Seating for Sisters: Would You Care to Donate a Chair?

As one of our devoted benefactors, your support over the years has been a true blessing in the lives of our Adrian Dominican Sisters: from their dedicated ministry work around the world, to their tender homecomings to our Motherhouse Campus. For all the love and care you’ve shown, we thank you!

Today, we have a new and quickly growing need in respect to the comfort, safety, and mobility of our Sisters living at the Dominican Life Center (DLC). Many of the recliners used by our residents are simply worn out, in poor working condition, sit too low, or are no longer conducive to their needs. Thus, our current Wish List of items posted on the Adrian Dominican Sisters website (www.adriandominicans.org), now includes new recliners, lift chairs, and power chairs, which will support the Sisters’ continued independence and overall well-being.

“We hope to obtain chairs that meet a Sister’s needs,” explained Sister Frances Nadolny, OP, Administrator/General Councilor. Some Sisters need a lift chair, which assists with the act of standing without having to call a nursing staff member for help. Other Sisters need power recliners to help them independently change positions, while also allowing them to use their own muscles to stand. Additionally, there are many Sisters simply in need of more comfortable seating.

Whether a lift chair, a power recliner, or a standard recliner, “the new seating would enhance the quality of life of our Sisters,” Sister Fran said. “Having the right chair makes all the difference in terms of both comfort and safety,” she added.

The new recliners and lift chairs would give our Sisters a comfortable place in their rooms to read, watch television, visit with guests, and pray.

Incredibly, 10 of the 80 chairs needed for our Sisters have already been donated! The prices of these chairs range from $500 to $1,000 each, but gifts of any size will help us meet our goal of providing new chairs for the Sisters.

Please visit our website, www.adriandominicans.org/WaystoGive/WishList, for more information on how to donate one of these much-needed items or indicate your donation on the enclosed remittance envelope. And, as always, thank you for your continued friendship, love, care, and kindness.

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— Frances Nadolny, OP
Administrator/General Councilor

Sister Jodie Screes, OP, tests a new power recliner.
A Special Note from Amy

Although we are already into the second month of 2019, we’d still love to wish you a Happy New Year! We hope these first two months have been filled with many blessings, as we drop in to share some news from Adrian. There is so much to tell you!

First and foremost, thank you! Your generous response to our 2018 Christmas Appeal has filled our hearts with gratitude. With your support, we can continue sharing our faith and bringing hope to people across the globe. You inspire us, encourage us, and sustain us. Thank you!

You’ll see on the front page that we are in need of new recliners for our Sisters living in the Dominican Life Center (DLC). Thank you for considering a gift that will provide both comfort and safe seating for our residents of the DLC.

In this newsletter, we introduce you to our updated ADS Card Program. We hope you’ll consider using our stationery to send prayers and good wishes to friends and family, or as a way to remember or honor a loved one. When you do, know that you’ll be supporting the Mission and Ministry of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Blessings to you! May you have a happy, healthy, faith-filled 2019. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with your comments and suggestions. I love hearing from you!

Gratefully,

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Congregation Receives Three Lumen Awards

We are pleased and excited to announce that the Adrian Dominican Sisters received three first-place Lumen Awards from the National Catholic Development Conference (NCDC) at its 50th anniversary conference in Chicago in September 2018.

The Development awards were for the 2017 Christmas Appeal, which featured a series of videos that focused on the hope that Adrian Dominican Sisters bring; the 2016-2017 Annual Report, Count your Blessings; and the February 2017 newsletter, Your Generosity, Our Service.

The Christmas Appeal also took second place for Best Social Media Campaign and the annual report received honorable mention from the Catholic Press Association in 2018.

The awards are the result of collaboration among members of the Offices of Development, Communications, and Technology.

While we appreciate the recognition from our peers, we in the Office of Development know that we couldn’t have accomplished these projects without the support of you, our benefactors.

You are among the many blessings that we count.

Thank you for the inspiration you bring into our daily lives as we work with you to help the Adrian Dominican Sisters to live out their Mission and Vision.

2018 National Catholic Development Conference Lumen Award
Alice Forrest and her husband, Jim, have long been generous supporters of the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Inspired by Alice’s relationship with her aunt, Sister Elinor Patrice Hughes, OP, the couple recently found a unique way to honor the memory of Sister Elinor: through the gift of two weatherproof golf carts that transport Sisters around the Motherhouse Campus. Most notably, the golf carts make it easier for Sisters with limited mobility to attend burials of Sisters in the Congregation cemetery.

As a young, wide-eyed 4-year-old, Alice was at first intimidated by Sister Elinor in her white habit. “However, when she took me into her arms for one of her warm, loving hugs, I was reassured that she was a gentle woman,” Alice recalled.

“We pray that God will continue to smile upon each of you in the new year.”

— Alice Forrest

As Alice grew, so did her friendship with Sister Elinor. “I had many special moments listening to Sister Elinor’s fascinating stories of serving tirelessly as a Dominican Sister. She led an extraordinary life.” During Sister Elinor’s wake in 2002, Alice recalled a special way that Sister Elinor helped her family: by putting Alice’s mother at ease before she died.

“In honor of Sister Elinor Patrice, my husband Jim and I have had the joy over the years of giving in a variety of ways to the wonderful women of the Adrian Dominican Sisters,” Alice said. “We pray that God will continue to smile upon each of you in the new year.”

We are eternally grateful for this special gift of golf carts that have most certainly enhanced the lives of the Sisters living at the Dominican Life Center.

**Do You Have a Favorite Story?**

Alice and Jim Forrest are the perfect example of benefactors who have been influenced by an Adrian Dominican Sister – and have stories to tell of what she has meant in their lives.

Do you have a favorite story of an Adrian Dominican Sister and what she means to you? Have you been influenced by an Adrian Dominican Sister who is your relative, teacher, co-worker, or friend?

We’d love to hear these stories and to share them in future publications. Please write your story and send it to Amy Palmer, along with a photo, at apalmer@adriandominicans.org or 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221.
New Cards Offer Ways to Honor, Memorialize Loved Ones

As one of our generous benefactors, you have supported our Sisters through various campaigns and appeals, and we are immensely grateful. Now, with our new assortment of beautiful cards, you can continue to help the Sisters in their lives and Mission while offering sympathy, celebrating a special occasion, or paying tribute to or remembering a loved one.

The selection of cards can be viewed and ordered on the Congregation's website at www.adriandominicans.org/WaystoGive/MemorialsandTributes.

At your request, we will send your choice of cards along with a remittance envelope for a donation.

As the cards note, Sisters will remember you and your loved ones daily through Mass, prayers, and good works.

To order cards, fill out the online form, or contact the Office of Development at 517-266-3480; development@adriandominicans.org; Adrian Dominican Sisters, Office of Development, 1257 E. Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, Michigan 49221-1793.

We Continue to Lift You Up In Our Prayers

Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

- Psalm 54:2

Please know that our Sisters are praying for you throughout the year.

You are remembered at our daily Mass.

Please contact us at anytime with your specific prayer intentions. We know prayer works!

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