



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

St. Joseph's Home

Serving the elderly poor in Virginia since 1874

Mission Statement

As Little Sisters of the Poor, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.



Our Home in Virginia

Following St. Jeanne Jugan's example throughout our 138 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.

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Left: Volunteer Mary Martha Thedieck, who co-chaired the Bazaar with Volunteer Joan Hart, poses with Sr. Angela and Sr. Teresa as they show off just a few of the many Christmas crafts that were available at this year's annual Christmas Bazaar. Right: Everyone's favorite Christmas group, the Grinch, and singing mice spread Christmas cheer.

Christmas Classic Still Strong

35 Years of the Christmas Bazaar

This year marked the 35th anniversary of the Crafts Group's Annual Christmas Bazaar. Four of the five original members are still involved in this group of twelve that meets every Tuesday beginning in January until the Bazaar in November. These committed volunteers toil away each week on hundreds of Christmas crafts to sell to eager shoppers. They worked tirelessly throughout 2012 to make this Bazaar one of the best yet.

And it wasn't just volunteer workers, either! Many of the Residents worked closely with Sr. Angela and Sr. Teresa all year long. Sr. Angela and her group of Residents, along with numerous volunteers, made various needlecrafts like quilts, blankets, teatowels, baby clothes, and doll clothes, not to mention beautiful jewelry and other household items. Sr. Teresa and Resident Chef Phillip and his wife, Rosemary, spent many days in the kitchen, alongside our

dedicated staff, baking delicious treats.

Each year the Bazaar reminds us of how many people are truly a part of our family. The bazaar is a beautiful illustration of the collaboration between the Little Sisters and their Benefactors, Employees, Volunteers, and Residents. Everyone working together in harmony exuding the family spirit that was so important to St. Jeanne Jugan's vision for her Homes.

As St. Jeanne Jugan said, "See how Jesus, Mary and Joseph loved one another, all three, how happy they looked, with what kindness and gentleness they spoke to each other. In our little family, it must be the same." With the coming of the Christmas season, the Holy Family reminds us of our not-so-little family and how much we truly care for one another. Thank you for being a part of our family and we hope that you have a very Merry Christmas with your loved ones all around.

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First place women's team winners (from left) Margaret Hable, Mary Kay Hull, Mary Bliley, and Teeta Donlan take a break between holes to pose with their clubs on the beautiful Jefferson Lakeside Country Club golf course.

Golfers Partner With LSP

St. Jeanne Jugan fully relied on Divine Providence and the generosity of the community to provide for her poor old people. She engaged people to become partners in support of her mission in whatever ways they could contribute: volunteering, donating funds, or raising awareness.

Some things never change. The Little Sisters still rely on a variety of partnerships in the community such as the planners, volunteers, sponsors, and players, who supported them in their recent golf tournament. Everyone who contributed towards the outcome of this event directly impacted the lives of our dear Residents. This year, we had a surprising 37 teams play in the tournament held at Jefferson Lakeside Country Club thanks to the dedicated

efforts of our planning committee, led by co-chairs Steve and Stephanie Emerson. Together we were able to raise just over \$67,000.

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Please Remember Us in Your Will

The Little Sisters of the Poor are called to serve the elderly poor who have only minimal assets, and we rely on the generosity of the community to help support our mission. Because of a dependence on Divine Providence, we do not maintain an endowment. It is through legacies, grants, and special gifts that we are able to adapt to the ever-evolving

needs of the elderly, make building repairs and renovations, and purchase and install major equipment.

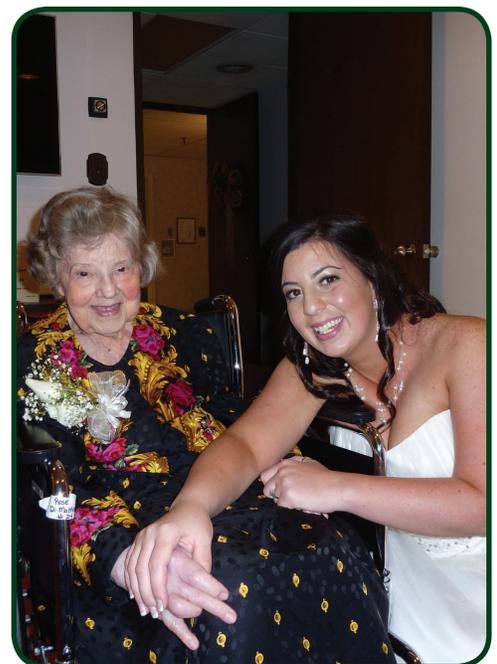
If you would like additional information about including the Little Sisters of the Poor in your will, please email devrichmond@littlesistersofthepoor.org or call (804) 377-4627.

Family Ties

Resident Rose DiMattina's granddaughter, Lynnette, was worried that her grandmother's health concerns would prevent her from being able to attend her wedding. Lynette so badly wanted her dear grandmother to be a part of her special day that she arranged to have her wedding take place here at our Home this fall. The wedding was a beautiful celebration and Rose beamed with joy as she watched her granddaughter walk down the aisle surrounded by all of her family and friends.

The Little Sisters of the Poor deeply value the strong bonds of family and always encourage family members to be a part of their loved one's life here at the Home. They are always welcome to come out for meals, events and activities, and even stay overnight in one of the guest rooms when they travel from out of town.

We are all so grateful that Lynette and her new husband, Eric, shared such an important event with Rose and with all of her extended family here.



Resident Rose DiMattina shares a special moment after the wedding with her newly married granddaughter, Lynnette DiScalo Seay. Congratulations!

Around Our Home



Residents Try Fall Flavors

The Residents participated in a recent cooking class to try out a new recipe full of the Fall's best flavors. The delicious aromas wafted throughout the first floor while the Residents were busy chopping bacon, onion, rosemary, sweet potatoes, Granny Smith apples, and scallions. The chopped bits were added to the skillet with other ingredients as Residents Sylvia Mickens and Josephine Trahan (above left) stirred. While the flavorful ingredients simmered, the group shared stories of their favorite recipes. Once it was time for tasting, our Resident taster, Roscoe Bray (above right) who enjoyed watching the action, was first in line to taste the other's hard work. He gave an enthusiastic thumbs up!

Moonlit Fun

The auditorium was filled with the sounds of the past as Residents attended the Moonlit Waltz Prom. The dance was planned and implemented by Natalie Sebastian and Savannah Speese, Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop 126 and 8th graders at St. Edward Epiphany School. These two girls, who are also members of the Little Sisters of the Poor Hospitality Club, selected our Home to be the benefactor for their Girl Scout Silver Award project. Other members of their troop joined in to help greet the Residents with handmade corsages and to serve punch and light hors d'oeuvres throughout the evening. The Girl Scout Silver Award is the highest honor a

Girl Scout can achieve.



The Residents enjoyed listening to music from the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Many of the Residents danced with the kids, while others danced with each other under the twinkling lights above. The dance also included a crowning of the dance King and Queen, Residents Roscoe Bray and Christine Sharpe. Spending time with young people making memories always puts a smile on a Resident's face.



Girl Scouts Natalie Sebastian (left) and Savannah Speese (right) greeted Resident Jewel Sanford with a warm hug as they pinned on a corsage.



Sr. Colette, Resident Patricia Stemmler, and Employee Kathy Ford, LPN, are all a part of our large family. Come visit our Home and experience the family atmosphere for yourself!

Values, Vision, and Mission

Little Sisters of the Poor recently released their new mission, vision, and values statements to share with their employees, volunteers, and benefactors. These are meant to communicate the purpose and culture of the Little Sisters of the Poor to our many family members.

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

Our VISION is to contribute to the Culture of Life by nurturing communities where each person is valued, the solidarity of the human family and the wisdom of age are celebrated, and the compassionate love of Christ is shared with all.

Our VALUES:

REVERENCE for the sacredness of human life and for the uniqueness of each person, especially those who are poorest and/or weakest. This is reflected in care that is holistic and person-centered.

FAMILY SPIRIT: a spirit of joyful hospitality embracing all with open arms, hearts and minds; fostering participation in the life of the home and rejecting all forms of discrimination.

HUMBLE SERVICE: the desire to raise others up and to put their needs before our own; an appreciation of simple, everyday tasks and experiences and humble means in accomplishing our work.

COMPASSION: empathy for sharing the weaknesses and sufferings of others; eagerness to relieve pain in all its forms and to make the elderly happy.

STEWARDSHIP: the recognition that life and all other goods are gifts from God and should therefore be used responsibly for the good of all; trust in God's Providence and the generosity of others to provide for our needs; just compensation for our collaborators; a spirit of gratitude and sharing.

Mother's Musings



BY: MOTHER PAUL MARY



What is our wish for you at this time of the year? As Little Sisters we have so many wonderful persons in our lives. Each has a unique situation, with personal needs, aspirations and hopes that we cannot begin to address, except by our prayers. We are praying for you.

Is there anything more? We want you to be able to stop. Stop and reflect upon the gift of life, the gift

of God's love, and the realization that faith gives us that "sure certainty" that nothing is wasted, nothing is without a reason, and nothing can keep us from the joy that we are meant to have for all eternity. Whether burdened with sickness, worried about those whom you love, suffering from a recent loss or frantically striving to keep up with the ever accelerating pace of life, we want you to be able to share our joy. It is the joy that comes from understanding that when God became Flesh, He was not only pouring Himself out to save us, but to show us the way to that joy which can never be taken from us. Stop and see with the eyes of a child, or with the eyes of those who have the wisdom of a "second childhood;" this is our wish for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS Mark Your Calendars!

■ **39th Annual Benefit Dinner**
Thursday February 7, 2013
The Commonwealth Club
If you would like to receive an invitation to the Annual Dinner, please email ecrichmond@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

■ **5th Annual French Food Festival**
Saturday April 20, 2013
11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
1503 Michaels Road

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