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Fiscal Year Highlights

Sisters' Family Picnic

On July 19, 2009, over 500 Sisters, families, and friends gathered on the Providence Heights grounds to share a picnic lunch with family and friends and renew friendships with other members of the community. Following a Eucharistic Liturgy in the chapel, everyone came together in St. Anne's Park. The weather was perfect, and the renewed friendships and visit to the Providence Heights grounds prompted this question: "When's the next picnic?" The answer is: **July 15, 2012!** For more information, call or email Patricia Malinowski.

Oktoberfest

Our 8th annual fund and friend-raising event held at Providence Heights on October 16, 2009, grossed \$23,504 and netted \$16,814 for the Sisters' retirement needs. Over five hours, 632 dinners were served while guests enjoyed eating, dancing, and visiting with family, friends, and the Sisters. Our raffles brought in a record \$9,770! Special thanks to our guests who traveled from Ohio, Virginia, and various places in western Pennsylvania, and to the Sisters, Associates, and staff who made and/or donated items for the craft sale and raffle. Mark your calendar for next year's Oktoberfest, which will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011.

To Light through Love

The "To Light through Love" year-end appeal serves as a reminder that the Sisters have carried, and continue to carry, the light of God's Providence to others since they arrived in the United States in 1876. Through your generous support, the annual "To Light through Love" appeal raised \$55,164 for the Providence Ministry Fund.

Lenten Breakfast

Anne Kertz Kernion, artist and owner of Cards by Anne, an international greeting card company, was the guest speaker at an Ash Wednesday breakfast held on February 17, 2010. Eighty women came together at Kearns Spirituality Center despite one of the worst winter storms in recent memory to listen to Anne's presentation on *Busy Women Cultivating Inner Peace*. The interest in this program was so great that the Office of Mission Advancement invited Anne to be the speaker at the Lenten Breakfast that is scheduled for Ash Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Registration may be done online (www.divineprovidenceweb.org) or by calling Karyn Zaffuto at 412-635-5408.

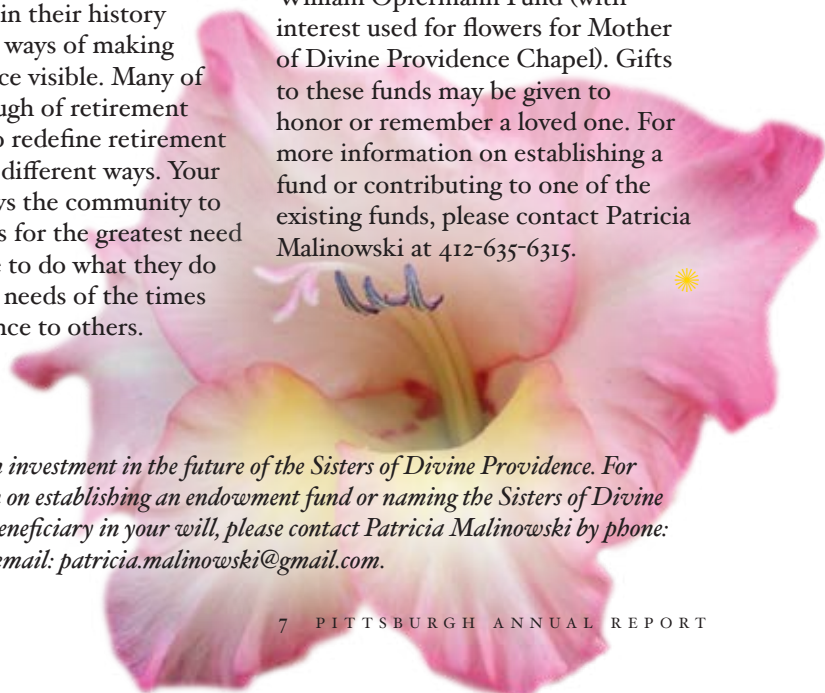
Annual Spring Appeal

Ivy Baker Priest's statement: "The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning" was the theme for our 2010 annual appeal, which raised \$45,451. The wisdom in Ivy Baker Priest's statement is that it doesn't refer to a place, but rather to a state of mind. For the Sisters, the endings and beginnings in their history always focus on ways of making God's Providence visible. Many of the Sisters, though of retirement age, continue to redefine retirement and minister in different ways. Your generosity allows the community to use its resources for the greatest need and to continue to do what they do best—meet the needs of the times and be Providence to others.

Please consider an investment in the future of the Sisters of Divine Providence. For more information on establishing an endowment fund or naming the Sisters of Divine Providence as a beneficiary in your will, please contact Patricia Malinowski by phone: 412-635-6315; or email: patricia.malinowski@gmail.com.

Sister Maria Fest Educational Advancement Fund

In recognition of Sister Maria's 50-year commitment to education and lifelong learning, the Sister Maria Fest Educational Advancement Fund was established in her honor. The purpose of the Fund is to help underwrite educational pursuits of the Sisters of Divine Providence. The Fund was initiated in December 2009, and the initial investment of \$10,000 has been made possible through the generosity of Divine Providence Academy Alumnae, in particular those women who were taught chemistry by Sister Maria or were students while she served as principal, family members, friends, business associates, and colleagues. To date, we have a commitment of \$13,360. Endowment funds are established with a minimum of a \$10,000 gift. Three additional funds are in place: the Sister Sara Jean and Cecelia Meinert Family Fund (with interest used to benefit the ministries of the Sisters), the Sister Florine Dannhardt Memorial Endowment Fund (with interest benefiting the Providence Heights Alpha School), and the Sister Mary William Opfermann Fund (with interest used for flowers for Mother of Divine Providence Chapel). Gifts to these funds may be given to honor or remember a loved one. For more information on establishing a fund or contributing to one of the existing funds, please contact Patricia Malinowski at 412-635-6315.



Dear Friend of the Sisters of Divine Providence:

While our country is slowly recovering from one of the worst economic downturns, we are finding that more people gave during the 2009-2010 fiscal year than in the previous fiscal year. Contributions increased by almost 24 percent, from 2,540 donations to 3,138. More people are becoming sustaining donors through online giving and regular monthly donations sent through the U.S. mail. To each of you, I would like to extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of all the Sisters. It is through your generosity that the Sisters can continue to make a difference.

As you read through our annual report, you'll notice that in the 2009-2010 fiscal year the category of bequests accounts for 42 percent of revenue. None of us knows when we will die; in fact, the joke among fundraisers is that if donors choose to remember a charitable organization in their will, they will be guaranteed a long life! This year, the Office of Mission Advancement has established the Providence Legacy Society as a way to recognize those who have remembered the Sisters in their wills or estate plans, or our supporters who have told us that they will be remembering the Sisters with a gift after death. Please visit our website (www.divineprovidencweb.org) and click on the "Ways to Give" button on our home page. We welcome gifts now, and we hope you will join the Sisters in ensuring that their mission radiates with possibilities into the future.

If you'd like more information about the options being offered, call (412-635-6315) or email (patricia.malinowski@gmail.com) me. As with all important decisions of this nature, please consult an attorney or tax advisor. To all of our donors, thank you, and may our Provident God bless you. You and your loved ones continue to be remembered in our prayers.

Patricia

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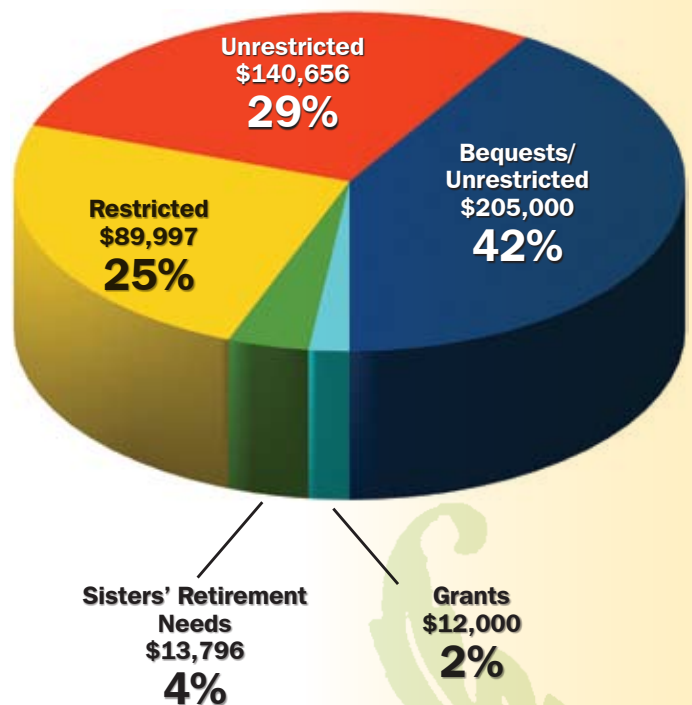
Unrestricted Funds account for 29 percent of the funds received and can be used where the need is the greatest.

Restricted Funds account for 25 percent of the funds received and include gifts to such funds as the Providence Ministry Fund, the Sr. Sara Jean and Cecelia Meinert Family Fund, and to the Sr. Florine Dannhardt Memorial Endowment Fund. Contributions also include donations received to support our Sisters' ministry in Santo Domingo.

Grants (both unrestricted and restricted) have been designated by the funder for the Sisters' retirement needs or wherever the need is greatest. This fiscal year, grants account for 2 percent of funds received.

Bequests (unrestricted) are gifts that individuals leave to the Sisters of Divine Providence through their wills or estate plans. In this fiscal year, they account for 42 percent of the funds received.

Contributions to the **Sisters' Retirement Fund** account for 4 percent of the funds received. These gifts are designated for the current as well as the future retirement needs of all the Sisters.



“Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left.”

—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen