Community Benefit & the Donor Partnership

When Blessed Catherine Kasper began serving the poor and underserved people in the village of Dernbach, Germany, surely she had no idea that her legacy of service would endure for more than 100 years, and spread across the ocean into the far corners of the world. However, that’s exactly what happened through the many ministries of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. In her time, Blessed Catherine Kasper would often visit people in her village, listening attentively to their needs, and responding courageously to make a better life for those less fortunate. Thus, the concept of community benefit—what your ministry does to serve the community in response to the needs expressed by the community you serve—may have its roots—particularly for PHJC ministries—in the small village of Dernbach.

What constitutes “community benefit” is a subject of much discussion among non-profit organizations nationwide. However, the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ define services that have quantifiable community benefit as follows:

- Demonstrates that the ministry’s work exemplifies the PHJC axiom of “attentive listening and courageous response”
- Programs that address an identified community need
- Includes low-income and underserved persons
- Has a relationship to the organization’s mission
- Meets a need that otherwise would have to be met by the government or another non-profit organization

You, as donors, are our partners (Partners in the Work of the Spirit), and we gratefully acknowledge your investment with us to ensure that we accomplish our mission. Regardless of the ministry, our programs are designed to respond to the diverse health and human needs of the economically disadvantaged and disenfranchised populations of the community.

Please take a few minutes to browse the photos on page 7 to see how your investment has helped us carry out our mission of service in the community. Also take note of the charts below showing the significance of your donor investment in these ministries! Thank you for your help in bettering the lives of so many in our community.

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Partners In the Work of the Spirit ... Stewarding Your Gifts!

**STH Annual Operating Budget** - $679,529
- Donor Investment: $254,000
- PHJC Investment: $425,529

**NH Annual Operating Budget** - $356,734
- Donor Investment: $49,646
- State Stipend for Services: $307,088
When someone performs a heroic act, they often get a heroes parade or a plaque proclaiming them as a hero. The following is our “Heroes Parade” of donors. You have helped Sojourner Truth House and Nazareth Home accomplish many heroic feats during 2008, including donating more than 100,000 pounds of food to homeless and at-risk women and children; helping to care for medically compromised babies; donating to the construction of an All-Seasons room to enhance therapy sessions for the babies; providing over 34,000 articles of clothing, assisting clients with housing... and the list goes on! The support you provided during 2008 helped these ministries carry out a mission of service to those in need. You are our heroes—our “Partners in the Work of the Spirit,” and we thank you for your thoughtful and generous donations!

Ministry gifts are designated as N—Nazareth Home, and S—Sojourner Truth House. If both ministries receive gifts from a donor, each ministry is indicated. Multiple gifts to one ministry are only listed once. Every effort has been made to ensure that we have compiled an accurate listing of all donors. However, errors or omissions may have occurred for which we extend our sincere apologies. If your name or organization has been omitted, please feel free to email us at ksiuba@ancilla.org or call 219-947-8542 to make the correction.

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Put Yourself on the Line in 2009
by Sister Peg Spindler, CSA

I wanted to write “Everything will be fine in 2009” but we all know that will not be the case for far too many of us. Numbers here at Sojourner Truth House for the food pantry and clothes closet are increasing—in fact, our average served per month in 2008 was over 1,000! Many are new clients who have just lost their jobs.

Right now, we are able to serve them. But I know this economy will eventually begin to affect our smaller donors who are the backbone of our fundraising and even the bigger foundations who have suffered huge losses in the Wall Street maelstrom. I pray we realize that we are all in this together, one way or another.

So, while Washington and Indiana work on the larger picture, what can each of us do to help each other get through “this”? While it may seem overwhelming to hold our government and corporations accountable, we must do that—even as we pinch every penny ourselves. Many survive by bartering with each other for essential goods and services—we see that here at STH amongst our clients.

But our clients can’t barter with WalMart for diapers or Ultra for food. They can’t barter with NIPSCO to pay for their heat or with landlords to pay the rent. They can’t negotiate services from the health care system. Nor can we here at STH who try to provide some assistance in those areas to our clients.

So, we still very much need all of you and anyone else you know. Looking at the Honor Roll of Donors in this issue, we gratefully acknowledge our reliance on so many foundations, groups, churches, schools, sororities, fraternities and individuals. Whether these ministerial partnerships are financial, in-kind, volunteering or all of those, STH cannot carry out its mission without them.

That said, it’s time for all of us to put our lives on the line in 2009. Some of us will have to tighten our belts and pinch those pennies harder just to survive. Others of us can tighten our belts and pinch those pennies harder to help the growing numbers of those in real need. The old saying “Live more simply so that others may simply live” comes to mind. How very true in these difficult times. Those of us who can choose to tighten our belts, let’s do so for those who don’t even have belts to tighten. Let’s be like the courageous and unselfish crew of the plane which landed in the Hudson River—making sure that all get through these times. Let’s all put our lives on the line in 2009—for each other. We shall certainly be the better for it. Grace and courage to us all!

10th Annual Walk-A-Thon
Help Us House the Homeless

Join us for the 10th Annual Walk-A-Thon to benefit Sojourner Truth House on Saturday, June 6, 2009, at the South Gleason Park Golf Course. Start organizing your teams, get your sponsors, and get ready for a day of fun and fundraising. Registration is just $15 per person! With your help we can improve the lives of those who are homeless in our community. Call 219-947-8542 for more information.
Nazareth Home and Sojourner Truth House receive gifts in many different forms. Most often, donors give without fanfare or attention to the act of giving. However, the result of the giving has benefits far beyond the visible recognition. In keeping with the theme of “saying thank you” to donors, we want to share a few examples of how your generosity helps Nazareth Home and Sojourner Truth House be even more effective in carrying out their individual missions. You are the reason for our success!

A client at Sojourner Truth House receives a bag of food from Sister Willa Schoch, CSA. A grant from Jewel Food Stores and the Northwest Indiana Food Bank, along with hundreds of individual donations help to stock the Food Pantry with food which is distributed to clients.

Clients participate in a Group Therapy session, funded in part, by the Lake County Drug Free Alliance, as well as individual donor contributions.

Occupational Therapist Chris Pleitner, (left) and Physical Therapist Diane Larsen (right) work on Gross- and Fine-Motor skills development with an infant in the new All-Seasons Room at Nazareth Home. First Midwest Bank Foundation, Citizens Savings Foundation, Tom & Sylvia Collins, and other donations contributed to the construction of the new addition.

Nazareth Home staffer Crystal McClendon introduces a new book to one of the Nazareth Home children. A grant from the Anderson Foundation, along with many individual donations provides support for general operations at Nazareth Home.
Online Donations

Are you passionate about partnering with us in our work? Gifts to support Nazareth Home and Sojourner Truth House, ministries of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, may be made online using your credit card through the **SECURE PHJC** website. The process couldn’t be easier. 100% of your gift will go directly to support the work of the ministries. You may select multiple ministries for your gift. The donation may be divided among those ministries in the amount you designate on the donation form.

**Where do I Start?**

1. Visit the website of your choice for information about your donation. **Websites are listed on page 1.**
2. Click on the “**Donate Now**” link for donation details.
3. Click on the “**Make your Donation**” link to be forwarded to the PHJC website to begin your **secure** donation.
4. Complete the form and click “**Process Donation**”.
5. You will receive immediate confirmation that your donation has been completed.

### Calendar of Events

**April–May**
- Date in History: April 1993
- Nazareth Home Founded
- 4–16 STH Volunteer Recognition Dinner
- 4–23 NH Volunteer Recognition
- 5–1 Deadline for STH Walk–A-Thon Sponsor Commitments

**June–September**
- 6–6 STH 10th Annual Walk–A-Thon
- South Gleason Park Golf Course
- 8–1 NH Reunion
- 9–15 Deadline for NH Gala Sponsor Commitments

**October–December**
- Date in History: November 1997
- Sojourner Truth House Founded
- 10–15 NH Annual Gala
- Hammond Federal Courthouse
- 11–28 STH Thanksgiving Non-Event Gala