A YEAR OF GRATITUDE

Reflecting on a challenging year. Despite the obstacles, you helped create ripples of hope and joy.

As a spiritual symbol, water is identified with baptism, and is linked to Christ in parables of service and joy. Water inspires us to reflection and meditation, becoming part of our living prayer.

As our community symbol, a rippling pool of water captures the broad impact created by a small force. And so it is within our ministry. Each action makes a difference. Its energies flow outward to become part of something bigger before returning to us. We move with the flow of life to do our work from our Christ-centered belief in the impact of love on the world. Your generosity in 2021 created ripples felt in our communities. THANK YOU!
IN 2021, YOU GAVE HOPE, CREATED IMPACT, AND CHANGED LIVES

RAISED
$725,254

DONORS
2,509

AVERAGE GIFT
$261

GIFTS
2,775
Thanks YOU, our generous donors, 2021 closed out our Make a Joyful Noise campaign that raised money to build a brand new organ for the Ancilla Domini Chapel. Construction of the Opus 83 began in Virginia and will arrive in several box trucks in September 2022. The entire organ will be laid out in the main section of the chapel. It will take approximately two weeks to assemble the case and get the pipes in place. From there, each of the 2,472 pipes will receive individual treatment as they get tuned and voiced. In total, it will take approximately two to two and half months to have the organ completely installed and ready for use in early December 2022.

Most organists/music directors go through their entire careers without experiencing the oversight of a new organ project. Most days it is still hard to believe that this project is coming to fruition, says Andrew Jennings, Director of Music & Liturgy.

There is hope for the inspirational music that will come from the new organ, potential long-term partnerships for its use, and for the continued spiritual nourishment that music can provide. Andrew wishes to express his sincere gratitude to our donors who made this project happen. We agree with Johann Sebastian Bach, who inscribed at the bottom of his musical manuscripts, Soli Deo Gloria, or to God alone be the glory.
With a 10.9% poverty rate, Marshall County is ranked the 45th poorest county in Indiana. Every Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday in 2021, Sister Connie Bach and many amazing and selfless individuals came together to feed the homeless in our community through the PHJC Volunteer Program.

As with any incredible opportunity to help the community, Provincial leadership granted employees Volunteer Time Off (VTO) eligibility to assist in this effort. Many gathered weekly to pack sack lunches and distribute items to those in need as well as lend an ear and a voice for many who feel lost or alone during a time when all any of us wanted to be together and safe. These efforts and assistance will continue as needed because of our generous donors like you who feel compelled to take care of those less fortunate and struggling in our communities. We are truly grateful for you.
On a breezy, sunny, spring afternoon in 2021, handbells pealed and a trumpet blared as The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Sisters gathered with co-workers, residents, donors, and guests to dedicate a statue of PHJC Foundress Saint Katharina Kasper.

The idea for the plaza as a place of solitude began to take root immediately after the Sisters returned from Saint Katharina’s canonization in Rome in October 2018.

In his blessing, Bishop Kevin Rhoades of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend noted of her, She was a woman of the Beatitudes. I pray that everyone who passes by this statue or who prays in this plaza will be inspired by her example. May she intercede for all of us and help us live the Beatitudes in imitation of Jesus and one day be with her and all the saints in peace and joy in heaven.

Though she was diminutive, as reflected in sculptor David Layman’s bronze creation, Saint Katharina was a powerhouse. She was moved by the Spirit to serve the poor and underserved despite the arduousness of the path she walked in her well-worn shoes.

The statue can be visited by anyone who visits The Center at Donaldson campus thanks to our generous donors that made it happen.
LASTING LINDENWOOD

THOUGH ACTIVITY AT LINDENWOOD SUFFERED DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF COVID, A NEW DIRECTOR AND RETREAT MANAGER, AND A HOST OF FAITH SUPPORT CO-WORKERS HAVE MET THE CHALLENGE,

In late 2021, Paul Mach, Director of Lindenwood, attended a virtual retreat with the Retreat Center Collaboration (RCC). They did an exercise using metaphors to explain the bigger picture of their own retreat centers during the pandemic. Paul admitted that at first, he was lost, then put down the word “water,” and words began to flow (pun intended).

We had a small dam in Lindenwood’s water when we closed from March to June of 2020, but we kept on flowing because of the generosity of our donors. If it weren’t for them, our doors might have closed.

When we think of water, it is there for us to clean and refresh us, as should a retreat center. The life-giving part of all humans is water and as a retreat center, we need to be a life-giving part of all people’s spiritual enrichment.
In 2021, MoonTree staff participated in a 72-hour online Permaculture Design Certification Course and earned the internationally recognized certificates as Permaculture Design Consultants. Permaculture is a whole-systems thinking and management approach following various principles to work with the land rather than against it to help it thrive and flourish in a regenerative manner, ultimately leading to more sustainable land management practices.

Additionally, MoonTree continued their work and partnership with the Indiana Clean Lakes Program through Indiana University on monitoring the water quality of both Lake Galbraith and Flat Lake. MoonTree expanded water quality testing efforts by partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) lab in Charleston, South Carolina by testing and screening for harmful algal blooms in both lakes as well. MoonTree will be the first Indiana site registered with NOAA’s Phytoplankton Monitoring Network!

Finally, with the continued support of donors, we continued work in empowering local artists and offered opportunities through our leadership in the Arts and Culture Committee of Marshall County Crossroads.
Catherine Kasper Life Center’s Greatest Needs fund saw lots of action in 2021, as the purchase of Upwalker Rollaters for Maria Center residents came to become a great need.

Over the past several years, some residents dealt with chronic pain that dampened their ability to participate in everyday life events and activities.

During that time, staff and residents went online to research companies that provided more ergonomic rollators. That search led them to an Upwalker rollator which allows the user to stand more upright.

By the grace of God and donors to greatest needs fund, Maria Center purchased two of the pricey Upwalkers, and they have seen great use.

Residents have mentioned that standing more upright has allowed them to breathe easier and the chronic pain has lessened.

Residents can borrow one of the Upwalkers and make a positive impact and difference in their quality of life. Maria Center is an independent senior living center and part of the Catherine Kasper Life Center (CKLC) at The Center at Donaldson. We are so grateful for the continued support of our donors, especially as we navigated through the COVID-19 pandemic.
Thank You

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