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ST. ANNE'S HOME
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Living our Tradition

BY: MARIA CUNNINGHAM

In a recent conversation with a gentleman who has been acquainted with the Little Sisters of the Poor for a number of years, I found us discussing the state of non-profit organizations and the impact of reduced donations due to the down-turn in the economy. I commented that I knew first hand of that impact because of my role as development director for St. Anne's Home. He very politely responded with a chuckle, saying, "Oh, but we know that the Little Sisters of the Poor are well funded." I was not entirely surprised at the comment, as I seem to hear it often, but was disappointed to see that this perception is so prevalent, even among many who know us well.

It is true that the Little Sisters of the Poor have a very loyal base of supporters. What many do not know is that the Little Sisters care for the needy elderly following the principles established by their foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, of not accepting guaranteed forms of income, such as endowments, perpetual trusts or other forms of permanent income. Sr. Margaret, our Mother Superior explains, "We do not have permanent forms of income because our charism calls for us to have complete faith in Divine Providence and the goodness of people who believe in the importance of our mission. This allows us to completely identify with those we serve and to become one with them."

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Sandra Gulli, past-president of our Auxiliary and Sr. Agnes, our Little Sister charged with collecting for the Home, take a short break from set-up for one of our fundraising events.



Safeway was the first and one of the few local supermarkets to welcome the Little Sisters' tradition of begging. They have permitted the Little Sisters to greet patrons at their doors and invite them to shop for St. Anne's Home as they shop for themselves.

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Our Newest Centenarian

Julia Parque, was born just a few short months after Arizona was admitted into the union in the small mining town of in Metcalf — now a ghost town. She was the daughter of a miner and one of 6 children, who left Arizona for California when the mines emptied and the town deserted. During World War I, Julia took a job with the Railway Express Agency and stayed there for many years. To her surprise, a representative from the Railroad Retirement Agency tracked her down as a new centenarian and visited her at St. Anne's to present her with a centenarian recognition certificate. Although all that Julia requested for her 100th birthday was to have no one make a fuss about her, the surprises did not end there. Her niece and nephew co-hosted festivities for Julia that started with a Mass of Thanksgiving and were followed by a reception that included not only Residents, friends and family, but importantly also included her younger sister, who travelled from Florida to honor her elder sister's milestone.

Julia lived alone until she was 99, and although her vibrant spirit still reigns strong, it was clear to her niece that the time had come for Julia to no longer live alone. The transition was made to St. Anne's Home, and says her niece, Geri, "I can not say enough about how wonderful the Little Sisters are. Mother Margaret has been warm, welcoming, and hospitable, and Sr. Anna Marie has become a wonderful friend to my aunt. She has made the transition so much easier for her, and a true friendship has developed between them." For our newest centenarian, 100 is the new 80, and she embraces the joys of each day with a refreshingly positive outlook.



Blowing out the single candle on her birthday cake was just one of the highlights of the day for Julia as she celebrated her 100th birthday.



Julia surrounded by her niece and nephew who took pride in coordinating the 100th Birthday Celebration.

Employee Spotlight



Beth Powers, a native of Oklahoma and long time San Francisco resident joined St. Anne's as Director of Social Services this spring. She has been an active member of the San Francisco Catholic community since 1989, and she and her husband have raised their three children here. She joins us with an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, a Masters degree in social work from Boston University, and brings with her the qualities of care, compassion, and sense of humor that well characterize the spirit of St. Anne's Home.

Beth's responsibilities include meeting with potential new Residents and their families, as well as caring to the needs of all current Residents to insure they have everything they need to make life the best it can be at St. Anne's. She prides herself in establishing relationships with the Residents to help them with the difficulties of leaving their previous living arrangements and starting their new life in community at St. Anne's.

When asked about her favorite things at St. Anne's, Beth emphatically explains that she loves giving tours of St. Anne's Home to prospective Residents and their families. "I get an incredible amount of pleasure from sharing the home with others. I am not only proud of how beautiful and immaculate it is, but also of how warm and welcoming the Residents, staff, and Little Sisters are, says Beth. "It always exceeds peoples' expectations." She also loves that St. Anne's is such a happy place with so much laughter that she gets to laugh everyday. "I know I still have a lot to learn," she adds, "but even in the short time that I have been at St. Anne's, I have learned many priceless lessons that have helped me to appreciate the preciousness of life more than ever before. I have met so many amazing vibrant people in their 90's, who have done so much in the second half of their lives that it has made me realize that I too have the potential to do so much more with my own life. I am also very thankful to everyone at St. Anne's for welcoming me so warmly into the St. Anne's family."



Our commemorative Brick Campaign was supported by many friends in our community. The support was as endearing as were the messages that now grace the entrance to our Home.

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The Little Sisters' walk in faith is a conviction not intended to be free from challenge, but one that has allowed them to carry out their mission in 200 homes around the world for close to two centuries. In San Francisco, their commitment of service to the elderly has survived 110 years in the most difficult of times as well as the best of times. Today, the Little Sisters continue to balance their deep faith in God and people with their founding tradition of begging. They continue to seek the support and involvement of people from different walks of life to help them meet their needs. This might mean an invitation to have people shop for St. Anne's Home at Safeway or Costco as they shop for themselves, an invitation to support a brick campaign, a direct mail fundraiser, or to be a supporter of one of the Home's fundraising events as an individual or a corporate sponsor.

The needs of St. Anne's Home are many and ongoing and so must be our fundraising efforts. Medi-Cal reimbursements cover only about 60% of our operating expenses, an amount that does not keep up with the increasing demands of our times. As a result, the remaining must come through the generosity of the community. Therefore, you may hear from us often. We aim not to burden, but to share our news, our triumphs and our tribulations in the hope that all who can will share with us, when they can, in the care of the elderly in ways that are meaningful to them; and importantly, to express our deepest appreciation to all who join us in the belief passed down from St. Jeanne Jugan that all men and women are brothers and sisters, members of one family, and thus responsible for one another.

Auxiliary News

BY MARISA MIZONO

Summer has kept us busy planning for our Fall fundraising activities, but that has only been part of our focus. In addition to planning our fundraising events, we are also privileged to enjoy time with the Residents. In the last few months, a few of our auxiliary members organized Games Day, which provided an opportunity for our members to share lunch and a variety of organized games with the Residents. This event has become so popular that it will be considered as an annual event. Auxiliary sponsored Residents' outings took us to the Peninsula with lunch at a favorite Japanese Restaurant, Benihana, and to Pasta Moon and the Goat Farm in Half Moon Bay.

The Third Annual Swing and A Prayer Golf Tournament held at the Presidio Golf Club in April, exceeded expectations in number of attendees and monies raised. William Terheyden, longtime St. Anne's supporter, donor and former Advisory Board Chair, was the recipient of the 2012 Catholic Award presented each year at the Golf Tournament. In May, we capped the first half of the year with a Business Meeting and Luncheon at the Lake Merced Golf Club. Our new slate of officers was introduced to the more than 200 guests, which included Residents, Auxiliary members, St. Anne's Staff and Little Sisters.

The Red Tie Gala is on hiatus this year. But don't put away those beautiful red dresses and ties for we will bring you, **Celebrate HeART** featuring music, sips, nibbles and a fine arts exhibit at St. Anne's Home in March 2013. More information coming soon.

A Swing and a Prayer Golf Tournament Chairs, Dan Burke and Marisa Mizono are joined in celebration by Sr. Anna Marie and Mother Margaret.



A Simple Note

By: Mother Superior



With so much going on in our Home, it gives us great pleasure to try and keep you informed through our newsletters. As we have all just finished watching the excitement of 2012 Summer Olympics in London, we are getting ready for our very own Annual Summer Olympics here at St. Anne's. Our Creative Arts Director, Tim Lobacz, has just finished lovingly "hand-making" gold medals for our winners and the games are about to begin. Our Residents look forward to this event every year, and it is always wonderful to see so many Residents join in the fun. We celebrated the completion of our St. Jeanne Jugan Legacy Plaza and Brick Campaign in June with the generous support of many friends and benefactors. If you were not able to join us for the Dedication Ceremony, I invite you to stop by and take a look at your brick and see how beautifully it graces our front entrance.

As our building matures into its 30's, we find that more and more things require our attention. We are trying to proactively address the needs of our aging building by developing a Deferred Maintenance Program, and therefore plan for repairs more effectively and efficiently. Our most recent repairs involved the replacement of boilers and a few windows. Our current undertaking is a Security Upgrade Project, which involves the installation of security cameras, the replacement of severely deteriorated gates, and the upgrading of the lighting in our parking lot area. Our goal is to always have our Home remain a Home, but we must be vigilant to changing times that make these upgrades a necessary element for the safety and security of our Residents, employees and guests.

Thank you for all that you do to help us to continue caring for the elderly, and thank you for understanding that our fundraising needs are prompted by our on-going needs. Please know that we understand that not everyone can give each time. The Sisters and Residents pray each day, many times throughout the day for the intentions of our benefactors. We hope you can feel our prayerful gratitude.

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Our Non-Event

BY: MARIA CUNNINGHAM

Hopefully, you have all received our Non-Event, Art of Aging Gallery Opening invitation. With any luck, we were able to bring a smile to your face. Why a Non-Event, you might ask. Because we have to be realistic, raising money is neither an easy task nor an interesting subject of conversation. The state of the economy makes it even more difficult these days, so we in the St. Anne's Development Department, endeavor to come up with new and creative ways to help the Little Sisters continue to live their tradition and their care of the elderly in need.

Cultivating the creative talents of our Residents, whose gifts are exhibited in a variety of media, including music, poetry, and art is one of the main components of our Creative Arts Department at St. Anne's, and rightly so, as the talent we have among us is impressive. In some cases, it is talent that has remained undiscovered until Residents come to live at St. Anne's. Thus, our Art of Aging

Gallery Opening Non-Event is just a natural means for us to share with you a slice of life from St. Anne's and hope that you will support our journey, if you can.

Your support of our Non-Event will benefit the core services of St. Anne's Home, where over 20,000 elderly men and women of all faiths have been welcomed through our doors since 1901.

For more information and to donate, please visit us at www.littlesistersofthepoorsf.org



Original Art Abstract, Frank Lucas PHJ-2006

The Non-Event Art of Aging Gallery Opening

Upcoming Events

Carriage House Sale

Friday, September 14, 2012

Saturday, September 15, 2012

St. Anne's Home

Visit us for the best rummage sale in town. Featuring treasures and bargains for all.



Carriage House Sale

Auxiliary Fall Luncheon

September 18, 2012

Olympic Club Lakeside

San Francisco

Cocktails 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon 12:30 p.m.

Invitations forthcoming

Celebrate HeArt

March 2013

Party and Fine Arts Exhibition

St. Anne's Home

Details forthcoming

