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Dear Friend,

An anthropologist proposed a game to some children in an African tribe. He placed a basket of fruit near a tree and told them that whoever got there first would win the basket of delicious fruits. When he told them to start running, they all took each other's hands and ran together. Then they sat together to enjoy their treats. When he asked them why they ran as a group, since the fastest person could have taken the entire basket of fruit, they replied: "How can one of us be happy if all the others are sad?"

How can we Sisters of Charity be happy, knowing that there are single mothers and their small children in our town and neighborhood who do not have a roof over their heads? That's why we opened Holy Family Home and Shelter in 1989, and that's why we continue to provide this ministry to families in need of temporary shelter.

Friend, this 28-bed facility provides free services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and shelters, feeds and clothes families who come to our doors seeking help. In addition, we provide personal hygiene items, case management for housing and mental health needs, assistance in obtaining the documentation required to obtain housing, and, most importantly, offer a safe, clean, and warm environment for homeless families: Moms and their kids, including newborns.

When Susan came to us, she was vulnerable, without skills, a high-school dropout, and fleeing an abusive relationship. She was also 6 months pregnant. We cared for her and taught her how to care for herself. When her baby girl was born - on the 4th of July - we helped her learn how to care for her baby. During her time at Holy Family, Susan began to gain self-confidence and she learned some of the skills she needed to be independent. She is now in her own apartment and has a full-time job. She says: "Holy Family Shelter saved my life."



YOUR generosity fills hearts with joy for Sister Peter and for the youngest residents we shelter.

Alison, wheelchair bound, with an adult autistic, ADHD son, fell into some hard times during the COVID pandemic and became homeless. Our case managers continue to work diligently with them to get the assistance they need so they can move into their own apartment.

These are just two of the many families who come to our doors, in desperate need of shelter, and seeking an opportunity for a new beginning.

Friend, will you join hands with us to keep these very vulnerable families safe and help them turn their lives around? Your gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or your most generous offering will be tripled to keep these families in dire need from the despair and trauma of homelessness.

YOUR GOODNESS will provide nutritious meals each day for homeless Moms and their little ones.



YOU provide a safe place for families like Dinelly and her children. A big "Thank YOU" from Sister Mary Jude and all the Sisters of Charity.

YOUR KINDNESS will provide necessary clothing, laundry supplies, water services and personal hygiene items for our families.

YOUR GENEROSITY will provide school supplies and critically needed educational support for all the children in our shelter.

YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS will provide programs to educate shelter residents in the areas of job searches, financial budgeting, parenting skills, medical needs and skills necessary for stable living.

YOUR KINDNESS will provide the electricity and other utilities needed so that our families can live in safety.

YOUR GENEROSITY will provide diapers for a baby in need, toiletries and other basic needs.

YOU WILL GIVE PEACE OF MIND TO FAMILIES who come to us asking for a safe place to stay, as well as food and vital services, while they work at getting their lives together.

Homelessness is a very disturbing and painful presence in many neighborhoods. And we Sisters of Charity are responding with healing and hope, one family at a time. Will you reach out and join your hands with ours as we care for Jesus Who told us that He is present in the hungry, the thirsty, and those in desperate need of clothing and shelter? We are giving these families the tools they need to change their lives so that they do not return to homelessness.

Just like those children in the African tribe, none of us can be happy if all the others are sad. You will make a significant difference for years to come in the lives of many distressed people like Susan and Allison. Holy Family Home and Shelter is the only shelter in our area that serves families. Your gift will make it possible for these families to stay together. And your help will provide the structure needed so these children can go to school.

Can Susan, Allison, and all the families we serve count on **YOUR** support today? They **THANK YOU** for joining your hands with the Sisters of Charity so that we can “run together” to bring happiness to those in need.



Gratefully, in Mary, Mother of the Church,

Mother Mary David, SCMC

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Superior General



YOU make it possible for families to stay together. This Mom and her daughter are deeply grateful to YOU.

P.S. Your most generous gift today will help the Sisters keep homeless Moms and their little children safe while they pick up the pieces of their broken hearts and pain-filled lives. **In profound gratitude for your goodness, the Sisters of Charity pray daily for you.** Please pray for us and for the families we serve.



**SCAN TO TRIPLE
THE IMPACT OF
YOUR GIFT.**

P.P.S. Please be sure to include your triple gift voucher and respond by December 13, 2024 so that your gift can go 3X as far in helping the homeless.