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Dear Ladies of Charity and Friends of LCUSA,

The month of November begins the Ladies of Charity of the United States of America's (LCUSA) 2011 Annual Appeal. Begun in 2005 as a Christmas Appeal, this annual request has been successful due to the generous support of our members, friends and corporate supporters.

The 2010 Annual Appeal provided funding for LCUSA to make a difference for communities facing chronic or sudden crisis. Donations were sent through our international Vincentian network to the Daughters of Charity in Japan for earthquake victims and to the Congregation of the Mission in Haiti for children's scholarships. In addition, LCUSA pledged funds to the Bastrop Ladies of Charity community following the wildfires and to the Northeastern Associations impacted by Hurricane Irene and flooding.

The Annual Appeals have also supported the communication vehicles that keep LCUSA connected to members and local Associations. The LCUSA website, aic.ladiesofcharity.us, and quarterly newsletter, the Servicette, provides access to current education, information and Vincentian formation tools to effectively fight poverty.

As we begin LCUSA's 51st year of service, please remember that your prayers and financial support enables us to fulfill our goals as a national organization. The past years have demonstrated the loyalty and strength LCUSA's members, friends and corporate supporters have generously shown. Together let us plan for another 50 years of service in a world unlike that of yesterday.

It is important that the Ladies of Charity set an example for society to follow. Namely, to give dignity to those we serve and allow them to recognize the love of Christ through our actions. We accomplish this through prayer and by seeing the face of Christ in those we meet. The call is greater today than ever, but caring love is evident in the way the ladies do their work for those without a voice, without a home, and without a means to be self sufficient.

Financial contributions and prayers from those of you who witness the impact of hands-on service to others enable the Ladies of Charity to continue meeting the needs of those less fortunate. We look forward to your continued support as we join together to meet the challenges of today's world.

With sincere thanks,

Lucy Ann Saunders

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