



Sacred Heart Residence

Little Sisters of the Poor

Serving the elderly poor in Mobile since 1901



2019



2020

The Best Annual Little Sisters of the Poor Lawn Party That Never Was!

It's our #1 fund-raising event of the year. 2020 will be our 49th Annual Little Sisters of the Poor Lawn Party. Our entertainment is in place. All of the preliminary work is planned. Covid-19 changes all of that. Our event must be cancelled!

The disappointment is real, even if the reasoning is understandable. So we do what everyone else does throughout the world — we pivot!

There is no reason we can't have the raffles. Our Mega Raffle sells out year after year. Our Regular Raffle hit record levels in the last few years. Maybe we can salvage something. After all, we can't have next year's 50th Annual Lawn Party if we don't have the 49th.

We wonder if our supporters are in a position to help during these tough

times. Our faith in you is certainly justified.

The Mega Raffle has a limit of 100 tickets at a price of \$500 each. The winner receives \$10,000. The response is miraculous.

On the day we sell out, we reach 116 tickets. Mother agrees to open a second Mega Raffle. Our participants improve their odds and as long as we sell at least 120 tickets, we're no worse off. We sell



160 Mega Raffle Tickets, an all-time record.

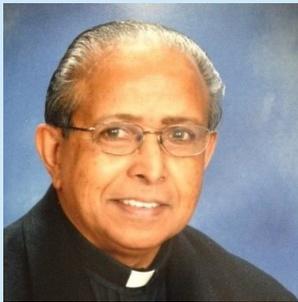
What about the Regular Raffle? Well, more than 1,250 of you purchased 19,568 tickets at an average of \$2.54 each. This is also well above our previous record.

It gets even better. With sponsors and folks who donated directly to the Lawn Party, we had one of the best events ever.

We are hopeful that our 50th Lawn Party, scheduled for October 21, 2021 will take place.

No matter what happens in the future, the Little Sisters and our Residents will never forget the love and sacrifice you demonstrated during this pandemic! We thank God every day for your support!

Father Tony's Vineyard & Gardens



Father Anthony Kadavil came to us as our chaplain, for a second time, in 2018. Not only does he minister to our Residents and the Little Sisters, he's had quite an impact on our gardens!



Another Centenarian!



The Little Sisters celebrated Frances Ory's 100th birthday this Fall! Even though our Residents were limited to their rooms, the Little Sisters were able to sing "Happy Birthday" and present gifts to our newest centenarian.

We now have three members of the 100-year club, including Sarah Wilder (105) and Mary Connor (102).



Are We "Normal" Yet?

We still have a long way to go, but we're slowly coming back to "normal" life. Recently, the Residents have returned to dining together, albeit in a socially distanced mode. It just takes one glance to see the smiles on their faces. Until now, they were limited to dining alone in their rooms.

Another important change is Mass attendance. Like dining, masks and social distancing are paramount. For so many of our

Residents, the ability to attend religious services is a vital part of their lives.

They are also grateful for the ability to spend time outside in our beautiful courtyards. Feeling the warm sun on their faces is a pleasure too many of us take for granted.

We continue to pray for a timely return to "normalcy," when it will be safe to return to regular living conditions. Please keep us in your prayers!



Residents are grateful for some return to normalcy such as meals in the dining hall, Mass attendance and time outside in the courtyard enjoying the warm sun.

The Future is Bright!

We are not alone. The 8th grade students from St. Mary's Catholic School give all of us hope in the future of our community. These wonderful young people worked many hours to remember the needs of our elderly here at Sacred Heart Residence.

As part of their religious education, the students were asked to participate in a three-prong program of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. The Little Sisters of the Poor and our Residents were the grateful beneficiaries of their efforts.

As you can see in the pictures, the students unloaded three cars worth of needed items from our "wish-list" and more! To top that off, they raised \$942 to help support our mission. If these young people are representative of our future, our community will be in excellent hands!

We are so proud of St. Mary Catholic School, their students, teachers, support staff, and especially the parents! Special thanks to Middle School religion teacher, Ashley Thompson, for organizing this effort!

May God Bless them for caring and working so hard!



Jubilee Celebrations!



Anniversaries are always an important date to remember, but renewal of a Little Sister's vows must top the list!

Sister Maria Goretti (left) gave herself to the order in 1960, sixty years of vowed service.

Sister Marie Cecilia made her vows twenty-five years ago and left her native country, the Philippines, to serve God's elderly in the U.S.

Their dedication to their mission has been a blessing to everyone they have touched.



Happy Anniversary, Sisters!

MOTHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We've been battling the COVID-19 pandemic virus for almost ten months as I write this message. It has been a challenging time for all of us, but also a time when we've experienced an abundance of heroism and charity. I've seen it in our Residents, the Little Sisters, our staff, families and friends, and especially our benefactors.



Before the pandemic, we had the challenge of replacing the roof on this building. It was very expensive, but necessary to prevent major damage from the many leaks throughout our facility. While we've made substantial progress on raising the needed funds for this project, we will need to continue asking for help in 2021 to pay for the completed roofing project.

The lockdown is still in place as of this message, but we are seeing some promise. We've been able to open our dining rooms for the Residents. For several weeks, they had been confined to their rooms for meals. This small change has put smiles back on the faces of our wonderful elderly, whose love has been so generous during these difficult days.

We have also been able to welcome them back to Mass in our chapel and for walks in our courtyards. Family and friend visitations are still limited to window visits, but we are hopeful that we can start opening those in-house visits in the near future. For now, we follow the guidance of the CDC and the Mobile County Health Department.

We have a lot to be grateful for during our Thanksgiving celebration. Our Residents are COVID-free — Blessed Be God!

The Christmas Season will feature our Resident's Shopping Event in the auditorium. Many of you contributed to this activity, which is one of the most special events of the year. Our Residents not only get to shop for themselves, but they also have the opportunity to choose gifts for their close friends and family.

Sometimes adversity brings out the best in people. That has certainly been true at Sacred Heart Residence. You are a huge part of that feeling! Be assured that we remember you in our prayers of Thanksgiving.

May God bless and protect you and your loved ones during this Holiday Season.

Gratefully in prayer,
Sister Judith, lsp



New Roof is now in place!

Thanks to all who have contributed so far! We will be asking for help to finish paying for the new roof over the next few months. This means we can continue to serve our Residents for many years to come!



Wish List

Many of our benefactors ask if there is anything we need for our Residents...here are some of those items...

Thanks for asking!

- Dinner Napkins
- Individually Wrapped
- Soft Snacks
- Individual pudding cups, fruit cups and applesauce cups
- Liquid Body Wash
- Mouthwash
- Boxed Tissues
- Clorox Wipes
- Liquid Laundry Soap
- Denture Tablets
- Body Lotion
- Adult Wipes