



## Extreme generosity, profound gratitude



While the whole world was experiencing an extraordinary level of stress and challenge during the pandemic our benefactors, friends and families, moved by the Holy Spirit, remembered our Residents with extreme generosity — not just once, but many times — and they are still donating as we continue to work our way through these usual days.

As we all know, the supply chain for many essential supplies was disrupted. Many things we usually take for granted were difficult, if not impossible, to obtain.

Here at our Home the phones rang non-stop and a steady stream of emails came in from friends, families, local parishes and fire and police departments asking how they could help. Our delivery dock was never quiet as our supporters came to the rescue with reinforcements and deliveries of all types! As they dropped off one donation, many donors would cheerfully inquire about what they could do next, saying, “Keep the requests coming!!”

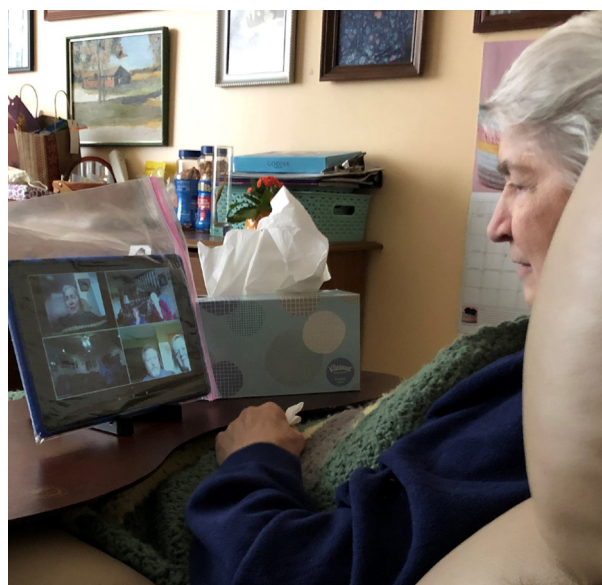
Donations of all kinds came flooding into our Home each day, from laptops and Kindles for communicating with families, to hand sanitizer, PPE, thermometers, activity books and markers and toiletry items. We also received much-needed donations of disinfecting products and housekeeping supplies, which have been so hard to find. There have also been fun donations,

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# Keeping Residents safe and happy in unprecedented times



We are living through incredibly difficult days that have required us to take unprecedented measures here at St. Augustine Home. During this time of quarantine and social distancing, we have adapted and developed a wide variety of activities to keep our Residents safe, happy, active, and engaged.

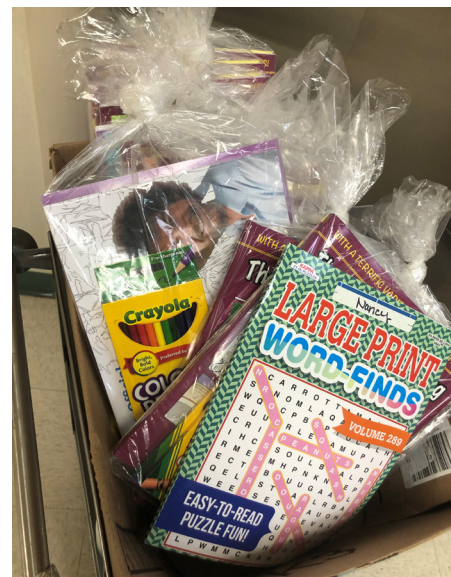
Technology has played an important role in connecting Residents with their families, friends, and our staff. The activities department has utilized the Home's closed circuit television channels to broadcast trivia games, music, prayer, televised Mass with Abbot Lambert, and other entertainment directly to our Residents each day. Video phone calls, made possible through generous donations of tablets and laptops, made it possible to see and communicate with Residents' families and friends in a more personal way than traditional phone calls.

Dedicated staff continue to spend one-on-one time with our Residents,

delivering snacks as well as coloring and puzzle books. Many Residents also took place in the art and poetry challenge organized by our national communications office; winning submissions will be featured in an upcoming edition of Serenity Magazine.

Recently Residents have enjoyed the re-introduction of their favorite activities, such as B-I-N-G-O, music discussions, prayer groups, patio picnics and exercises. The Residents participating in these activities are joyful and ecstatic to be able to see one another again. At the same time, we are still following the guidelines put into place by various government entities, including wearing masks and social distancing.

Staff have been taking the Residents out for walks around the property, along with scheduled, small outdoor activities. The "new normal" has been a positive experience for both staff and Residents. A drive-by parade for Resident families and AJJ members



on the Fourth of July was especially enjoyed by all.

With regard to "family," we are happy to welcome Sr. Albina to our Home. We are thankful for Sr. Marie Cecilia and Sr. Faustina who came to Indianapolis to help during the height of the pandemic, as well as Sr. Pauline and Sr. Christina, who cared for the Residents for the past few years.

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like ice-cream and cookies, candy, individually wrapped snacks and hot dogs. Nothing has been forgotten.

Families, moved by the continuous dedication of the staff here at St. Augustine, have also supplied meals and goodies for the staff, accompanied by notes of appreciation and heartfelt gratitude. This has been very uplifting as the hours got long and the challenges persisted.

We are happy to say our Home is

strong and steady and the Residents are now happy and well.

We are very grateful for the generosity of our friends. God has bestowed many blessings and graces through His Divine Providence. We have profound gratitude for those God has sent us to help support our Home and our mission to care for the elderly poor. You are truly an example of what kindness, generosity and compassion means. Thank you!



Our dedicated staff and your generous contributions, are helping to keep our Residents safe, happy and healthy.

“We strive every day to make our Residents happy, even in the face of so many restrictions. Thank you for all your support and understanding at this time.  
*Mother Francis Gabriel*



## OUR MISSION

*Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.*



## OUR VALUES

*Reverence for Life*

*Family Spirit*

*Humble Service*

*Compassion*

*Stewardship*

**Little Sisters of the Poor  
St. Augustine Home**



## Resident Spotlight: Mary Marrow

Any day of the week you will find a special person sitting in the second row of the Chapel. At 102 years of age, Mary travels around the Home on her motorized scooter and still walks with her walker from the back of the Chapel to her special seat in front.

Mary came to live at St. Augustine when she was 94 years old. She lived in the independent apartments until 2017 when she went to live in the Assisted Living Unit of the Home.

As an accomplished seamstress, Mary has spent hundreds of hours sewing hundreds of Christmas items for the St. Augustine Guild Christmas Bazar, raising hundreds of dollars for this Home.

One of her favorite activities is reading historical books. She reads the local newspaper daily and follows the news on TV. She still participates in many of the activities provided in the home for the Residents, including Bingo, and



Rummikub. Mary has been part of the St. Augustine choir for years and is interested in being a part of the newly formed Hand Chime Choir.

Her family consists of five daughters. Connie and Terri live in the Indianapolis area; Mary Beth, Sue and Gloria live out of the State. She also has over 33 grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Several years ago when Mary turned 100 years old, she was blessed to spend several days visiting with her daughters and

friends. Her former parish, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Carmel IN, held a special Mass in her honor followed by a gala birthday party. Additionally, some days later, the Little Sisters and Residents had a grand celebration for Mary at St. Augustine Home. At her former parish, Mary belonged to a Cursillo group in which she still maintains contact.

In 2018 when Mary turned 101, family and friends found themselves enjoying another special celebration. This past November 2, Mary turned 102! You can imagine it was another grand day for her family and the residents of St. Augustine Home. Mary Marrow is a blessing at St. Augustine to all who come in contact with her. It can be heard said by many a fellow resident, "If God choses me to live to be 100 or more, I pray that I can be like Mary Marrow.!" In a word, at 102, Mary is a marvel!

## Two popular events cancelled due to pandemic

Thank you again to the many benefactors how have generously contributed over the past few months. Your donations have helped the Little Sisters provide loving care for our elderly Residents during these difficult times.

Because of the pandemic, the Home has made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 Swing Fore Seniors Golf Tournament and Spring Car Raffle. Together these events raise over \$150,000 in needed funds for the Home, and we need your help to make up this shortfall. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution using

the enclosed envelope to support the Home during these trying times.

Someone once said, "The Lord puts remarkable people in our path." We see this as we are blessed with a network of wonderful friends and benefactors. You are a part of our extended "family" who help us greatly enhance the care we give our elderly Residents.

We will keep you updated on status of other special events, such as Christmas Celebration, as their feasibility is still being evaluated.

Thank you again for all that you do, and let us say a Hail Mary together!

