



SYSTEMIC CHANGE TWINNING

ORPHANAGE HOPE ORPHANS

PARENTING WORKSHOPS HOMELESS CHILDREN

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VINCENTIAN CHARISM SCHOOLING

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YOUR DONATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

TRANSFORMATIONAL - LITERACY - EDUCATION

The seeds of the Ladies of Charity were planted by St. Vincent de Paul almost 400 years ago in 1617 at Chatillon-les-Dombes, in the diocese of Lyons in the mountainous region of eastern France. With the assistance of St. Louise de Marillac, the seeds germinated and took root in the French countryside and then throughout the world.

In 1857, seeds fell from the mother tree onto fertile soil in the United States when Catherine Harkins was directed to continue 152% the work of Saint Vincent and Saint Louise as a Lady of Charity. The number of associations grew and in 1960 a national organization was established to offer consistent formation to all associations and to strengthen the bonds of charity.



250,000 Ladies of Charity serve those who are less fortunate with humility, simplicity and charity in 52 countries around the world.

In the United States, 8000 Ladies serve in 68 associations in 21 states and the District of Columbia. Please join us in serving Christ in providing for those less fortunate.

"To serve rather than be served"



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To Women Acting Together
Against All Forms of Poverty*



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Ladies of Charity Serve in Many Ways



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Ladies of Charity strive to serve those persons who are less fortunate by:

- Praying together with and for those we serve
- Participating in the Eucharist whenever possible
- Keeping informed about our Vincentian founders
- Attending renewal days and retreats
- Working with our Vincentian collaborators
- Serving in leadership roles for LCUSA and in the community
- Advocating for just policies and programs
- Collaboration with the Voice of the Poor Legislative Network (CAPWIZ)
- Attending Vincentian gatherings and LCUSA national assemblies
- Serving in leadership roles for AIC



The service of the Ladies of Charity includes:

- Programs for victims of domestic violence
- Twinning with AIC
- Visiting women in prisons and providing necessities for them and their children
- Helping the less fortunate become self-sufficient
- Cooking and assisting in soup kitchens
- Providing enrichment books and tutoring
- Providing clothing and layettes for unwed mothers and infants
- Hurricane and Tsunami relief
- Providing grocery and utilities assistance
- Medical assistance for the working disadvantaged



Funds for services are raised through:

- Donations, gifts and memorials
- Bake sales
- Rummage sales
- Fashion shows and luncheons
- Golf tournaments
- Dinner cruises
- Chili suppers
- Plant sales
- House and/or church tours
- Auctions
- Thrift stores
- Raffles
- Barbecues
- Collections and/or bingo at meetings

