# **WISH LIST/ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE**

As of December 31st, we have received \$176,695.00 for our Annual Appeal. We are incredibly grateful for all the generous donors that are helping us maintain our building, grounds, and purchasing necessary items to enhance the lives of our residents. Thanks to all who have contributed.

Please consider our following needs:

Add additional outlets to Private rooms \$650.00 each
Handicapped Van \$70,000.00
Window Replacement \$150,000.00
Resident Lifts (3) \$15,000.00
Window Blinds for Resident Rooms \$4,300.00

Please consider Divine Providence Community Home with a bequest gift in your Will or Estate Plan, a Life Insurance Policy, or an IRA Rollover.

It is an opportunity to strengthen the legacy of caring for those who are most vulnerable, and keeping them safe.

# Shop for Cards and Gifts at DPCH!

Visit the Auxiliary gift shop filled with religious gifts and décor for friends or family members. Additional items include handmade quilts, pot holders, embroidered dish towels, books, and baby gifts. Cards are available for \$1.00 in the main lobby for any occasion. Proceeds benefit the Auxiliary which supports Divine Providence.

### DIRECTORY

Facilities Director	. Sr. Sharon Williams
Administrator	. Jayna Groebner
Director of Nurses	. Michelle Augustin, RN
Social Services	. Shirley Hornick, LPN
Activity Director	. ShellyRae Zinniel, ADC
Business Manager	Sheena Hoffmann
Dietary Manager	Jesse Steinbeisser
Environmental Services	Randy Renner
Health Information Manager/HIPAA	Alexa Schultz
Lake Villa Maria Housing Manager	Gina McKeown

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY Residents: Kathleen Huberty, Kathleen Mennenga Employees: Denise Doyle, Elizabeth Edick,

Justine Helget, Shirley Hornick, Crisanta Schmidtknecht, Alexa Schultz

January



# Celebrating the Toys of Christmas











Santa Claus and Mrs.
Claus made a visit
from the North Pole to
deliver gifts to all the
residents of Divine
Providence. Each
resident was presented
with a gift personally
picked out and
donated by staff
members of Divine
Providence. Smiles
were shared by all!



















A group of St. Mary's Students entertained the residents performing Christmas Carols









During the month, tenants of Lake Villa Maria helped decorate the living room areas for Christmas. Kathy Tessmer spent an afternoon creating beautiful Christmas decorations from different types of greens to share with the tenants.

Young children reenacted the Posada- a religious custom in Mexico commemorating the journey Joseph & Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem to find a safe place to stay.

# A note from the Facilities Director- Sr. Sharon

## A Year of Hope

As we prepare to ring this New Year, let us pause with thoughts of gratitude of the great goodness that God has given to each of us in this past year. Yes, some of us have suffered heartbreaking losses in many ways, but at the same time, God's love and reassurance remains. We are not alone without *HOPE*!

This year of 2025, is called a Holy Year, dating way back to ancient times in the Jewish tradition. In more recent times of the 14th century, in accordance with this tradition in the Catholic church, the Holy Father has announced that this special year will be one of *HOPE*. Special church doors will open and pilgrimages can be made. It is a time of renewal, forgiveness and *HOPE* in Him who has given us all that we are, all that we have, all that we give, all that makes each one of us beloved Children of God regardless of our religious persuasion. In these most turbulent times in our world, so unsettled and without Peace, do we all not need more Peace, Forgiveness, and *HOPE* in every aspect of our own lives so as to become better members in our little niche of the world.

# A Blessed Happy and Healthy New Year filled with an abundance of HOPE

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for your great generosity to Divine Providence, it is a credit to your faith in our Mission and your desire to help us continually upgrade our care and maintain the facility which in this day and age is not very easy to do. You've been able to read it in newspapers about the issues we face.

The Mall area has had its facelift with the new flooring, and seating arrangements with a little fireplace to gather in the corner. Part of the crawlspace project is done with the "smart Jacks" all installed.

The overhead, not seen either, is the HVAC project for the Mall area, dining room, and offices that is being worked on now. Please pray because it has its challenges.