



## **Fund Development Office**

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Dear Friend,

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Organizations and individuals that contribute to our community appreciate knowing something about our volunteer programs. Volunteerism helps organizations to steward the funds we receive from donors by providing a variety of freely-given services, enabling us to use donated funds for other needs.

Our community is blessed by those who provide a wide variety of such services. Here are a few:

- One of our regular volunteers brings his beautiful therapy dog to visit our elder Sisters each week. What a joy this well-trained animal brings to all who interact with him. He was one visitor who was sorely missed during COVID.
- Bulletin boards with thought-provoking displays of the needs of the world and the care of creation are artfully prepared by another volunteer. All these needs are brought to prayer by our Sisters.
- Young people doing volunteer services in preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, are very much appreciated for helping with various tasks around our grounds.
- We are blessed by a couple who, for several years have regularly delivered to our Motherhouse the household supplies which we order from wholesalers.
- Professionals with whom we have service contracts often also offer some of their time in additional service as volunteers.
- One volunteer leads group discussions with our Sisters which she aptly calls “A Life Well-Lived.”
- Groups of volunteers at times have planned events for the benefit of our community, such as organizing a special dinner in their area and sending us the proceeds.

These volunteers and others help enhance our lives, giving of their “time, talent, substance and opportunity” and freeing us to use contributed funds where most needed.

Our community is very grateful for volunteers and all our many contributors for your generosity and kindness. We thank God for you and we never fail to pray for you.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Diane Bernier, SA  
*Development Director*

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