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Providing Vincentian Leadership to Women Acting Together Against All Forms of Poverty

28 July 2016

Re: LCUSA/AIC Madagascar Twinning Project

Dear Ladies,

1617 - 2017 AIC:400

Today as ladies affiliated with LCUSA-AIC we join 52 countries with over 200,000 women "working together against poverty" dedicated to the Mission of St. Vincent de Paul and St. Louise de Marillac. We are called to continue the Mission they began in 1617 to fight against all forms of poverty and marginalization not only in the United States but throughout our global family. In 2003, the Ladies of Charity of the United States of America (LCUSA) began a national ongoing twinning project with the International Association of Charities of St. Vincent de Paul (AIC) in Madagascar, an island nation off the southeast coast of Africa.

AIC Madagascar is specifically targeted towards women and their children. The mothers of Madagascar face similar concerns for the success of their families. They too strive to provide a better life for their children by ensuring they attend school; schools built by AIC in small communities where poverty is rampant. They understand, and we as mother's understand, that a strong education is the foundation needed to lift children out of poverty and into secondary education to ensure a productive adult life. The women are also provided an opportunity to expand their own education through literacy classes creating the confidence to serve as role models for their children and other women.

In 2015, \$4, 275.00 was collectively raised. The women and children served through AIC Madagascar express their most sincere appreciation for your prayers and financial support. Please continue your support of the life changing projects dedicated to the wellbeing of the people of Madagascar in the hopes of a better tomorrow. Systemic change can truly occur through your continued prayers and support.

Please help to make a true change in the world today. Please consider this important Mission as part of your giving both personally and through your local associations. Mail your gift to LCUSA National Service Center, 850 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64105, or bring to the LCUSA National Assembly in Queens, New York September 29-October 1, 2016. Tax deductible gifts are gratefully accepted throughout the year, and will be acknowledged by letter for your tax records.

Sincerely,

Debbie Chadwick, LCUSA Secretary

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