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Rose Garden Home Mission

Friends of the Rose Garden

Rose Garden Center for Hope & Healing

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Dignity

The sisters have always seen our 4th Vow, "to uphold the dignity of every human person from the moment of conception until natural death," as a decidedly pro-life Vow from which all our apostolates have been bom.



At our pregnancy care center, we help women make good choices in their pregnancy and assist them in making good choices in their lives. One of the excuses women use to justify abortion is that they cannot afford a new baby. To help her more easily make a choice for life, we offer New Baby Welcome Baskets that include almost everything a newborn would need when they first come home from the hospital - we also include something nice for Mom.

After the baby is born, we help Moms (or legal Guardians) with diapers, wipes, clothing, formula, baby food, etc., for as long as she needs assistance. Last year we helped 3,703 Babies from 1,556 Moms with over 5,700 visits.

Being pro-life, we are also pro-woman & pro-family, which is why I think Our Lord keeps sending us food. After prayer & reflection we thought - how can we say to a woman



that we would support her in her choice of motherhood, but not assist her in a need as basic as eating? And very often our Moms have children and other family members at home that they need to feed.

At our St. Francis Food Pantry, friends & neighbors can come every day the Mission is open for food if they need it - no questions asked. So no one has to prove that they live in poverty before we will help them. To us, that would be a great loss of basic dignity.



Our free medical clinic was born out of a desire to offer sonograms to pregnant Moms and to help people at every stage of life who



wouldn't necessarily have the availability of primary medical care or assistance with preventative care, for example with prescriptions and diabetes education.



On page 5 of this newsletter you will read about a new endeavor the Lord has presented us with- free Dental Care! This is very exciting for us, because most insurances do not cover dental, and if you live anywhere near the poverty level, it is next to impossible to afford. The Mayo clinic links dental diseases with endocarditis, cardiovascular disease, premature birth, and low birthweight, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and osteoporosis.



By upholding the dignity of each human person and assisting them with important life issues, we communicate to them that they are important and that they are loved—initially by us, but most importantly by God.

Rose Garden

HOME MISSION



**"I was hungry and
You gave Me to eat"
Mt 25:35"**

Works of Mercy in the Year of Mercy



**"I was thirsty
and you gave Me to drink"
Mt 25:35**



**"A stranger,
You welcomed Me"
Mt 25:35**



**"Naked, you clothed Me"
Mt 25:35**



Counsel the doubtful



III, you cared for Me'

Mt 25:35

Instruct the ignorant



Comfort the sorrowful

Praying for the living and the dead

Mission Needs

- VOLUNTEER HELPERS
 - Baby Clothes Sorter
 - Bag Fillers
 - Cleaners
 - Food Runners
 - Greeters
 - Office Help
 - Parenting Class Helpers
 - Sorters
 - Warehouse Workers
- Diapers size 4, 5, 6
- Toddler Clothes—2T to 6
- Pack-&-Plays
- Infant Hygiene
- Infant-Friendly Toys
- Homeless Hygiene Items



The easiest & cheapest way to donate to the Rose Garden Mission: Kroger's Supermarkets
The Mission receives Rewards when you use your store card

To enroll:

- go to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- click on Cincinnati, Ohio
- enter NPO # 82777
- designate Rose Garden Home Mission for the rewards

Last Quarter \$566.24 received!!! THANK YOU!!!

Then, when you shop using the Kroger Plus Card, the Rose Garden will receive a reward check each quarter

This in no way interferes with the fuel points rewards
Any questions can be directed to Mother Seraphina.

Thank you! God bless you!

Rose Garden Center for Hope and Healing

Health Ministry / Free Clinic

Family

The Rose garden Mission has always welcomed families of volunteers to assist us in all of our work serving God through serving our needy neighbors. Even the Center for Hope & Healing brings family along to help.



Diane Henn Lehman, APRN (above) brings her father Cliff with her, who is very helpful in the food pantry and the warehouse doing a lot of the background work.



Registered Nurse (above), Patty Lipp's son Jared is very generous and eager to help the sisters in the food room with restocking donations, making food bags, serving our neighbors, unloading shipments of donations and anything else that the sisters ask of him.



Earlene Barker, APRN has brought her granddaughter Megan to help in the clinic and with hospitality.



Terri Hardebeck sometimes brings her niece Brett Thursdays to help her clean the clinic and sort clothes.



Surprise honoree at our Dinner, Debbie Truesdell, APRN (right) is presented with her award by her daughter Peggy for becoming a Nurse Practitioner after 23 years as a nurse.



Our new sonographer, Lisa Myers. Welcome Lisa!!



Thanks to a scholarship from Rx Outreach, Sheila attended the Assn. of Free and Charitable Clinics Symposium in Orlando in September. Pictured with Sheila is Darryl Munden, CEO of Rx Outreach, who donated the scholarship. Sheila also found several cost-saving ideas and contacts.

Registered Nurse, Lee Sassler's daughter Lilly asked friends and family to give her socks and toilet paper for her Birthday so she could give them to the Health Ministries for our patients

Dental Clinic?

This past January, we received an email from a friend whose dentist had a dental chair to donate if we ever had a dental clinic.



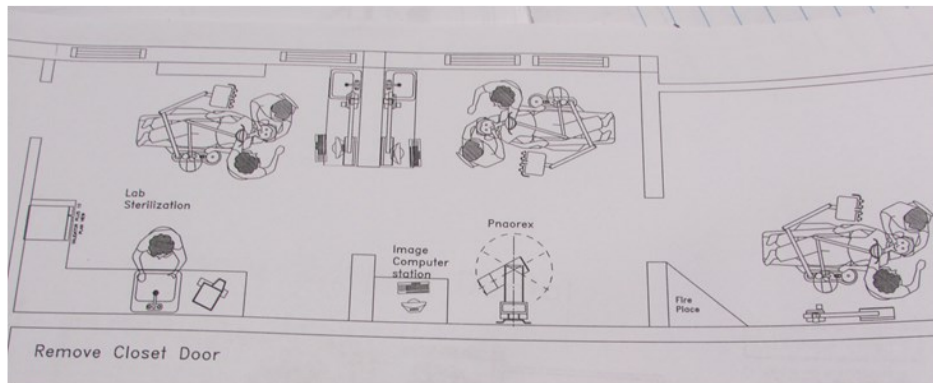
Our new Dental Director, Leah Britt.

We shared the email with Sheila Carroll, the Director of our Medical Clinic, who received 4 other emails within eight hours from people who wanted to be involved in a dental clinic; one from a dentist who would be willing to volunteer, one from a friend who has 2 dentists willing to volunteer, another from a dentist who had a dental chair to donate, one from a friend who found a substantial grant to be given to a dental clinic, and an email from a friend who would be interested in writing grants to start a dental clinic!!

Since then, many friends and acquaintances have come forward willing to help us put it together; one made up



One of the donated dental chairs



Blueprints for the new dental office. We hope to have volunteer dentists and dental hygienists to volunteer once per week

professional blueprints for the unused portion of our Mission, another offered to put in the plumbing, one offered to do the electrical, another offered to put in the vacuum and air that is necessary to do dental, yet another friend has offered to do the carpentry. We received large donations of toothbrushes, tooth-



Going over the plans to make the space "dental friendly."

paste, mouthwash and other supplies one would find at a dental office. A couple of months ago 2 dental chairs arrived along with X-Ray apparatus and other dental equipment.

In addition, Leah Britt, wife of Deacon Tim Britt and an Associate with the Sisters of Notre Dame, who currently manages a local dental office told us that she would be happy to manage a free dental clinic for us.

Over the years, we have seen how

great a need there is for these services in Northern Kentucky, primarily because most health insurances do not cover dental, especially for the underprivileged, and because no one else is helping people living in poverty with dentistry.

Just one story to illustrate the immense need - one of our friends and neighbors (Jim) came to the Mission with his cheeks visibly swollen, had 4 abscessed molars and didn't have the money to get them taken out. We made one phone call to a local dental surgeon, who agreed to extract them for free.

A week later Jim's neighbor came to tell us that he had had a heart attack. You see, unbeknownst to him or the dental surgeon, the infection had already reached his blood stream. Had Jim had good dental care when the problem first developed, he might be alive today.



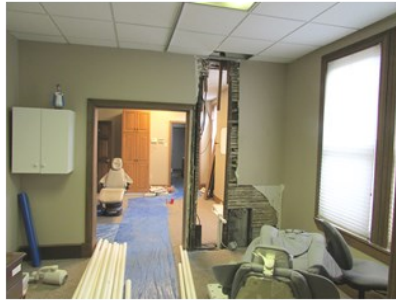
Sr. Clare works on our 1st dental patient—the Big Bad Wolf!!

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Repairs & Improvements



Above, regular Volunteer Helper Brian Dooley cleaned & buffed our Lobby floor. Look at the before & after difference!! Thank you, Brian!

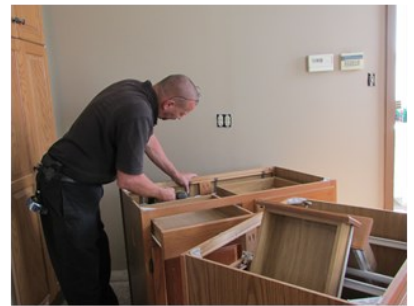


Before



After

Above and at right, Chris Meyer has done a good amount of work in fixing up our new dental clinic. At right, Chris installs new donated cabinets.



Above and below—before and after pictures that a group of friends from Texas (including Sr. Clare's parents and brother) worked on as they came to the Rose Garden for a mission trip this Summer to help us repair the damaged second floor above the new dental clinic. This is the building that had the roof replaced and a new façade built on after the other had separated from the building.



Above our good friends from the St. Joseph Holy Name Society in Crescent Springs are painting the building before the cold weather sets in.



HOLIDAY HELP NEEDED

2016 Thanksgiving Give-Away - Tuesday, 11/22

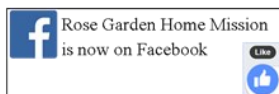
Set-Up days - Nov.18, 20, 21

To donate toward the purchase of turkeys: checks payable to Rose Garden Mission, PO Box 122070, Covington, KY 41012 (write turkey in memo)

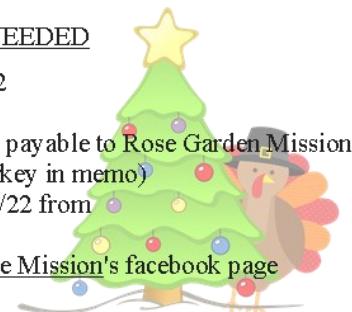
2016 Christmas Gift Give-Away - Thursday, 12/22 from

Set-Up days Dec.17, 19, 20, 21

Photo album from last year on [Rose Garden Home Mission's facebook page](#)



**To Volunteer email Sarah: rgmhhelpers@gmail.com



Partners in Hope for the Poor Dinner

This year's 4th Annual Dinner we honored the Knights of Columbus of Northern Kentucky for donating an ultrasound machine and for their consistent assistance to the sisters and our Mission.



Guest of Honor, Most Rev. Roger J. Foys, D.D., with Rev. Eric Boelscher and Very Rev. Daniel Schomaker, VG, pause for a picture with the Sisters



K of C Chris Meyer has worked tirelessly with many projects, including construction on both the medical and dental clinics



Larry Sendelbach and Joe Gebauer have both been involved with the sisters & Mission from our beginning in KY

We also honored three Councils in particular: Fr De Jaco Council #5220, Fr Kehoe Council #1764 and Bishop Ackerman Council #5453 for their constant generosity and kindness toward the sisters and the Rose Garden.

Individual Knights that were honored were Joe Gebauer, Fred Meade, Chris Meyer, Dan Phillips, Ray Rechtin, Eric Ritchie, Dave Ruschman and Larry Sendelbach for a wide range of assistance given from food delivery, repairs and monetary donations to gift-in-kind construction at our medical and dental clinics.



Regular volunteer, Eric Ritchie, K of C District Deputy accepts NKY State Award



"Friends" Chairman, Greg Ionna, with Golf Committee Chair, Cindy Biecker

Friends of the Rose Garden 3rd Annual Golf Outing

Another successful Golf Outing, thanks to our Fabulous Golf Committee pictured below with the sisters, held this year at the Kenton County Golf Course. A great time was had by all!!



Some of our amazing Golf Volunteers



Cindy Biecker reviews the rules with the golfers



1st place Men's Team receive beautifully etched mugs



Thank You!
To Our Sponsors!



~Hello Sisters,

Please accept the enclosed donation. I was recently on a mission trip with my school and had the pleasure of working at the Rose Garden for a day. I was so inspired by Mother Seraphina and the other sisters that were there. I wanted to give back to the Rose Garden since you all gave me something – a new view on life.

I was so inspired and touched by all of the free work that everybody is doing down there, and it was truly a life changing experience.

Thank you Mother Seraphina!"



"Sometimes I think the only reason I come up here is to see you sisters. You just brighten my day."



~"Each time I come in here, you sisters are so happy. I wish that I could be happy like that for just one day."

~I appreciated how much the sisters care about me. No one else that I know, not even family members, care about me as much as the sisters care.

"I don't know what I would do without this place. You all determine what I eat for dinner each night."

~Two of the sisters were leaving for retreat and packing some things in the car while one of the neighborhood children was watching. Concerned that the sisters might not come back, he kept asking questions about when they would return. Finally, he said, "I hope you all never leave here, because I need you." One of the sisters said, "You need Jesus more." He replied, "I need Jesus *and* you, because you all are like Jesus to me."

"I had nothing for my baby. You all gave me a baby basket full of everything! It was the best feeling I ever had. It helped so much and I thank and bless all of you."

~I just moved in to a house very close to the Rose Garden. I didn't realize before how much people rely on this place for food. Most of the kids on my block would hardly eat if it weren't for you sisters.



Dear Generous Angels,
Thank you so much for the sweet gifts for Baby & for the Mommy survival bag! Your generosity & thoughtfulness are a blessing!



~While walking our dogs, the sisters were passing in front of a life-sized statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the church grounds and noticed some of the young neighborhood girls. One of them spoke up and said, "We come and visit every day. Mary is our favorite friend."

~A man came in to the Mission and said to sister, "Why don't you serve coffee?" She said simply that we didn't have any.

She then walked to the warehouse where a big truck pulled up- full of coffee.



We are very grateful to God for the gift you are to us! It is through your prayers and donations that the Franciscan Daughters of Mary are able to serve God in the Northern KY & Greater Cincinnati area! In addition to our daily prayers for you, once per month Mass is offered in our convent chapel for your intentions.

May God abundantly bless you for all of the ways you love Our Lord through your kindness toward us.

Mother Seraphina & the Sisters