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SOAR!notes

Support Our Aging Religious

Thank You for Helping Aging Religious Through SOAR!

For nearly 40 years, Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) has assisted religious communities in caring for their aging members. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the faithful Sisters, Brothers, and Priests who dedicated their lives to serving others have been able to live with dignity and security.

In this issue of *SOAR!notes*, we are excited to announce the 2024 grant awards to help religious orders of Sisters, Brothers, and Priests care for their aging members.

These grants will assist 91 religious congregations of women and men in 20 states and the District of Columbia.

Please turn to pages 3 and 4 for a comprehensive list of the important projects SOAR! has been able to fund because caring people like you chose to help our aging religious.

Thank you!

On behalf of the Sisters of St Mary of Namur, and everyone here, please know of our thankfulness. You remain in our prayers.

~ Kate Rindy, Director, Comprehensive Planning and Development.

Sister Kathleen Receives "Spirit of Father Judge Award"

Pictured (left to right): Fr. Jesús Ramírez Hermosillo, S.T. , President and General Custodian Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity; Cardinal Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio; Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM; John Butler, Trinity Missions; and Michael Steele.

On April 16, 2024, Trinity Missions honored SOAR! President Sister Kathleen Lunsmann, IHM with the Spirit of Father Judge Award. The award was named after the founder of the Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity, Father Thomas Judge, C.M. Sister Kathleen was honored for her work at SOAR! and the way she embodies Father Judge's motto to "Be good. Do good. Be a power for good."

How Does Their Garden Grow?

Summer is here! For many, that means enjoying local produce, visiting farmer's markets and local orchards, or even growing their own fruits and vegetables.

As you are aware, religious congregations often cultivate their own gardens. But did you know that some have actual working farms that benefit their communities? One inspiring example is the six-acre Red Hill Farm in Aston, PA, owned and operated by the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia.

Red Hill is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Farm. That means it provides produce for the Sisters, as well as for 120 community members who purchase annual "shares" in return for a weekly supply of produce harvested at the peak of freshness.

As Margaret Lilley, the farm manager, says, "Red Hill Farm is a place of beauty where sisters, members, and their families can come and learn about how their food is grown. It's simply a lovely place to be."

For over 23 years, Red Hill Farm has reflected the Sisters' mission of caring for all of God's creation. The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia is just one of the congregations that has benefitted from a SOAR! grant this year, thanks to the loving support of donors like you. Thank you for helping our aging religious thrive!

Learn more about Red Hill Farm by visiting: **www.osfphila.org/red-hill-farm/**

SAVE THE DATE

38th Annual New York Awards Dinner

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
New York Athletic Club, 6:00 PM

Honoring:

Mario J. Paredes, CEO, SOMOS Community Care

Mother Dolores Hart, OSB, Abbey of Regina Laudis

38th Annual Washington, DC Gala

Friday, November 1, 2024
Embassy of Italy, 6:30 PM

Honoring:

Kerry A. Robinson, President and CEO, Catholic Charities USA

Liz McCloskey and Peter Leibold, Community Leaders

James D. Bishop, Esq., Director, Catholic Charities Legal Network of DC

More details are forthcoming. Contact Jennifer at **events@soar-usa.org** for more information.

2024 SOAR! GRANTS

ALABAMA

Benedictine Sisters of Cullman, Alabama
Cullman
Purchase Accessible Van

ARIZONA

Subiaco Abbey
Subiaco
Install Generator

CALIFORNIA

Camaldolese Hermits of America
Big Sur
Install Solar Energy Panels

Sisters of Social Service
Encino
Replace Carpet

Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart
Northridge
Purchase Accessible Van

Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles
Alhambra
Install Automatic Doors

Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose
Fremont
Purchase Lift Chairs

Daughters of Mary and Joseph
Rancho Palos Verdes
Replace Flooring

Lovers of the Holy Cross
Gardena
Purchase Medical Equipment

CONNECTICUT

Daughters of Our Lady of the Garden
Middletown
Renovate Bathrooms

Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Hamden
Replace Ceiling

DC (WASHINGTON)

St. Joseph's Society of the Sacred Heart
Washington
Purchase New Furnishings and Equipment for Bedrooms

IDAHO

Monastery of St. Gertrude
Cottonwood
Upgrade Elevator

ILLINOIS

Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George
Alton
Replace HVAC System; Install Automatic Doors

USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus
Chicago
Purchase Medical Equipment

INDIANA

Congregation of the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis Oldenburg, IN
Oldenburg
Replace Cooler; Purchase Bedroom Furniture

Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand Indiana, Inc.
Ferdinand
Purchase Vehicle; Renovate Bathrooms

Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
Saint Mary-of-the-Wood
Upgrade Stair Lift

KANSAS

Mount St. Scholastica
Atchison
Replace Call Bell System

Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia
Concordia
Purchase Medical and Adaptive Equipment

St. Benedict's Abbey
Atchison
Upgrade Security System

KENTUCKY

St. Walburg Monastery
Villa Hills
Purchase Vehicle

LOUISIANA

Society of St. Teresa of Jesus
Covington
Renovate the Convent Garage to an Infirmary Room

Daughters of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
New Orleans
Purchase Fixtures and Furnishings for Infirmary

Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Lacombe
Purchase Vehicle

MASSACHUSETTS

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts
Fairhaven
Replace Flooring

Franciscan Missionary Sisters For Africa
Belmont
Purchase Furniture

MARYLAND

Atlantic Midwest Province School Sisters of Notre Dame
Baltimore
Purchase Accessible Van

Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity
Silver Spring
Renovate Tubs to Walk-In Showers

MICHIGAN

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Monroe
Purchase Vehicle

MINNESOTA

Saint John's Abbey
Collegeville
Install Wanderguard System

MISSOURI

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet – St. Louis Province
St. Louis
Upgrade Elevator

Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart
St. Louis
Replace Furniture

NEBRASKA

American Province of the Servants of Mary
Omaha
Purchase Furniture

NEW JERSEY

Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth
Elizabeth
Emergency Grant to Replace HVAC System; Purchase Furniture for Infirmary

Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy
Newfield
Replace Telephone System

NEW YORK

Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart
Peekskill
Purchase Mobility Wheelchairs

Sisters of St. Ursula
Rhinebeck
Fund Professional Services for Eldercare Planning

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet
Latham
Purchase Furniture and Therapeutic Equipment

Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of New York
Bronx
Upgrade Elevator

Maryknoll Sisters of St. Dominic
Maryknoll
Purchase Accessible Van

Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary
Sparkill
Upgrade Elevator

Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
New Windsor
Install New Lighting and Generator

Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville
Amityville
Install Automatic Door

The Ursuline Sisters of the Eastern Province
New Rochelle
Upgrade Sound System

Salesian Society, Province of St. Philip the Apostle
New Rochelle
Purchase Van

Grants continue on next page.

Congregation of the Passion (Eastern Province)
Jamaica
Make Safety Renovations

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Buffalo
Purchase Beds and Mattresses

Sisters of St. Dominic of Blauvelt, NY
Blauvelt
Fund Professional Services
Property Site Survey

Daughters of Wisdom
Islip
Replace Flooring

Parish Visitors of Mary Immaculate
Monroe
Repair Windows

Edmund Rice Christian Brothers
New Rochelle
Make Safety Upgrades

Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities
Liverpool
Purchase Adaptive Furniture and Equipment

Missionary Sisters of St. Benedict
Huntington
Make Safety Upgrades

OHIO

Ursuline Sisters Mission
Canfield
Install AED Devices

Benedictine Order of Cleveland (St. Andrew Abbey)
Cleveland
Upgrade Elevator

Sisters of Notre Dame
Chardon
Purchase Accessible Van

Sisters of St. Francis Tiffin, Ohio
Tiffin
Install Elevator

Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament
Cleveland
Renovate Building

Comboni Missionaries
Cincinnati
Install Security Doors

PENNSYLVANIA

Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden
Baden
Purchase Kitchen Equipment

Franciscan Friars, TOR–Province of the Immaculate Conception
Hollidaysburg
Purchase Accessible Van

Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh
Bakerstown
Purchase Medical Equipment

Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern PA
Erie
Upgrade Wi-Fi and Technology;
Upgrade Emergency Call System

Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Haverford
Purchase Accessible Van

Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great, Jesus Lover of Humanity Province
Jenkintown
Replace Elevator

Missionary Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Reading
Repair Roof

Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity
Philadelphia
Replace Elevator

Canons Regular of Premontre
Paoli
Upgrade Fire Alarm System;
Renovate Bathroom

Bernardine Franciscan Sisters
Reading
Replace Windows and A/C Units

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Scranton
Purchase Digital Record System

Carmelite Community of the Word Incarnation Center
Gallitzin
Replace Heating System

Sisters of Divine Providence
Allison Park
Purchase Therapeutic Equipment

Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius
Danville
Purchase Vehicle

Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Malvern
Install Security Cameras

Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia
Aston
Purchase Adaptive Furniture and Equipment

SOUTH CAROLINA

Mepkin Abbey Trappist Monks
Moncks Corner
Replace Windows

TENNESSEE

Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Cecilia of Nashville, TN
Nashville
Purchase Hospital Beds

TEXAS

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Fort Worth
Replace A/C Units

Discalced Carmelite Fathers of San Antonio
San Antonio
Upgrade Security System

St. Francis Mission Community
Wolfforth
Make Renovations to Convent

Sisters of St. Mary of Namur
Fort Worth
Renovate Bathrooms

Salesian Sisters
San Antonio
Purchase Accessible Van

Sisters of the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity
Corpus Christi
Purchase Accessible Van

VIRGINIA

The Dominican Nuns / St. Dominic's Monastery
Linden
Renovate Infirmary

WASHINGTON

Sisters of St. Benedict St. Placid Priory
Lacey
Upgrade Fire Alarm System

WISCONSIN

Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi
St. Francis
Upgrade Safety and Technology in Bedrooms

Valley of Our Lady Monastery
Prairie du Sac
Purchase Equipment and Furniture for Infirmary

Franciscan Friars Assumption BVM Province Inc.
Franklin
Renovate Room for Exercise Area;
Purchase Therapy Equipment

School Sisters of St. Francis
Milwaukee
Replace HVAC System

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