

Ladies of Charity USA: Vincentian Women in Action



AIC USA

"To serve rather than to be served"



"Mrs. Johnson is my godmother... she tutored me in second and third grade, she gave me the key to success. [She offered me] An opportunity to become someone in life and be successful, she gave me great teachings that I've carried all my life till this day."

(Angel, age 18, now the first member of his family to be in high school. Los Angeles, CA)

2014 Annual Report

“We should assist the poor in every way and do it both by ourselves and by enlisting the help of others.”
St. Vincent de Paul

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The Ladies of Charity of the United States of America (LCUSA) provides Vincentine leadership to women acting together against all forms of poverty. LCUSA offers resources and support to a network of 61 local associations with a membership of 6,117 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 fellowship; 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.

Highlights of 2014:

- LCUSA distributed over \$8500 to 18 local communities to supplement their efforts to provide basic human needs, literacy programs, and the development of Junior Associations.
- LCUSA was one of 12 national sponsors of the 2014 Catholic Social Ministry Gathering in Washington, DC.
- LCUSA participated in legislative advocacy with the members of Voice of the Poor, Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking, Vincentine Family Social Justice Coordinators.



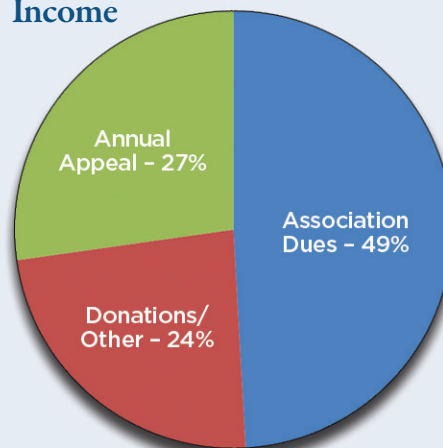
- Milwaukee hosted the LCUSA National Assembly. “Just Care: Vincentine Women in Action.” Family caregiving was promoted and adopted as our focus for the year.

- Saint John’s University marketing class developed a Marketing Project Plan & Video.
- LCUSA welcomed the first lay Vincentine Spiritual Moderators to an on-line training program.
- You can find Ladies of Charity USA on facebook, Ladies of Charity USA, and our website, aic.ladiesofcharity.us.
- New Association in Hemet, Diocese of San Bernardino, California.
- New Junior Associations in Albany, NY, consisting of young women attending public schools, and in Kansas City, Missouri.
- National Office moved from St. Louis to Kansas City, Missouri.

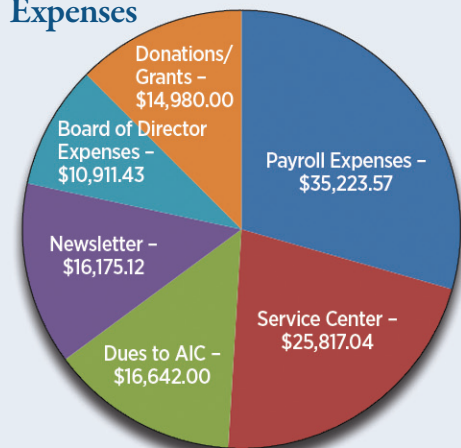
LCUSA Income/Expenses for 2014

LCUSA supports 61 local associations, serving 197 communities. In 2014, these associations raised and distributed \$2,049,826 to those living in poverty in their communities. They volunteered over 957,926 hours – representing a value of over \$21,000,000.

Income



Expenses



“May the blessing of our good God send you forth to carry out the works of charity to which you have been called serving others from your heart.”

St. Louise de Marillac

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



“How can we ever thank you enough for your wonderful response? It is very apparent that the Holy Spirit is working within our Ladies of Charity communities.”
(collaboration between LOC associations securing assistance for a client in Washington DC)



Sisters display the new boots they purchased with vouchers they received from the Ladies of Charity of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, Utah Christmas Program. This program received a Hagar Grant from LCUSA.



“The eye contact with those served is something difficult to describe. When we look into each other's eyes it is like looking into each other's souls. There is peace, love, a brief feeling of being one. We would nod, smile and go on.”
(Volunteer during hands-on service in Calif.)

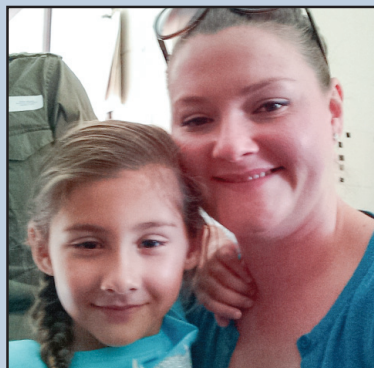


Taking a break from a 2014 Board Meeting in Evansville, Indiana, “I could never have accomplished what I did (on the National LCUSA Board) without the Holy Spirit. I prayed for wisdom, courage, guidance, love, patience – I never felt abandoned.”
(quote from former LCUSA Board President)



Ladies of Charity in Service

Pam, mother of a young child, had been trying for several years to find a job and to move out of living in poverty. She had obtained a certificate in security but had no experience, so could not be hired. She joined Getting Ahead in a Just Gettin' by World through Bridges out of Poverty. She received tutoring for taking written exams, and another LOC (Ladies of Charity) helped her with developing and maintaining a budget and secured a contact who hired her. She is now happily employed, is getting glowing reviews and has been offered a promotion.



“I just want to say thank you for all that you do for my daughter and me. I am so blessed that you are part of my life. I can't believe where I am now, with a good job and others asking for my advice! I feel I am such a better role model for my daughter and am so grateful.”
(A Bridges Out of Poverty graduate, Cohoes, NY)



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