



Ever-Present, Steadfast in Service, Abundant in Love

This counsel from our Mother Foundress, intended for her Little Sisters of the Poor, also applies to our volunteer network, particularly Jeanne Jugan Associates, lay collaborators who wish to serve Jesus Christ in the person of their needy brothers and sisters and live in the evangelical spirit of the beatitudes: a spirit of gentleness and humility, in joyful and selfless service to the elderly poor.

Worldwide, the Little Sisters of the Poor are blessed by more than 2000 Association members. From young professionals to retirees, these generous collaborators visit

with Residents, assist with special events, and offer a comforting presence with the dying. Each year Associates renew their commitment on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

A Jeanne Jugan Associate since 2013, Janice is a familiar face to Residents, staff, Little Sisters, families, and friends of the Home. An indispensable member of the family of St. Jeanne Jugan Residence, Janice is truly an extension of the hands and heart of St. Jeanne Jugan. Chances are you have met Janice at one of our events — Lucky Leprachaun at the St. Patrick’s Day dinner, the friendly elf at a Christmas Bazaar, or as Eucharistic Minister during

Mass in our chapel. But Janice’s essential and important work is found in the halls of our Home.

During the years of the COVID-19 outbreaks, Janice took on multiple tasks, spending many hours at our Home from morning until way into the night, seven days a week. Each and every day, fully masked and in full PPE, Janice helped in serving

Resident meals, bringing cheer and comfort to the lonely and isolated. Today she gives the same gift of presence, love, care, and comfort to Residents. Wherever and whenever needed, Janice is there. One might say she is “on call” – a reliable

and dependable companion for our resident family and an extraordinary help to us in running errands, coordinating volunteers, and so much more.

For Janice, this is a work of love more than service. She witnessed that love by the Little Sisters who cared for her mother before she was called home to the Lord. Today, Janice gives that same witness of the Lord in her life.

Pope Saint John Paul II once said, “We must reflect the light of Christ through lives of prayer and joyful service to others.” For the Little Sisters of the Poor at Jeanne Jugan Residence and our elderly family, Janice has been and continues to be a shining light.

“Be kind, especially with the infirm. Love them well ... Oh yes! Be kind. It is a great grace God is giving you.

In serving the aged, it is he himself whom you are serving.”

– SAINT JEANNE JUGAN



Sweet Sixteen

For sixteen years, we have been blessed to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with countless friends and benefactors from Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts. This year, once again, the casual elegance of The Old Grist Mill Tavern provided the perfect setting for our annual celebration.

March 18 was a sunny, yet brisk late winter day. Sandwiched between epic rainstorms, we were fortunate for pleasant weather to greet more than 1000 guests, friends and relatives, who enjoyed a delicious corned beef and cabbage dinner served with finesse and grace. What an Irish gathering!

We remain grateful to host Karl Pelletier and his staff, as well as generous vendors who consistently contribute to this annual tradition. The entire event would not be possible without them nor without dedicated volunteers from our Home and Navigant Credit Union. We are also grateful to all who could not attend but participated through the Pot of Gold and provided generous donations. May God bless everyone who helped us to raise a record \$50,000 for the many needs of our Home.



TRUSTING IN PROVIDENCE

As Little Sisters of the Poor we trust trust in God's Providence to care for our elderly family. This might seem precariously naïve in today's challenging and complex healthcare environment, but trust is what has sustained generations of Little Sisters of the Poor here in the United States and around the world.



Did you know?

- As a mendicant order, we do not have an endowment. Following the example of our Mother Foundress, each of our Homes relies on the charitable contributions of friends, benefactors, and the community.
- Caring for our dear ones in a manner respectful of their dignity far exceeds the income received from their small pensions, Social Security, or Medicaid. In fact, more than 1/3 of our annual expenses are covered by your generous support through special events, church collections, thoughtful legacy gifts, and various communications. Grants are also essential sources of income and we are fortunate for funding by local organizations, foundations and trusts.
- Since 1881, the Little Sisters of the Poor have cared for the elderly poor in Rhode Island. As we continue to trust in God's Providence, we humbly ask that you make a gift in support of our mission at www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org.

In Grateful Appreciation to
The Old Grist Mill Tavern
and the following who help to make this event possible...

- Ardent Mills
- Blount Fine Foods
- Calise Bakery
- Colorado Premium
- Community-Suffolk Produce
- DiLanna Foodservice & Paper
- Edelweiss Patisserie
- Gordon Food Service
- Hershey Ice Cream
- J.A.R. Bakery Supply
- Quality Rental Center
- Reinhart Food Service
- Russell Morin Fine Catering
- Scialo's County Bakery
- Sysco Boston
- Table Talk Pies
- Tourtellot Fine Produce





Little Sisters Big Bucks RAFFLE

Grand Prize \$5,000
Second Prize \$2,500
Third Prize \$1,000
\$100 per ticket
(only 500 tickets will be sold)

Since the launch of the annual Little Sisters Big Bucks Raffle in 2021, you have helped raise more than \$215,000 making it possible to purchase 1.) a new nurse call system, 2.) new commercial dishwasher and laundry equipment, and 3.) new chairs for the auditorium. Thank you!

We hope you will help us again this year. Proceeds from the 2024 Little Sisters Big Bucks Raffle are earmarked for two new **Double Full Size Electric Convection Ovens**. The original ovens were purchased and installed in 1979. One of the two ovens no longer functions and since the models are obsolete and replacement parts no longer exist, we believe it is prudent to replace the other as well.

The 2024 Little Sisters Big Bucks Raffle form is enclosed. *Tickets are \$100 each but the chance of winning the \$5,000 Grand Prize is just 1 in 500! ACT SOON! Ticket sales will end when 500 tickets are sold. Thank you for your support!*

Why I Give

A few years ago, the Little Sisters of the Poor visited our parish to solicit support for the Jeanne Jugan Residence. The sincerity of their presentation demonstrated the love and compassion they give to our elderly brothers and sisters in need.

As the basket made its way through the pews, it brought back memories of our family physician, Dr. Hennessey, who donated his time caring for the Residents there, as well as of our brother, who, on occasion, was pulled from school to be an altar server at Mass in their chapel.

The Little Sisters' visit prompted another memory of when I was a young girl and a member of the Legion of Mary in St. Mary's Parish in Pawtucket. As seventh graders,



my friend and I would visit the Home, where one of our tasks was to replace all of the candles in the chapel. During our visits, we could not help but feel the peaceful presence of the Sisters and the serenity of the surroundings.

The Little Sister who addressed the members of our parish spoke of their trust in God's Providence to supply for all of their needs. We figured that we were providentially at Mass that day to be reminded of the good works of the Little Sisters of the Poor and felt inspired to help them then, and still today.

As we mature into our golden years, we often reflect on our blessings of a loving family, children and grandchildren. We would like to share this blessing with our elderly brothers and sisters by focusing part of our charitable trust to the endeavors of the Little Sisters of the Poor in their selfless giving of respect, care, and love to the elderly poor.

Paul and Maureen

Message from Mother

“Have you ever had a moment or experience so beautiful and meaningful that you wish you could bottle it up and save it for whenever you wanted to relive it?”

In a recent issue of our quarterly magazine, Serenity, we shared the World Youth Day experiences of five young women associated with our homes in the United States. During WYD in Lisbon, Portugal, each had a transformational encounter, along with volunteers, staff members, and Little Sisters, 55 in total, from many of our Homes around the world. Unique to this group was the opportunity to stay at our Home in Lisbon, and live among and serve our elderly family there.

The quote above is from the reflection penned by Michaela Gallagher, a volunteer at the time. In her joy-filled words, Michaela described how at home she felt there and a very meaningful relationship she established with Sister Elisa, a Little Sister from Spain who is 99 years old and vision impaired. While their daily visits together were brief, Michaela shared,

“Seeing her was one of my favorite parts of each day. I would have stayed in Lisbon in a heartbeat just to take care of her.”

Those ‘beautiful and meaningful’ moments experienced by Michaela in Lisbon, and also during her high school and college years volunteering with the Little Sisters, speak to a reflection by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. The Pope said that through volunteering “we become visible instruments

of Christ’s love in a world that still profoundly yearns for that love amid the poverty, loneliness, marginalization and ignorance that we see all around us.”

We recently celebrated National Volunteer Month in April. We are grateful to all of our dedicated volunteers who help at our Home offering companionship, assistance, and joy to our elderly family. We are grateful to our friends and benefactors too! Your generosity makes all of these beautiful moments possible! May God bless you for all you do for us. Please continue to pray for us and please continue to pray for vocations.



Michaela, pictured above with Sr. Elisa in Lisbon, is now a member of the nursing staff at Jeanne Jugan Residence

Would you like to volunteer or do you know someone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer? Please call Jeanne Jugan Residence at 401-723-4314 and ask for Janice.

THANK YOU!

Your response to the Winner-A-Day Calendar and Very Merry Raffle was an encouraging start to the new year. Your participation and generous contributions helped us to raise more than \$100,000 to help us in our mission of caring for our elderly family. We are so very grateful for your support.

Little Sisters of the Poor
SAVE THE DATE

Summer Soirée

AUGUST 21, 2024

5:30 PM-7:30 PM



Dear Sisters:

Please accept my contribution of \$ _____ to help you with your latest fundraising project.

I do not wish to participate in the raffle but would like to help support your mission.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____