

# Little Sisters of the Poor

## Making the Elderly Happy in Virginia Since 1874

December 2011



### Our Mission

*As Little Sisters of the Poor, we care for the elderly poor in the spirit of humble service which we have received from St. Jeanne Jugan. We welcome the elderly as we would Jesus Christ himself and serve them with love and respect until death.*

### Our Home in Virginia

*Following St. Jeanne Jugan's example throughout our 137 years in Virginia, the Little Sisters of the Poor have relied on God's Providence, manifested through the kindness of benefactors, to continue our work of caring for the elderly poor. A financial statement is available upon request from the Commonwealth of Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs.*

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*Pictured Above: (l to r) Sr. Joseph Marie, Residents Tuyen Trinh, Esperanza Pascual, Roland Davis, Bridget Melito, and Mother Paul.*

## Christmas Greetings!

Everyone who is part of our large family wishes to convey to you profound gratitude for the gift of your friendship. Your loving interest in our Home is a manifestation of God's ongoing concern for the Elderly Poor.

We know from St. Jeanne Jugan that "if God is with us, it will be accomplished." We also know that it is through your generosity that He provides for the needs of those who find a home with us. Your gifts to our Home provide more than just food and shelter. They are the reason our Residents go to sleep each night with a sense of safety and security, and they are the reason our Residents wake up each morning with something to look forward to. At this very special time, when Jesus Christ, the Gift of God, appears among us, we thank you for your gifts to our Home.

Beginning on Christmas, Masses will be offered in our chapel for nine days, specifically for your intentions. There is no gift that we might offer greater than the one Christ Himself has given us. As we celebrate God's coming to us as man, may every grace and blessing be yours.

Blessed Christmas,

*Sr. Paul Mary L.O.P.*

## Preparing for Advent

Father Kieran was enthusiastically welcomed back this year to conduct the Annual Resident Retreat. Each year this 3-day spiritual renewal helps the Residents prepare for the Holy season of Advent and the welcoming of Jesus at Christmastime. During the retreat, the Residents also look forward to being anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick, which helps to physically and spiritually strengthen those who receive it.



*At left, Sr. Joseph Marie and Volunteer Gabriel Martinez assist as Resident Fr. Paul Gallagher anoints Resident Cecelia Purcell. Above: Fr. Kieran Neilson of Belmont Abbey administers the Sacrament of the Sick to Resident Anita Yates.*

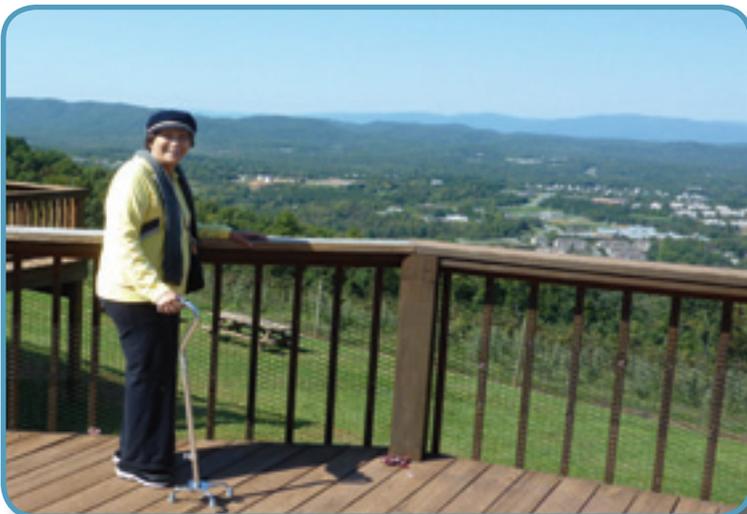


## An Apple a Day...

The Residents recently took a special day trip to Carter's Mountain Orchard where they enjoyed the fresh mountain air and the vibrant colors of the changing leaves. Everyone brought back a plenty of apples to share with those who were unable to attend!



*Above, Employee Cynthia Baxter and Residents Hazel Stanley and Carolee Rhudy enjoy the delicious selection of apples. At left: Resident Esperanza Pascual takes in the stunning mountain vistas.*



## Teddy Honored



*"Teddy goes out of her way to help us. She has no favorites; she treats all of us the same. Teddy shows love to everyone!"*

*-Resident  
Christine Sharpe*

The Jeanne Jugan Award honors an employee every year who most exemplifies the qualities of St. Jeanne Jugan. Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Teddy Flammia was voted this year's recipient by her fellow employees for her outstanding dedication to the Residents. Above, Teddy (front row center) is surrounded by (l to r), Employee Mary Brown, Resident Sylvia Mickins, Mother Paul, Resident Christine Sharpe, Sr. Mary Jeanette, Resident Frances Adams, and Employee C.J. Meade.

## Following the Pumpkin Trail

Residents decorated paper pumpkins for their doors so trick-or-treaters could follow the pumpkin trail for

candy galore. The Residents delighted in the smiling children dressed in cute and creative costumes. To the left, Resident Josephine Towner gives a ride to little Big Bird (Jada Coleman), while Residents Johanna Ortiz and Louise Du Val (below) wait with goodies for their special visitors.



## Our Current Needs

It is through the kindness of people like you that we are able to provide for the needs of our Residents. The smiles on these pages are a direct result of your generosity, and we thank you!

In response to frequent inquiries, below is a list of some special needs:

### Maintenance

Lowe's Gift Cards  
Home Depot Gift Cards  
Universal TV Remote Controls

### Office Supplies

Postage Stamps  
Flash Drives

### Resident Library Fund

Donations for Audiobooks and  
Subscriptions for Magazines

### Medical

3 18" Wheelchair Cushions  
(\$69/ea)  
1 20" Wheelchair Cushion (\$89)  
1 22" Wheelchair Cushion  
(\$119)  
2 pressure relieving Wheelchair  
Cushions (\$239/ea)  
Hand Sanitizer  
5 New Hospital Beds (\$5000/ea)  
Treatment Supplies Fund  
12 Nebulizers (\$25/ea)  
3 Mail Sorters (\$47/ea)

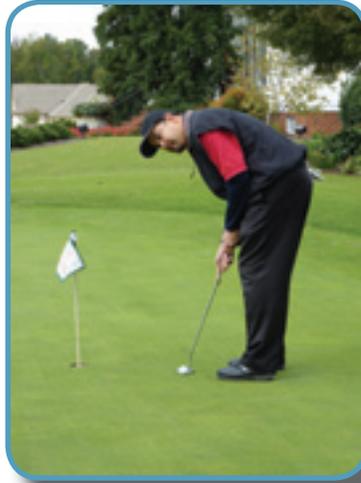
### Other

1 Year cost of web-based inservice  
education program which could  
be used by all the Staff and the  
Sisters to assure their continuous  
proficiency in caring for the  
Residents. Fulfills a regulatory  
requirement.  
(\$5,000/yr)

As always, unrestricted gifts to  
the Annual Fund are greatly ap-  
preciated and allow us the most  
flexibility in meeting the needs  
of the Home.

# Golfers Go 18 for the Residents

Our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Page Auto Group, was held on Monday October 3 at Richmond Country Club. Even though the windy day posed some challenges for the golfers, everyone had a great time. We are grateful to our participants who helped us raise nearly \$52,000 for the needs of our Residents. To join in next year’s fun, please contact Caroline Steadman at (804) 288-6245 or [ecrichmond@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:ecrichmond@littlesistersofthepoor.org).



*Above: Fr. Jerome Magat of St. William of York Catholic Church in Stafford, VA tries his hand on the putting green. At left: John Sexton and Bill Stratton of Richmond, and Tom Kasel of Tucson, AZ take a break to enjoy the beautiful fall afternoon on the golf course.*



## Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Benefit Dinner  
Commonwealth Club  
February 9, 2012

Sr. Teresa’s Waffle Breakfast  
March 4, 2012  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

French Food Festival  
April 21, 2012  
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## A Special Thank You to our Major Golf Sponsors



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