Dear Friends,

Peace and all good!

"Let us remain united. Let us make our closeness felt to those who are alone and to those who are most stricken." — Pope Francis

These are challenging times. As each one of us struggles to remain healthy and to take care of those closest to us, the words of Pope Francis resonate within us. "We need to stay connected to one another. Together we will triumph over the challenges that threaten all of us and find our way to help those who most need our love."

Our 2019 Annual Foundation Annual Report reflects your support in assisting the Sisters of St. Francis in continuing our mission. We continue to take care of our sisters who have always worked to improve the lives of others as we pray for and assist those in our communities who struggle each day to survive in the pandemic. Through your generosity, we have been able to continue to take care of those in need.

The report shows how your generosity has changed the lives of others. The funds support the elder care of our retired sisters and many ministries. From Anna’s Place in Chester, Pennsylvania, to the Transitions Living Center in Spokane, Washington, the Sisters of St. Francis remain committed to assisting those who are poor, the marginalized, and those struggling against social injustice. Your contributions have made a difference in so many lives—we thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Remember that your gifts have created positive change and will continue to do so in the future. We celebrate your goodness and appreciate what you do for the Sisters of St. Francis. We continue to look forward to partnering with you—thank you!

In gratitude and thanksgiving,

Sister Deborah Krist, OSF
Director of Mission Advancement

Thank you!

FISCAL YEAR 2019
Total Donations Received:
$1,307,117*

Unrestricted Funds
$379,271 (29%)

Restricted Funds
$927,846 (71%)


* These figures do not include $735,000 of Unrestricted Funds gifts received in FY 2018, which were designated and distributed in FY 2019.
Distribution of Unrestricted Funds: $ 971,559

Unrestricted funds were designated by the congregational leadership to assist various ministries—for example, helping to improve lives through Anna’s Place, Annunciation House, Aquinas Center, Family Counseling Center of St. Paul’s, St. Francis Inn, and the Ministry of Caring; fostering young minds through education ministries; and providing housing and opportunity at Transitions, Dawn’s Place, and Asylee Women’s Enterprise.

- Ministry Funds: $ 260,000 (27%)
- Ministries Outside U.S.: $ 13,000 (1%)
- Neumann University Campus
  Ministry: $ 10,000 (1%)
- Education: $ 13,000 (1%)
- Shelter & Social Ministries: $ 110,000 (11%)
- OSF Volunteer Program: $ 57,106 (6%)
- Retirement: $ 30,000 (3%)
- Sisters’ U.S. Ministries: $ 44,000 (5%)
- Capital: $ 409,453 (42%)
- CHI St. Joseph Children’s Health: $ 10,000 (1%)
- Hurricane Relief: $ 15,000 (2%)

Distribution of Restricted Funds: $ 927,846

- Retirement & Assisi House: $ 452,365 (49%)
- Shelter & Social Ministries: $ 50,250 (5%)
- OSF Volunteer Program: $ 51,082 (5%)
- OLA Capital: $ 1,200 (>1%)
- Education: $ 12,182 (1%)
- Ministries Outside U.S.: $ 5,183 (1%)
- Memorial Garden: $ 6,273 (1%)
- Parish & Spiritual Ministries: $ 61,625 (7%)
- Formation and Sister Needs: $ 59,428 (6%)
- Assisi House Capital: $ 228,256 (25%)

In Memoriam

- Sister Joan Christine Tobin, OSF (formerly Sister Joseph Christi) December 27, 2019
- Sister James Frances McGlashen, OSF January 8, 2020
- Sister William Margaret Romen, OSF January 20, 2020
- Sister Annie Frances Oman, OSF (formerly Sister Margaret Patricia) February 29, 2020
- Sister Gabriel McAvery, OSF March 4, 2020
- Sister Maria Angelita Ortiz, OSF April 10, 2020

Your generous donations to the Sisters of St. Francis Foundation help to care for our elderly sisters residing in Assisi House and allow us to reach out to those who are poor and disenfranchised by helping to offer a safe, welcoming place where neighbors and visitors can experience radical hospitality at both Anna’s Place in Chester and the Aquinas Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Distribution of Restricted Categories:

- Ministries outside the U.S.: Africa, Haiti; Assisi House Capital: beds, chairs, speaker system, boiler, furnishings, meditation garden; OLA Capital: dining room chairs, oven, wireless upgrade, elevator upgrade;
- Education: Drexel Neumann Academy, The Catholic High School of Baltimore, Neumann University; Parish
  and Spiritual Ministries: Franciscan Spiritual Center-West, OLA Chapel collections, Memorial Garden: trees;
- Shelter and Social Ministries: Anna’s Place, Chester Community Coalition, Clare of Assisi House, Hispanic
  Ministries of DELCO, Ministry of Caring, peace and justice initiatives, Red Hill Farm, Philadelphia Catholic
  Services, St. Francis Inn, discretionary fund for the poor.

Therefore, every dollar that our donors give is used solely for the ministries and elder care.