicapped accessible bathrooms

Ursuline Sisters of Tidland, Blue Point
Three automatic door openers

Sisters of Saint Joseph, Brentwood
Updating and enlargement of the kitchen facilities

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Latham
Medical equipment
Sisters of Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, New Windsor
Flooring/refrigeration

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur, Buffalo
Replacement of various equipment needed for care of elderly

Sisters of Mercy of the American, Buffalo
Replacement floor in serving/dining area of convent

Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, Williamstown
7 automatic doors and zoomtext software

Sisters of the Divine Consolation, White Plains
White line term care equipment for assisted living facility

Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy, Baltimore

OHIO
Dominican Sisters of Peace, Columbus
Replace 14 hospital beds, over-bed tables, lift recliners

Sisters of St. Francis of the Cong of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sylvania
Hi-Low electric beds, alternating pressure mattress, and mechanical patient lifts

Ursuline Convent of the Sacred Heart, Toledo
Central bathub replacement, installation and warranty

Monastery of the Visitation, Toledo
Replace windows on Providence Cloister

Sisters of Notre Dame, Toledo
Upgrade of healthcare center
Sisters of Notre Dame, Christ the King Province, Chardon
Secured wander management system

Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, Pepper Pike
Accessibility Upgrades
Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin
Mandated elevator replacement

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Danville
Wireless access to facilitate memory programs

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton
Century tubs and lifts

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Chapel air temperature control upgrade
Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Scranton
Update infirmary nurse call system
Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, Fox Chase Manor
Install doors and transmission system to make chapel handicap accessible

Handsmaid of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Haverford

Replacement of handicapped lift

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Merion Station
Renevation of nursing station

Little Sisters of the Poor, Philadelphia
Wheelchair and lift hygiene chair replacement

Bernadine Franciscan Sisters, Reading
Purchasing of three wheelchairs and handrails
Sisters of St. Joseph, Erie
Sling mechanical hoist, sit-to-stand mechanism

Handicapped accessible chapel doors

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