

SOAR! NOTES

Support Our Aging Religious

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of Support
Our Aging
Religious, Inc.

Summer 2022



SOAR! 2022 Grant Awards

Thanks to the generosity of our donors and foundations, 2022 was another banner year. The SOAR! board of directors approved more than \$1.8 million in grants to assist aging Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Priests in the United States. This surpasses last year's total of \$1,768,374.

Because of your generosity, SOAR! provided 83 grants that will benefit the care, health and safety of aging religious in 67 communities. The grants awarded included funds for practical needs as well for emergency and COVID-19 Recovery.

Your gift to SOAR! is a way to honor the selfless dedication of aging Sisters, Brothers and Priests. You bring joy to their hearts! The grants listing is on page 3.

The goodness of our donors helps SOAR! provide grants that ensure our aging religious women and men stay healthy and vital.



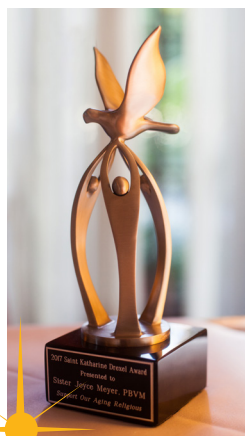
It's Time to Celebrate!

After two years of hosting virtual events, we think "It's Time to Celebrate!" Our fall events will be back in person this year.

We look forward to seeing people and sharing the inspiring message of our mission. Funds raised at our New York Awards Dinner and Washington, DC Gala benefit aging religious. These annual events

increase the ability of SOAR! to provide grants to assist religious congregations in caring for their aging and infirm members.

More information can be found on the back of this newsletter or by visiting www.soar-usa.org/events. We hope to see many of our old friends and meet some new friends this fall.





Dear Friends of SOAR!

A Sister carefully passed by an elderly Sister walking slowly down the hallway. She leaned close to ask, "How are you doing today?" The reply came with a strong voice, "I'm doing well, thanks be to God." This wise Sister knows the source of her strength, and she likely repeats that phrase many times each day - "thanks be to God."

I am often asked to talk about the grants SOAR! awards to help aging religious. I find myself using the phrase "thanks to our donors" just as often as that Sister says "thanks be to God" for I know the source of our generosity. And it is YOU!

Just look at the listing of grants SOAR! awarded in the last 12 months and see why I always say "thanks to our donors." Sisters can hear better in chapel, thanks to you. Women and men religious can have virtual appointments with their doctors, thanks to you. And, Sisters can sleep well at night knowing the nurses' call system is fully functioning, thanks to you.

SOAR! receives messages of gratitude from our grantees nearly every day. And, I want to you to know I recognize that gratitude belongs to you.

With a grateful heart,

S. Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM

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A Lifetime of Giving and Beyond*

Bill Bergan took care of his mother for twenty-six years after his father passed away. It was his pleasure to care for her and make sure she had everything she needed in her golden years. As a long-time SOAR! supporter, Bill is concerned that the aging religious who guided him and guided him in his youth have no one to take care of them. He is delighted that SOAR! provides for their safety and well-being.

Bill has listed SOAR! as the beneficiary of a portion of his mutual funds after his passing. His investment company sent Bill the necessary Transfer on Death paperwork (TOD) and he returned it listing SOAR! as one of the beneficiaries. He states, "I'm happy that I was able to engineer a way to make a lasting gift to SOAR!"



If you're deciding what your legacy to help aging religious might be, consider a TOD of a mutual fund or other appreciated securities. Such a gift is a wonderful way to honor those who, in Bill's words, "gave up everything to serve God's people." This gift is a great choice for Bill since he is free to access these funds at any time should he need them. Bill feels that "aging religious gave up many worldly benefits to serve God. It is up to us, those who benefitted from their selfless service, to care for them in their old age. There is no one else who will step up, except for the community of worshippers and believers."

If you have made SOAR! the beneficiary of appreciated securities or have provided for SOAR! in your estate plans, please let us know. This loving gift makes you a member of our Legacy Society. Please call (202) 529-7627 or email Elizabeth at emakowski@soar-usa.org.

Bill Bergan had a long career working for the Navy in Warminster, Pennsylvania as a contracting officer for public works. He enjoyed a second career working as an aquatics facilities manager. He trained lifeguards, and led therapy and aquatic exercise programs. He enjoys reading, live entertainment, Renaissance fairs, and his extensive collection of music. Bill has been retired since 2017 and to this day, he resides in his childhood home.

*The information contained herein is not intended to be legal or tax advice. Please contact your professional advisors to discuss whether this gift type is right for you.



2022 SOAR! Grants



ARIZONA

Subiaco Abbey

Subiaco

Renovate shower and purchase personal care equipment

CALIFORNIA

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose *

Fremont

Install fire alarm system

Lovers of the Holy Cross

Gardena

Purchase accessible van

Missionary Guadalupanas of the Holy Spirit

Los Angeles

Purchase accessible vehicle

Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament

Bonita

Upgrade technology

Sisters of Social Service of Los Angeles *

Encino

Install high efficiency hot water equipment

Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart

Northridge

Purchase therapeutic equipment and heater and hospital bed

CONNECTICUT

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus *

Hamden

Upgrade technology

IDAHO

Monastery of St. Gertrude

Cottonwood

Renovate bathroom for accessibility

ILLINOIS

Benedictine Sisters of Chicago

Chicago

Upgrade technology and purchase lift chairs

Congregation of the Passion, Holy Cross Province *

Park Ridge

Upgrade technology

Conventual Franciscan Friars of St. Bonaventure Province

Chicago

Purchase medical equipment

USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus

Chicago

Purchase furniture for aging in place

Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand Indiana *

Ferdinand

Purchase mattresses and bedding

KANSAS

Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia, KS *

Concordia

Install zero entry shower

KENTUCKY

St. Walburg Monastery

Villa Hills

Replace nurse call system

MASSACHUSETTS

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts-United States Province

Fairhaven

Replace portion of roof

Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary

Waltham

Replace walk-in cooler and freezer

Mount St. Marys Abbey

Wrentham

Install nurse call system

MARYLAND

Benedictine Sisters of Baltimore

Lutherville

Upgrade lighting

Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity

Silver Spring

Replace carpet

St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart

Baltimore

Purchase transport vehicle

MINNESOTA

Saint John's Abbey

Collegeville

Purchase therapeutic tub

MISSOURI

Conception Abbey

Conception

Purchase sit-to-stand lift

Capuchin Franciscan Friars *

Union City

Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth *

Convent Station

NEW JERSEY

Sisters of St. Dominic *

Caldwell

Purchase handicapped accessible vehicle

NEW YORK

Abbey of Genesee

Piffard

Purchase new equipment for kitchen

Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary *

Sparkill

Upgrade elevator

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province

New Rochelle

Install stair lift

Maryknoll Sisters *

Maryknoll

Purchase medical equipment and hospital beds

Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict

Huntington

Install Automatic Door opener ADA for the Chapel door

Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

New York

Install emergency call system

Oblates to the Blessed Trinity

Bronx

Convert tub to walk-in shower

Salesian Society, Prov of St. Philip the Apostle

Stony Point

Purchase dining room chairs

Sisters of Charity of New York *

Bronx

Purchase physiotherapy equipment

Sisters of Saint Joseph of Rochester *

Rochester

Sisters of St. Ursula of the Blessed Virgin of New York

Rhinebeck

Replace windows

Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville *

Amityville

Renovate bathroom

Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY

Blauvelt

Renovate bathroom

Sisters of St. Joseph

Clarence

Purchase hospital beds and mattresses

Sisters of St. Joseph *

Brentwood

Society of The Sisters of St. Joseph - Albany Province

Latham

Replace furniture

OHIO

Dominican Sisters of Peace *

Columbus

Sisters of Notre Dame of the United States *

Chardon

Sisters of St. Francis

Tiffin

Replace kitchen appliances

Sisters of St. Francis

Sylvania

Install lift

St. Andrew Abbey

Cleveland

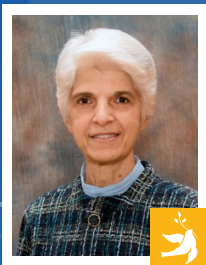
Replace boiler

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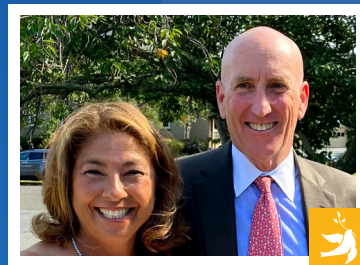


New York Awards Dinner

Wednesday, October 5, 2022
New York Athletic Club 6:00 PM



Sister Maryann Seton Lopiccio, SC
Diocese of Brooklyn



Debra and John MacDonald
Benefactors of SOAR!

Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, New York
Rita Hofbauer Grant Recipient

Washington, DC Gala

Wednesday, November 2, 2022
The Embassy of Italy 6:30 PM



Irma Becerra, Ph.D.
Marymount University



Norvell V. "Van" Coots, M.D.
Holy Cross Health



Michael F. Curtin, Jr.
DC Central Kitchen

OREGON

**Benedictine Sisters
of Mt. Angel**
Mount Angel
Purchase emergency
disaster backpacks

PENNSYLVANIA

**Bernardine
Franciscan Sisters***
Reading
Replace roof

**Congregation of the
Sisters, Servants of the
Immaculate Heart***
Scranton
Purchase lift chairs and
electric hospital beds

Daylesford Abbey
Paoli
Renovate bedroom
and bathroom

**Missionary Servants of
the Most Blessed Trinity**
Philadelphia
Upgrade technology

**Sisters of Divine
Providence**
Allison Park
Purchase healthcare
recliners

**Sisters of Saints
Cyril and Methodius**
Danville
Purchase iPads

**Sisters of St. Joseph
of NWPA**
Erie
Upgrade AV technology

**Sisters of the Order of
Saint Basil the Great**
Jenkintown
Upgrade fire
alarm system

**Sisters, Servants
of the Immaculate
Heart of Mary***
Malvern
Upgrade technology

**Sisters of St. Francis
of Philadelphia***
Aston
Replace carpet
and flooring

PUERTO RICO

**School Sisters
of Notre Dame**
Gurabo
Purchase medical
equipment and
upgrade technology

SOUTH CAROLINA

Mepkin Abbey
Moncks Corner
Replace flooring

TEXAS

**Sisters of the Society
of Our Lady of the
Most Holy Trinity**
Corpus Christi
Replace flooring

VIRGINIA

**Benedictine Sisters
of Virginia**
Bristow
Purchase hospital beds

WISCONSIN

**Schools Sisters St.
Francis International***
Milwaukee
Renovate bathrooms

**Sisters of St. Francis
of Assisi**
St. Francis
Renovate outdoor
greenspace for
accessibility

**Valley of Our Lady
Monastery**
Prairie du Sac
Purchase handicap
accessible van

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and needs of SOAR! and to express our gratitude to our donors.

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