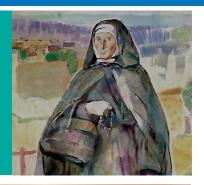


Sacred Heart Residence

Winter 2021

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Little Sisters of the Poor Serving the elderly poor in Mobile since 1901







# Second Annual "Non" Lawn Party Success!

We miss you! There is no other way to express our feelings about hosting the traditional Little Sisters of the Poor Annual Lawn Party. Unfortunately, in August, we decided to forgo the outdoor version of our event. But, as always, we keep the health and well-being of our Residents at the forefront of our thoughts.

Once again, our benefactors stepped up and supported our mission! Our Mega Raffle sold a record number of tickets. For the second year in a row, we gave two \$10,000 prizes after selling 192 tickets at \$500 each.

Our Regular Raffle raised \$46,292 after 1,135 of you purchased 18,391 tickets. Wow!

Even though we canceled the outdoor version of the Lawn Party, our Sponsors were truly amazing! These angels came forward with more than \$50,000 for this "non-event!"

Please look at the Sponsors mentioned on the back page of this newsletter!

Not to be outdone, Sister Ellen Anne and Sister Mary Imelda held the White Elephant Sale and the Bake Sale, respectively. With the help of our volunteers, these two "Lawn-Party" events were a tremendous success.

Even with the last two years' financial success, we pray for a return to our crowd-pleaser Lawn Party.

We miss all of you!



White Elephant Sale

## Dinner Is Served – Martha Slay Retires!



Wishing Martha all the best in her retirement.



Martha shows off her cutting board tribute.



Martha and new Dietary Manager Jodi Stephens

There is nothing more important than to provide sustenance to another human being. For the last twentynine years, Sacred Heart Residence has been blessed with culinary excellence combined with love.

Martha Slay retired on November 18 with accolades from Little Sisters, Residents, and her coworkers. She served five different Mothers (two of them twice) and countless Residents during her tenure.

At Martha's retirement party,

speaker after speaker spoke about her kindness and ability to feed those in her care.

Clint Walker began working for Martha in 2012. "She has been my mentor for all of these years. She recognized my potential and encouraged me to become Assistant Dietary Supervisor." He continued, "Martha is an unselfish teacher and a truly warm, friendly, and compassionate person."

Activities Director, Tanya Haynes, spoke about how close they had

become over the years. Both of them work tirelessly to provide care to the Residents. "Martha knew how much parties, as well as individual attention, meant to our Residents!"

Her co-workers relayed story after story of the wishes she fulfilled at important moments in the lives of Residents. Even toward the end of a Resident's life, Martha gave love through her food.

We will miss her and wish her a blessed retirement!

# **A Happy Angel!**

Some beautiful people make a room better with their very presence! Vada Griffith is one of those.

Vada came to the Little Sisters on March 7, 2003. She spent most of her youth in Wichita, Kansas. Then, at 16, she moved to Mobile.

Her husband, Elbert, was a Resident at Sacred Heart before Vada came to our Home. She is very active and loves to participate in almost everything. She has a creative mind and works with ceramics and wreath-making, among other crafts.

The folks in Activities still laugh when they relay the stories of Vada's outings to the Beau Rivage Casino. She takes advantage of every moment, from virtual rollercoasters, faux motorcycles to arcades and the Ice-Cream Shoppe!

Finally, Vada insists that her favorite part of life at Sacred Heart is her carefree environment! She says, "Because of the people who take care of us, I never worry about anything!"

It's a blessing to see someone so happy!













# The Eagles Have Landed!

We were honored to have two Boy Scout Eagle candidates choose the Little Sisters of the Poor as the location for their Eagle Projects.

Over the years, the arbors around the statues of St. Ann and St. Joseph had fallen into disrepair. Dominic Viccini (Troop 143, St. Dominic Parish) and Henry Kilpatrick (Troop 1, St. Mary's Parish) stepped forward to refurbish St. Joseph and St. Ann, respectively.

The next time you visit the grounds at Sacred Heart Residence, take a look at the beautiful work these young men accomplished!



# The Love Just Keeps On Coming!

What a treasure we received just before Thanksgiving! For several years, Mimi Smith and Ascend Performance Materials have supported the Little Sisters of the Poor.

This year, Mimi used our wish list as a guide to gather donations for the Sisters and our Residents. They showed up with a massive load of supplies! God Bless Mimi and their charity, Ascend Cares!

# **Jubilee Times Two!**



Sister Claire and Sister Anne Joseph celebrated their 60th jubilee on October 15th. Both of these Little Sisters have given themselves generously to our Residents during the past sixty years. This was especially true in their roles as Directors of Nursing in many of our Homes throughout the country.

Sister Anne is from Washington, D.C. and Sister Claire comes from Georgia. They were together for the entire time of formation. Now, 57 years later, they have been reunited at Sacred Heart Residence.

We thank them for their beautiful witness of sixty years of consecrated life!



We love our young benefactors! These University of South Alabama students and some of their classmates collected items from our wish list and delivered them to Sacred Heart Residence!

#### A Message from Mother

Dear Friends,

We're open... again! We are praying that it is permanent this time. Our Residents are again visiting with their friends and



loved ones. As of this message, we are still wearing masks and promoting safe procedures throughout Sacred Heart Residence.

God often gives us challenges with no expiration date. But, then, He has no boundaries with His love for us. He gives us the grace we need to face all adversity. Many of His blessings come in the form of our supporters! Thank you!

We are preparing to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. You can see the holiday spirit throughout our Home!

Our Residents have been working with Activities to create beautiful wreaths. In addition, we will have our very popular Residents' Shopping Tour at no cost to them. Our volunteers gift wrap the purchases. The Residents love to use these items as gifts for their families.

We don't know what 2022 offers as we approach the New Year. One thing is certain, however. Our Divine Savior will carry us through every challenge. Your generosity and goodness on behalf of our mission is God's love made manifest through you.

Please know that the Little Sisters and our Residents pray in Thanksgiving for all of your intentions.

May God bless you and grant you and your loved ones many graces during this Holiday Season.

Gratefully in prayer, *Mother Judith, lsp* 

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