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Marian Home Honored With Five KAHSA Awards



Administrators (Left to Right) – Sister Adelaide Fackler, Sister Assumpta Devine, Current Administrator Kim Thieneman

LOUISVILLE, Ky (October 19, 2009) - The Kentucky Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, Inc, also known as KAHSA, presented five awards to Marian Home staff on Friday, October 16, during the KAHSA 32nd Annual Awards Banquet held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Downtown Louisville.

KAHSA board members presented the Chairman's Citation Award to the Marian Home-Ursuline Sisters for their outstanding contributions to long term care. Faithful to the mission of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville to teach Christian living, Marian Home provides compassionate care to infirm and elderly Ursuline Sisters and affiliated lay residents. Marian Home has had three administrators since it opened in 1977. All three attended the ceremony to accept the award. They are current administrator Kim Thieneman and past administrators Sisters Adelaide Fackler and Assumpta Devine.

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We Three Associates...

By Jessica Reid

If you ever wondered about the true power of faith, friendship, and love, visit Brownsboro Park on a Tuesday evening or Sunday morning and attend a religious service in the makeshift chapel. You're sure to witness the outpouring of all three virtues among a small group of people who are behind the services.

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St. Angela: Graceful, Spiritual, and Alive



On Friday, August 28, three construction workers attached ropes to a statue of St. Angela Merici, the foundress of the Ursulines, that had been stored in the Maintenance Shop on the Ursuline Campus. The workers used construction

equipment to hoist the 800 pound, hollow statue from the ground and then slowly and gently move "her" down the

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Dates to Remember

- **Saturday, November 28**
Ursuline Sisters' Card Party
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Doors open at Noon
SHA Gym
- **Thursday, December 3**
Associate Drop-In
6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
Brescia Hall
- **December 10 & 12**
Advent Prayer & Reflection
Both Dates: 9am - 12pm
Brescia Hall
Contact: Ginny Schaeffer
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On the Web

- See video of the statue of St. Angela going up in the new piazza

- See photos from recent alumnae events

- Learn how to network with us on our social sites

New! Holiday E-cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas

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You are Invited

Communal Reconciliation will be held at the Motherhouse on December 10th at 4:00.

All are also invited to join us for a light supper after the Communal Reconciliation.

Call Sister Isabel Lehmenkuler with questions at ext. 1772.

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Kim Thieneman accepts her award.



Jill Parson poses for a photo with her award.



Debra Martin accepts her award.

Martin has been an Environmental Services Director for more than 22 years and has served at Marian Home for the last 13. Martin was also among the committee members honored for the Outstanding Service Award Fund Raiser Event.

The Marian Home-Ursuline Sisters won the fund raiser event award for the 2008 Marian Home Card Party. The event marks its 30th year in 2009. It takes place this year on Saturday, November 28, and was renamed as part of the 30th anniversary celebration to the "Ursuline Sisters' Card Party: A Day of Family Fun and Games." The 2008 committee was on hand to accept the award for Outstanding Service Award Fund Raiser Event. The

Kim Thieneman was also presented with the Nursing Home Administrator Award.

Timothy L. Veno, president of KAHSA said, "KAHSA is proud to honor Marian Home and the Ursuline Sisters for their hard work and dedication and for their commitment to help older adults and their loved ones live their lives to their fullest potential."

Two other staff members were also honored for their exemplary work in long term care.

Jill Parson was presented with the Sister Carl Marie Activity Award for her work as Activities Coordinator at Marian Home. The award has special meaning to the staff at Marian Home and all the Ursuline Sisters. It was named in honor of the late Ursuline Sister Carl Marie Hulsewede, who served at Marian Home for 24 years in the same position Parson now holds.

Debra Martin was also honored by KAHSA. She received the Outstanding Service Award for Environmental Services.



**Card Party Committee (left to right) – Front – Colleen Sparks, Kim Thieneman, Maria May, Kim Bradley
Back - Janet Sauer, Jessica Reid, Debra Martin, Jane Elpers**

committee members included: Marian Home staff Kim Thieneman and Debra Martin, who volunteers her time to serve on the committee; Ursuline Sisters' employees Kim Bradley, Maria May, Janet Sauer and Jessica Reid; and Volunteers Colleen Sparks and Jane Elpers.

KAHSA members serve more than 12,000 people every day through mission driven, community-based organizations, like Marian Home, that are dedicated to providing services to people in need, when they need them, in the place they call home. KAHSA's commitment is to create the future of aging services through quality the public can trust.

Welcome New Printing Partner



In 2008, the Ursuline Sisters laid out their Call and Commitments to guide them in their ministries for the coming six years. One of those Commitments addressed the "quality of life for all creation" which they interpreted as being more environmentally conscious as a group.

As part of this Commitment, the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville are now partnering with United Graphics Printing Group in publishing the OURS. The company works to be more environmentally friendly by lowering its carbon footprint at its printing headquarters, using recycled products to produce publications, and using new kinds of ink that are better for the environment. We're happy to work with United Graphics as we move toward a more ecologically sound world.

SHARING OUR STORIES

By Sister Marilyn Mueller

Including years at the Administration Building (AB before it became SHMS), Marian Home, and Ursuline Motherhouse, Janice Buford has worked on the Ursuline Campus for about 24 years. In addition, for two of those years she was on call to help clean up when children got sick in the Model School.

Janice remembers the Bargain Barn in Julianne Hall, going with Sr. Evelina Pisaneschi to clean "Father's house," and along with her aunt, Mrs. Louise Samilton, and Mrs. Estelle Cecil helping Sr. Lillian Muller in the laundry.

Born and raised in Louisville, Janice attended DuVall Junior High and graduated from Shawnee High School. Her favorite subjects were English and phys. ed. She won ribbons running track.

A teacher helped her get her first job waiting tables at Probus, a family restaurant. Although she was not thrilled with the work—being constantly on her feet, she stayed on for her teacher's sake and because she did like earning some money. (In those days wages were less than \$3 an hour.)

Wanting more for her life, Janice investigated the military. To her surprise, she passed the tests. When Sgt. Crosby, her recruiter, came for her, however, she "chickened out at the last minute. I felt too young at 19 for such an important step."

The most important event in Janice's life was the birth of her son, Montez or "Big Tez." Today he and his son, Montez, live with her, and she enjoys helping raise "Little Tez." Her brother, Ronald lives across the yard, contributes regularly to the groceries, usually joins them for dinner, and helps with dishes. They get together with the rest of their family during the holidays.



Janice Buford

Both her parents worked on the Ursuline Campus: her mother, Laura Buford, in the old infirmary in the Motherhouse, and her father, Robert Buford, with the company that cleaned the schools. Her father encouraged her to apply for the housekeeping job at AB when she wanted to go back to work after Montez was born. Mr. Winkler ("a nice boss man") went to bat for her and she was hired.

The only housekeeper at the time, Janice developed friendships with many of the sisters. She has fond memories of Sisters Gonzaga Adams, Antonine Biven, Merici Burke, Giovanni Evers, and Janet Marie Peterworth. She still chuckles over Sister Esther Fehringer's teasing remark--deliberately mispronouncing every time: "Have you frumigated again?" She recalls wonderful early morning smells of bread and cookies baking in Sister Jane Frances Baumann's kitchen. "I liked it there. And remember, there was no elevator!"

When AB housed the Model School, Janice worked at Marian Home. She found good friends there too, especially Sr. Mary Lee Hansen. Janice's next job took her across the yard to the Motherhouse, where she started by herself again. As the job expanded, other women were hired. Now she enjoys being with her two co-workers, Marva Finley and Sarah Ray.

In her years on campus, Janice has seen "so many changes." They all look like good "changes" to her. She describes Janet Maloney Sauer as a nice supervisor, and in fact she feels she gets along with everyone. "Being in touch with the Sisters goes way beyond the job. They are like family to me. I can't see myself working anywhere else."

St. Angela: Graceful, Spiritual, and Alive

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road. Their destination was a reserved spot between the renewed Ursuline Arts Center and Sacred Heart Model School Gym. Once at the piazza, the statue was righted, the brackets aligned, cement inserted into the fasteners and then the statue gently lowered onto



the base where it would remain.

About six weeks later, on October 13, a special ceremony was held to unveil "St. Angela" and recognize

the family who donated the statue to Sacred Heart Schools. Dan Ulmer gave the statue to SHS in honor of his late wife Helen Mohlenkamp-Ulmer and her sisters who are alumnae of Sacred Heart Academy.

A similar statue sits at the Ursuline Academy in St. Louis, Missouri. The artist, Annette Zobel, spoke at the ceremony. She currently teaches fine arts at UA in St. Louis. As she explained, before beginning the piece, she met with a group of Ursuline Sisters several times to learn more about St. Angela Merici to determine the best way to depict their foundress.

"Angela chose to serve others at a young age," Annette said, explaining the symbolism behind the statue. "Therefore she is depicted here as a young peasant woman barefoot and in motion. She is not still or stagnant. Angela was a pilgrim and a pioneer,"

"Angela was designed to be like a tree, growing in her mission, branching out to community and the world with open and welcoming arms. Reaching out to the world and to Heaven, she is connected to all people," she continued.

"She is graceful, spiritual and alive. Her hair falls into the leaves of a tree that continues to grow. She is grounded in the earth and rooted in nature."

If you'd like to see this beautiful depiction of St. Angela Merici, come by the campus. To see video of the statue being erected in the piazza, go to www.ursulinesisterslouisville.org and click story number one in the "television set."

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We Three Associates...

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"These banners don't stay up," Bob Kinny explains, pointing to three purple and gold banners that sit at the front of the room. "We have to take them down and set them up. This room is used for other things as well."

It's Bob's letter that brought what three Ursuline Associates were doing at Brownsboro Park, located on Goose Creek Road in Louisville, to the attention of the sisters. He'd written about the efforts of Regina Kinny, Dolores Sacksteder, and Rose Mary Tichenor to establish a chapel in the senior living center. It's a place for Catholics to come together and worship.



Ursuline Associates Dolores Sacksteder, Rose Mary Tichenor, and Regina Kinny.

"It's so very important because some can't make it out to church," Dolores says. "We say the Rosary on Tuesday nights before a religious service and we [come together] to watch the Mass of the Air on Sundays."

"As we've become more cohesive, we've begun a prayer ministry," Rose Mary adds. "We have a prayer intention book we use. Father Joe Merkt, who is at Marian Home, told me he prays for those in our intention book, that our intention book sits at his altar in spirit."

"I loved working at Marian Home," chimes in Regina, who volunteered on Fridays for about 18 years before moving to Brownsboro Park. "I just love the nuns, and the people who worked there. It was like a big family. I keep in touch with Sister Odilia [Gadlage]."

"She calls to give us the names of other people to pray for," Dolores says.



Above: The associates join others in the crowd to pray the rosary.

"She is very special," Bob continues.

"More than special," adds Bill Sacksteder, Dolores' husband.

Bob and Bill may not be official Ursuline Associates, but the two are very supportive and involved in the efforts of their wives, Dolores and Regina, and friend, Rose Mary, to establish and continue the chapel.

"If we want something done, we often just say, 'Tell Bill.'" Dolores laughs.

"I'm happy to do it. I always enjoyed talking with the nuns," Bill says, laughing with Dolores. "I volunteered many an hour at Brescia Hall. They worked my fanny off!" he adds with a smile.

"We used to live right across the street from the campus," Bob says, "And when the sisters added buildings to the campus, they always did it in a first class manner. It amazed me. They're just first class people, and Regina would always talk about how much she loved volunteering at Marian Home."

"Oh, I really did love it there. Sister Carl Marie told me about the need at Marian Home," Regina says, explaining what brought her to the facility. "I soon became the 'Friday girl.' I would help out on Fridays and sometimes I'd take a sister to the doctor. I just loved it. Our children also went to Ursuline schools."

"Oh! Being taught by Ursulines is wonderful. The Ursuline Sisters practically raised me," Rose Mary says. "They taught me in grade school, high school and college. By the time they started the Ursuline Associate group [in the 1970's], I'd absorbed so much Ursuline, and it seemed only natural for me to join."

"Sister Odilia is the one who helped me to know the Ursulines," says Dolores. "She and I were childhood friends, can you believe that! She's the one who invited me to become an associate."

"And Dolores is the one who got me involved volunteering," Bill says, beaming at his wife. "She's actually the one who really wanted the Rosary prayed here."

"I think it's nice for us to come together as a group," Dolores says through a smile.

As the room starts to fill up, the group of friends and family explain how the chapel came together. Their friend and Brownsboro Park resident, Al Kemmerling, passed away. Al always talked about the need for a place to worship at the senior center. So, when he passed, Al's daughter set up a memorial fund to provide money for a chapel. The three Ursuline Associates shared Al's dream and worked to make it happen with the help of Bob and Bill.

The small group used the money raised to buy three banners and the brackets needed to place them in

"Come and See" Event*

The Cumberland Associates held a "Come and See" evening on October 1, at SS Peter and Paul Parish Center. A pot luck dinner got things off to a good start and allowed time to share summer happenings with others.

Seven women from the area parishes attended the event and viewed the Ursulines' 150th Anniversary video. Those who came to learn more about the Associates received a copy of the Ursuline Associate Call brochure and a calendar of our upcoming events. Seventeen Associates were present to happily share the charism of Angela with those attending.

*Our thanks to Cumberland Associate Carolyn Neely for the above information.

the room. As time went by, they added pamphlets, a prayer intention book and other items to the services. Now, twice a week, they set up the chapel and help organize services and invite others to join them to pray the Rosary. It seems to be having a powerful effect on others at the senior center.

"This service is wonderful," says Anna O'Bryan. "I have a real good feeling when we all come here and come together to do the Rosary."

"We pray for the sick every day," adds Dorothy McMurray, who is sitting next to Anna. "This is just a wonderful thing to have. That's the word for it, 'wonderful.'"

On this day, the little chapel fills up with about twenty people. There's an obvious fondness and friendship among everyone who attends. Bob and Regina hand out programs and help people to their seats. Bill and Dolores greet others with a "hello" as they sit down. Rose Mary begins singing as a demonstration after one attendee asks how the song on the program goes. Soon others join in, picking up the tune.

Moments later, a cheer goes up from all as Jack Quinn enters. He quickly moves to the front of the room and sits down next to Earl Visse, the lector for the religious service that will follow. After a few words and a little lighthearted laughter, he begins leading the Rosary. The group's voices come together in unison, then wane as Jack's voice commands the moment again only to be joined once more by the whole. Each time they come together, the group's words of worship fill the room, spilling into the hallway.

The moment is reminiscent of something Rose Mary said just moments before the service began.

"The Ursulines have remained consistent," Rose Mary says. "I think a test of quality is longevity, and the Ursuline Sisters have been around a long time. And, through the years, they have said, 'this is how you should live a Christian life,' and they've lived it. By their example, they show us what it means to have value and a purpose to life."

Listening and watching the group it is clear that Regina, Rose Mary, Dolores, Bob, and Bill are also examples of a life lived with value and purpose.



Sisters in Ministry:

Serving Those in Need

It's a little past eight in the morning at United Crescent Hill Ministries and the kitchen is buzzing. Sister Annunciata Muth and two other volunteers, Deb Hassan and Ursuline Associate Pat Greene, are working to get ready for the days' "Meals on Wheels" deliveries. They just met with the driver for Masterson's Catering and made sure all the food was at the right temperature. Masterson's donates the food used for the "Meals on Wheels" at United Crescent Hill and several other area ministries.



Sister Annunciata (left) and Deb Hassan

Now, the three volunteers are getting some of the dessert items together and packing up the utensils, napkins, and other items that accompany the meals when they're delivered.

"So many people rely on this. Some can hardly get out of their home and this contact means so much to them," says Sister Annunciata when I ask her why she volunteers for the program. "The drivers are so good to the people. They will help walk their dog or check on them when they're not well."

Sister Annunciata volunteers regularly at United Crescent Hill Ministries. The ministry is supported by 24 churches in the 40206 area code, which is in Louisville. The group not only sponsors a "Meals on Wheels" program but provides emergency help for families such as medications, food, household and school supplies, and money for utilities or rent among many other things.



Above: Sister Annunciata (left), Deb Hassan, and associate Pat Greene

As for "Meals on Wheels," the ministry organized the delivery of more than 7,000 meals in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Each one is prepared for delivery by volunteers like Sister Annunciata, Pat, and Deb. Today they're preparing 32 meals, so the three continue to work while they talk about what it really means to volunteer.

"This place [United Crescent Hill Ministries] is vital. We help the poor as well as seniors in need," continues Sister Annunciata. "It's a very nurturing environment and I'm just trying to add my little bit."


"I think it's good to be among the people," adds Pat, who is packing a travel cooler. "I like to come and help. It's something to do that's worth while and meaningful."

Deb nods and picks up where Pat left off, "I think it's rewarding. I'm actually subbing today. We always need people to help, so I hope this encourages others to volunteer."

The trio pulls out large, metal containers of food and lays them out at a buffet area. Then, they form a line, each one with an important task. Sister Annunciata begins filling the plates and then passes them along to Deb who puts the rest of the food on them. Then, Pat covers each one and transfers the finished product to the warmer.

They're a well oiled machine, but one with lots of heart.

Sister Annunciata taught Pat at Sacred Heart Model School when Pat was in a program for teacher training. Pat is also a 1951 Ursuline Academy graduate. Deb sits on the board at United Crescent Hill Ministries, where she's been involved for nearly 15 years. Another Ursuline, Sister Rose Ann Muller, also sits on the board. If you'd like to volunteer for the Meals on Wheels program, call Kim at (502) 893-0346.



The Ursuline Effect

The following note was received by Sister Lynn Jarrell in September. Thank you, Jake, for sharing your thoughts on the impact of the sisters' ministries in the world:

Dear Sister Jarrell,

Today I received OURS, a publication of the Ursuline Sisters of Louisville. Then, after reading every page, as always, I will be inspired by all the good deeds being done by the Ursuline Sisters and others.

Also, it is easy to understand why my daughter, Donna Helm, an associate, is an enthusiastic advocate of the Ursuline order. Donna believes and I support her 100 percent. I am fortunate to have Donna as my daughter and my friend.

May God continue to bless the Ursuline order for all the good work being done for so many people.

Love, Jake Volz

Sister Martha Jacob recently received the note below from her former student, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College alumna Tracy Schier. In it, Tracy talks about meeting a mother who sent her son to the Ursuline Learning Center in the mid-1970s. Some of the sisters and associates may remember Tracy. She worked with Sister Jeanne Knoerle, SP, doing Strategic Planning. She now lives in New Hampshire:

"I was just recently in Baltimore meeting with my In Trust colleagues. One of these colleagues lived for a number of years in Louisville and has a [mentally challenged] son who is now in his thirties. When he was little, he went to the Ursuline Sisters' schools. My colleague, Dot, is Presbyterian but she said the Ursulines had such a good reputation at that time it was the only place where she wanted her son to go.

[Dot] had so much praise for the work that the Ursulines did for her son---she said that she cannot even express the gratitude for how they helped him along and ultimately the whole family. She said that her son, who is high functioning and has a job but lives with her, often talks about "Sister Mary Vincent Strittmatter" and about how much he loved the sisters.

From that time on she has had such respect for the work of not only the Ursulines but for all Catholic sisters who devote their lives for others. It was just really good to hear."

~Tracy

Ursuline Scholars

The four Ursuline Scholars from Sacred Heart Academy officially received their scholarships given to them by the Ursuline Sisters on Monday, October 12. They are Alyssa Feldkamp, Katie Nolan, Julia Stough and Maddie DuPlessis.

The four Ursuline Scholars were selected by a committee of Ursuline Sisters to receive the "Ursuline Academic and Leadership Scholarship." These scholarships were established in 1991 and have been awarded every year since then.



Photo: Julia Stough (fresh), Katie Nolan (soph), Alyssa Feldkamp (jr) and Madalyn DuPlessis (sr).

Upcoming Programs, Retreats, and Events

December

Advent Prayer and Reflection

Thursday, December 10 & Saturday, December 12

Advent is a time for dreaming the impossible... lions sleeping with lambs, a garden growing out of the desert, valleys filled in, mountains laid low, liberty proclaimed to captives and the brokenhearted made whole. Join us for a time of prayer and reflection to prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for the ultimate dream – the Divine Infinite taking the form of the finite because of love.

Register by Monday, Dec. 7
Call (502) 896-3945 or email
gschaeffer@ursulineslou.org

Location: Brescia Hall
3105 Lexington Rd
Louisville, KY 40206
On the Ursuline Campus

Facilitator:
St. Rita Ann Wigginton, OSU

Suggested Donation: \$25

Centering Prayer Resumes:

If you have had an introduction to Centering Prayer and would like to be with others in this practice of contemplative prayer, please consider joining us each month as we seek God in the deep quiet.

Dates: November 17 and December 1

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Brescia Hall (Bldg 3), 3105 Lexington Road, Louisville, KY

Facilitator: Sister Margaret Ann Hagan, OSU

For more information or to register for any Angela Merici Center programs, call Ginny Schaeffer at (502) 896-3945 or e-mail gschaeffer@ursulineslou.org

The Angela Merici Center is an inter-faith center for spirituality and wholeness. The center offers individual and group space, rituals and programs that will enrich, nurture and help reclaim a sense of Spirit in today's hectic world.

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and games

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all proceeds go to the care of
our senior ursuline sisters

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Dear Sisters and Associates,

Receive a big strong hug from me, from Kathy and Sue!

Here our climate is very cold now that the rains have started. Truly here is like winter in spite of the fact that in Peru we are in the spring season. With spring come many kite flying contests that the schools in the area organize because of the strong winds at this time. In the school where I work we had a day of kites where all the children bring their kites to fly. I really enjoy watching each effort of the children to fly their kites. It reminded me a lot of my childhood. The children are happy to see their kites in the air, and others were very sad because they could not get their kites to fly. Really it was an afternoon of a lot of fun and at the end of which each child received a lollipop for his or her effort. Some of the moms were there and enjoyed the event as well.

The eighth of October was very special, as this was the day of the inauguration of our first four classrooms of our school, "Fe y Alegría," where I work. Many of the parents were present that day. And our Bishop, Pedro Barreto came and celebrated a para-liturgy with us. After the blessing of the classrooms and of the children there were typical dances, songs and poetry recited by the children of the school. Afterwards we shared a "Pachamanca," the typical food here. (The Pachamanca includes, lima beans, potatoes, a type of tamale, and meat which is all prepared in an underground oven.)

For the people of Huasquiche this symbolizes a great opportunity to have a school like Fe y Alegría for the education of their children. It is a school that is dedicated to education in values and leadership designed especially for the very poorest of the area.

I am very happy with my work. I enjoy seeing the children grow in autonomy and the ability to make decisions on their own. And they teach me as well to be more tolerant and patient.

One day when we were gathered in the circle (a practice typical of Montessori) I told them that that day was my Mother's birthday. I said that she lives in Lima and that I could not travel to be with her because I needed to be at school to teach them. One child said: "Teacher, you can

call your mother on the phone", and I said "yes, thank you John".

And another child stood up and said, "Teacher, my mother can take care of us so that you can go to visit your Mom."

And many other suggestions were offered to help me celebrate with my Mom. One child said we can share a soft drink. (The soft drinks were donations that were given the school and I was saving them for a special occasion). I laughed, but enjoyed their suggestions and their ability to think creatively to solve a problem, which was the distance between my Mother and me on her birthday.

I want to let you know that now in our house we have a water tank which means we can have water all day.

Our house is very small but very welcoming. We do not have a lot of comforts, but we have love to give and share. Little by little our house will grow.

Also, we are very happy that Rocio, a friend of ours for many years, has decided that she wants to be a part of our Ursuline community. She has been living with us during these months while she is working in a school in Masma. Truly for me this gives me much joy to know that Angela and our God are sending and gifting us with friends like Rocio. I dream that our community here will be a house of welcome where young people have a place to share, to be themselves, because this is what we hope for, that young women can give their "yes" to the experience of their daily lives, where their response can come from the depths of who they are, where they can express and announce and share their visions and dreams.

This time it was my turn to write, and for me this is always an opportunity to express what I feel and what I am living in this village and with our people.

Kathy, Sue, and I are getting to know each other and learning each day to live in community which is an opportunity to place our hope in mutual love.

I close with much love and affection.



Blessing of the Animals

Marian Home residents, USAE co-workers, and Ursuline Sisters and Associates showed up to take part in the annual blessing of the animals at Marian Home on Monday, October 5. Father Lou Meiman of St. Frances of Assisi parish blessed six dogs, one cat and even a guinea pig!



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1. U.S.A.E. co-worker Jennifer McGee's and her dog, Maia.
2. Kim Thieneman's daughter Meredith's guinea pig, Pepe La Pew.
3. Jill Parson and her dog, Corey.
4. Ava with her SHMS family.
5. U.S.A.E. co-worker Maria May's dog, Fuzzy.
6. Sr. Paulette Marchetti with her dog, Archie.



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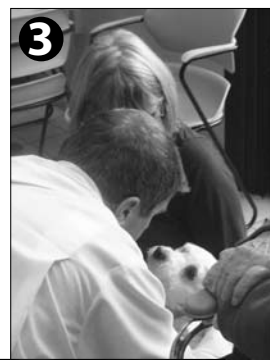


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7. Frank Knoop's dog, Lydia, sits on his lap.
8. Nero (which means black in Italian) is Charlotte and SHMS student Maxwell Stengel's cat.



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Thanks Sisters!

Sister Rita Ann Wigginton represented the Ursuline Sisters during a donor reception on September 17 at Shively Area Ministries, also known as SAM. The sisters donated \$2,500 from the ministry fund to help ten clients in transition. Sister Rita Ann is pictured with Roxanna Trivitt of Shively Area Ministries in front of the "Tree of Hope" at SAM.

Sister Jean Anne Zappa currently works as the Mission Advancement/Development Coordinator at SAM, and Sisters Jo Ann Jansing and Martha Buser both volunteer for the group. The ministry serves those in need in the Shively area of Louisville. The group was able to help 14,000 people living in 7,000

households from July 2008 to June 2009, and more than 400 families are given food or financial assistance in an average month of work.



OURS Articles Due Date

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