



A Blessed Christmas to All

“May the Lord Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary, bring to all of you the love of God, wellspring of confidence and hope, together with the gift of the peace proclaimed by the angels . . .”

– Pope Francis

Merry Christmas from all of us at St. Anne's Home!

Joy and Gratitude

St. Anne's Home is ready for Christmas! Our kick-off, of course, started with our Holiday Boutique, but before the event opened to the public, our Residents enjoyed their very own preview celebration. The Home was completely transformed — lights adorned our front gates, trees flocked our entrance, wreaths were hung with care throughout our foyer, an exquisite Christmas tree vignette graced our lobby, and our Residents were the guests of honor. They enjoyed Christmas inspired treats accompanied by musical sounds of the season. That was followed by a private viewing of the shopping gallery, where they got VIP access to all the featured items to be sold. There was some shopping, but mostly the afternoon was filled with awe and gratitude. Residents were happy to be together, sharing in the beauty that had been created in their home and thankful for the kindness of the Auxiliary volunteers. Those of us witnessing the special afternoon were thankful to join in joy and gratitude.



With Sincere Gratitude

Our Home for the Holidays Boutique would not have been possible without the support of our community and our generous benefactors. What a wonderful tribute to our elderly in recognition of their importance in our lives. Our deepest thanks to all of you for your support.

All proceeds from this event were designated for the RAISE US Up — Elevator Modernization Campaign.

ANGEL

Barbara and Joe Selewicz

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Barbara McGettigan

Home for the Holidays

By Maria Cunningham

Our Holiday Boutique is a long-standing biennial tradition which was gratefully and enthusiastically welcomed back this year. It took a team of dedicated women, who gave it their all for months, to produce the festive holiday event that had something for everyone and filled our Home with an impressive crowd of over 400 for the sold out Saturday seated luncheons and Sunday Brunch. What a great way to kick off the holiday season!

A very special note of thanks to our Auxiliary President, Jeannie Sangiacomo, Auxiliary Vice-President, Susan Mallen, and the Boutique Chairs, Laura Bottero Lewers, Cindy Johnson, and Heather Weigman, for their steadfast leadership, and to the talented Boutique Committee who made the winter wonderland come to life so beautifully around us.



Santa dropped by to visit and pose for pictures. A silhouette artist came straight from Disneyland to produce silhouettes like only she could, completing one portrait every two minutes. There was cookie making, an impressive silent auction, shopping of unique one-of-kind hand-crafted items, and spectacular gift baskets, along with delicious gourmet specialties to be enjoyed by all. The energy at St. Anne's Home was at an all-time high for two days!

We missed being able to gather in the last four years, and it was wonderful to welcome families, friends, and guests through our doors once again. Notably, guests understood that we are first and foremost a home for the elderly and that Resident safety is of utmost importance. We gratefully acknowledge all guests who so kindly adhered to the required protocol of being masked while in the Home, unless they were eating.



The Selewicz Family (Joe, Sr. Anthony and Barbara)

Volunteer Dian Scott and Sr. Diane

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Mother's Message

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas to you all! As we celebrate this blessed season, we do so with deep gratitude in our hearts. We are deeply thankful to be able to



continue our work of caring for the elderly in San Francisco for over 100 years. Following the vision of our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan, we carry out our mission, together with a community of collaborators who share in our love for the elderly. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being a part of that community. We really couldn't do it without you.

After a 4-year hiatus because of COVID, we are delighted to have been able to welcome back two of our signature events, our Carriage House Sale and our Holiday Boutique. Both were tremendous events that brought wonderful energy and the joy of the Christmas spirit into our Home, preparing us for the holy season of Advent and celebration of Christ's birth. Our heartfelt thanks to the St. Anne's Home Auxiliary for their devotion, hard work, and the countless hours they put into each of these endeavors, all in the name of bringing happiness into the lives of our Residents. Thank you so very much for all that you do!

Our RAISE US UP Elevator Campaign is a huge and necessary undertaking, and we know it will take time to get to our goal of \$2.5 million. However, the response of our community of collaborators is a source of strength and hope for us. Together we will get there, one step at a time. Simultaneously, our needs for operational support are a challenge that we cannot ignore. Thanks be to God that many of you understand our challenges and continue to lend us your support to help sustain our mission of loving care to the elderly. Thank you for standing beside us, you really do help keep us going.

May you be blessed with the gifts of the Christmas Season and may the joy of the Christmas spirit remain in your hearts throughout the New Year.

I am joined by all of the Little Sisters in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

Mother Marguerite



Partner, pray, love with us this Christmas

We are a community of Little Sisters, Residents, staff members, kind benefactors, devoted lay associates and loyal volunteers. Together we are the family of St. Anne's Home. It is the combination of these people, with the same life spirit, that helps keep our mission alive.

Over the last 122 years, we've called two buildings on our Lake Street property "Home." As with any family home, we've had to refurbish, remodel, and replace many aging parts. Now in our 42nd year in our "new" building, we have concentrated our efforts on the RAISE US UP – Elevator Modernization Campaign to repair and upgrade the elevators that are nearing the end of their serviceable life and are the only means by which our Residents can move between floors.

Raising the \$2.5 million that is needed for this project is a challenging task, but one that we continue to work on faithfully with confidence in Divine Providence and the kindness of our friends, extended family and generous benefactors. We have raised enough to begin work on one elevator and are about half-way through raising the funds for the other elevator. The necessary repairs have started, but as we designate funds for this main project, we cannot neglect the ongoing needs of our mission of care for the elderly, especially as we continue in post-pandemic recovery mode. Staffing shortages and increased costs in all areas are very real and key contributors to our financial concerns.

We appeal to you to consider helping us in whatever way you can with a Christmas donation toward our elevator campaign or with a donation toward general support of our mission, which covers many essentials of daily living for our Residents.

Partner with us in our journey of care for the elderly, pray with us not only for our own needs, but for the needs of our world, and love with an open heart that can be the difference only you can make!

With gratitude,

The Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Anne's Home