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To Women Acting Together

Against All Forms of Poverty

Ladies of Charity USA— Vincentian Women in Action



“To serve rather than to be served”

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“Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin’ by World’ (Bridges Out of Poverty class) saved my life. Kathy is an amazing “Getting Ahead” mentor for me and my daughter. I received tutoring, got a full-time job, bought a car and started paying my bills. I work hard so that my daughter can see what it’s like to work and not rely on the system to get what you want.”

– Emily, Cohoes, N.Y.

2015 Annual Report



“It is evident that you are very close to our good God because He is continually showing His mercy to you. Have courage and do not worry.”
St. Louise de Marillac

“Continue to view the affairs and doings of the neighbor in a spirit of charity; should his actions have a hundred sides, always look at the best.”
St. Vincent de Paul

Ladies of Charity USA: Vincentian Women in Action

The Ladies of Charity of the United States of America (LCUSA) provides Vincentian leadership to women acting together against all forms of poverty. LCUSA offers resources and support to a network of 57 local associations with a membership of 5,753 dedicated, faith-filled, hardworking and compassionate women who care deeply about people living on the margins of society. Young women of middle and high school age are engaged in twelve locations as Junior Ladies of Charity. LCUSA is also connected

to volunteers with the same mission in 52 other countries under the umbrella of the International Association of Charities (AIC). Founded in 1617 by St. Vincent de Paul, AIC is just two years away from a joyful celebration of the 400th anniversary of its founding, making it the earliest organization of lay women in the Church.

Donations to LCUSA enable it to maintain a national service center with an executive administrator available to answer questions

from local associations across the country; provide forms and training materials; organize an annual national assembly which provides an opportunity for education and formation; administer a variety of grant programs to support the efforts of members to serve people in need; make donations in the event of disasters; and maintain a multi-media communication program.



Metropolitan Kansas City for increases in membership.

■ Distributed \$7,460 in grants to local Associations for projects including: Myriam's House, a shelter for mentally ill homeless women; support for the victims of domestic and sexual abuse; "Mary's Corner" supporting struggling families who are raising young children; and, "Ladies of Charity of Knoxville Emergency Assistance Office," giving clients heavy-duty work boots, required for employment.

■ Tama Dutton was welcomed as our Executive Administrator. LCUSA operations formally begun in our new home in Kansas City, Mo.

■ Immediate past president, president, and AIC representative attended the International Assembly of AIC in Guatemala in March of 2015.



■ Over 160 LOC leaders attended the 2015 Assembly: "Vincentian Women Changing Communities with Joy and Hope," held in New Orleans. Sr. Helen Prejean was the keynote speaker.

■ "President's Postings," a monthly email to association presidents and Vincentian spiritual moderators, was created to facilitate communication with the local associations.

■ Awards were given to the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Diocese of Buffalo, and

Highlights of 2015:

■ Helped plan and sponsor the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering, a meeting of 500 people in Washington, under the theme: "To Go Forth: Encountering Christ in the Heart of the World."

■ Met with Vincentian Family Collaborators in Denver to address homelessness and to declare a year of collaboration within the Vincentian Family, "Together in Christ We Vincentians Make a Difference."

■ Established a special 2017 committee of the board to plan and coordinate our activities leading up to the celebration of the founding of the Ladies of Charity 400 years ago by St. Vincent de Paul.

■ Ladies of Charity adopted a resolution in support of Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si* at our National Assembly.

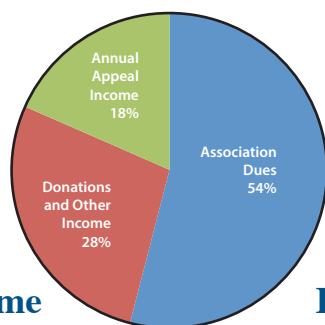
LCUSA Income/Expenses for 2015

LCUSA supports 57 local associations, serving 170 communities. In 2015, these associations raised and distributed

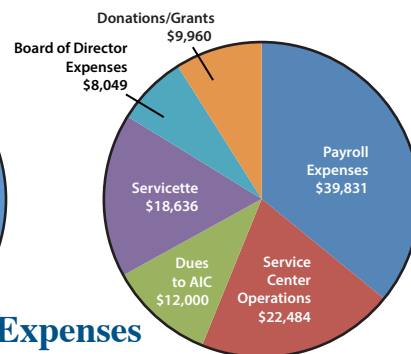
\$3,324,634 to those living in poverty in their communities, a 38.3% increase from 2014. They volunteered over 1,261,568

hours, a 24.5% increase from 2014, representing a value of over \$29,016,064.

Income



Expenses



Ladies of Charity USA Mission: To provide Vincentian leadership to women acting together against all forms of poverty.



Rita Robinson, Our Lady of Perpetual Help LOC, receives a certificate for serving as a mentor to help those who have been imprisoned transition to homes in Washington, D.C. and Maryland.



Workers could not be employed until they had construction boots, which were happily supplied by LOC in Nashville through their "Soles4Souls" program.



The children at the Guardian Angel School were thrilled with the Christmas baskets prepared by the Los Angeles LOC.



This little girl wouldn't remove her "like new" coat she had chosen from approximately 2,000 coats and jackets available at the Albany, N.Y. LOC Coats for the Community event.



The Ladies of Charity of the Archdiocese of Washington truly believe in "Welcoming the Stranger." They fed more than 73,677 people in 2015.



Los Angeles LOC held their 52nd Annual Hundred Committee Tea, with proceeds promoting their many works of mercy.



Marie Fouche, (2nd from left) LOC of St. Johns Association, Queens, N.Y., was awarded a Papal Honors Award by the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzo. Marie has been actively participating in education and formation of a Haitian apostolate, as well as numerous other works supporting systemic change in Haiti.



LCUSA President Mary Ann Dantuono joins other members of the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering to share and advocate for the LOC vision of a society grounded in justice, fairness and respect.



Little Rock LOC President Nancy Bennett with Sr. Elizabeth Greim and two workers at the Jericho Way Center.

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Ladies of Charity Vincentian Leadership

"The Ladies of Charity have had a great effect on my journey toward the priesthood. In all these scenarios [experiences of serving with the LOC] one experiences an outpouring of the holy virtue of charity, which St. Vincent de Paul describes as

"the cement which binds communities to God and persons to one another. In this outpouring of charity I have been able to clearly see the path that has been laid out for me."

— Michael, seminarian volunteering with LOC Buffalo

