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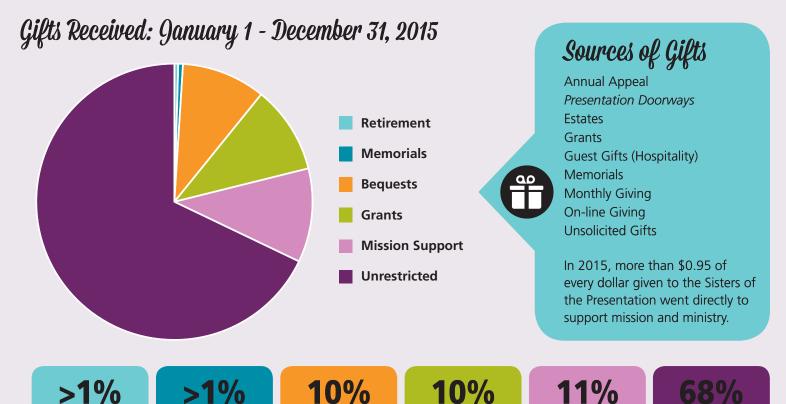
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Sisters of the Presentation Dubuque, Iowa

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The goal of the Partners in Mission Office is to enable the Presentation community to minister today and to be prepared for the ministries of tomorrow through partnership and collaboration with those who share in the mission of the Sisters of the Presentation.



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\$245

\$398,545.30 (\*unaudited)

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Cover photos: Left to right: Top row: Jessica Thomas, niece of Sister Suzanne Takes, visits her aunt in Bolivia; Sister Julie Marsh with children aided through Hotel Hope. Middle row: Sister Jessi Beck with students; Sister Sharon Kelchen and Sister Nuong Bui. Bottom row: Sisters Brigid Stanley and Francesca Presseller; Sisters Carmen Hernandez (far left) and Maura McCarthy (far right) with La Luz Hispana visitors.

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An asterisk (\*) is placed behind the names of those individuals who have died. We include their names in gratitude for their faithful friendship and commitment to the Presentation community and to honor their memory.

Challenged by foundress, Nano Nagle, to go one pace beyond, the Sisters of the Presentation set aside time every five years to discuss the needs of the church and world. In 2013 the Directional Statement evolved through dialogue, listening and prayer.

We invite you to partner with us, meet needs in your part of the world and keep Nano's dream alive.



#### Directional Statement

Ignited by the fire of God's love and impelled by the legacy of Nano Nagle, we, the Sisters of the Presentation of Dubuque, participate in the evolving consciousness of the cosmos by

reverencing relationships celebrating unity engaging contemplation and fostering partnerships

to transform ourselves and our world.

Adopted January 2013

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In 2004, I was introduced to the Sisters of the Presentation. As an associate, employee and friend of the sisters, I have learned to be compassionate. One of the stories that moved me was when Sister Suzanne Takes, who ministers in Bolivia, told me of a boy who desperately needed surgery. She made me aware of how poor the family is and without support of partners he would not be able to have this necessary surgery. This story encouraged me to help and make a difference. I love seeing and feeling the goodness of the sisters. The sisters have become part of my family.

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## A Tale of Two Sisters Providing Presence through Spiritual Guidance

People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou

Sisters Linda Reicks and Rosalyn Ulfers provide hospitality and presence through healing and spirituality. Sister Linda is a licensed massage therapist and instructor at Carlson College of Massage Therapy in Anamosa, Iowa. Sister Rosalyn works in pastoral care at Clare House at the Mount St. Francis Center in Dubuque, Iowa.



Sister Linda is known for sharing the gift of healing energy through therapeutic massage services. If you have ever visited Carlson College, the sacred space provides a sense of peace. The educational setting is conducive to relaxation, which is why Sister Linda is in this profession. "To be present in a student's life and provide him/her the educational tools to be successful in healing holds great satisfaction."

"As a massage therapist, it is an honor to walk with another on their journey to wholeness," Sister Linda expresses. In her classroom she has the meaning of success spelled out as: "Real success is finding your life's work in the work that you love."

Sister Rosalyn always knew that her mother and grandmother were praying for a religious vocation in the family. When Sister Rosalyn was 11 years old, her mother died as a result of a car accident. At that time, grief counseling wasn't available and everyone just tried to be strong and move on. Sister began to ponder the possibility of life being short and questioned, "What if God is calling me and I don't pay attention?"

After entering the Sisters of the Presentation, Sister Rosalyn delighted in teaching primary children for 26 years. However, deep inside she felt

a longing to be with those who were grieving and seeking healing. "I felt blessed to

> be able to begin ministry in pastoral care," states Sister Rosalyn. "Being

in pastoral care allows me the opportunity to walk with others who are grieving losses or experiencing death. I feel privileged to be able to minister to others during a vulnerable time in their lives."

Being present to a person in need of care is what Sisters Linda and Rosalyn practice in this tale of two sisters.

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#### Billie Greenwood

My life is radically different due to the sisters' presence and influence. As a young adult, I was inspired by the bravery of the first Dubuque Presentation Sisters who set out as missionaries to Bolivia. When I retired, I visited the Bolivian ministry sites myself as a volunteer – a life-long dream realized. I try to incorporate an awareness of the reality of our global community into my daily life. I was also fortunate to be educated by the Presentation Sisters – beginning with my grade school years. This continued for the rest of my life – through high school, college and in postgraduate work. I'm pleased and fortunate to continue learning from and with them now as an associate member.

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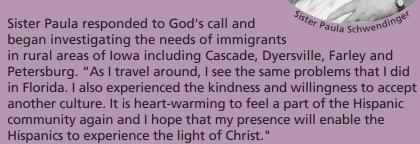
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### HOME is Where the Heart is

#### **Providing Presence through Outreach**

After 25 years in ministry supporting the needs of mostly farm workers, immigrants and their families in Wahneta, Florida, Sister Paula Schwendinger returned home to Mount Loretto in 2015. She entered a time of discernment, listening for a need – a need she could fulfill by utilizing her skills in the Hispanic community without duplicating local services.



Through her observation of the needs and the inspiration of Sister Raphael Consedine's poem, "Take down your lantern from its niche and go out! ... ," Sister Paula initiated Hispanic Outreach Ministry of Evangelization (HOME). She seeks out individuals of the Hispanic community in their homes and offers religious and bible studies, translation and a listening ear. She emphasizes that she wants to be a bridge builder in connecting services.

In the Year of Mercy, Sister Paula has found that HOME is where the heart is.

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We are overjoyed that the Sisters of the Presentation chose to come to Oak Lawn, Illinois, over 40 years ago. The sisters provided our children with a quality education, our family with religious opportunities, and embraced us as part of their family. The sisters' presence affected us spiritually. We have grown with them by following their example and becoming Presentation associates. By joining the Associate Partnership, we have stretched our wings.

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#### Linda Dolphin

I partner with the Sisters of the Presentation as an associate because I admire their focus to be of service to others. The sisters' presence has made me very aware of the need to be of service to the poor and marginalized people in the world. Their presence has taught me to look at life through the eyes of others, which in turn has encouraged me to want to become more compassionate. The sisters continue to affect my life. Through their charism of hospitality, they invite me to participate in service projects. I benefit greatly from the opportunities they offer for spiritual growth.

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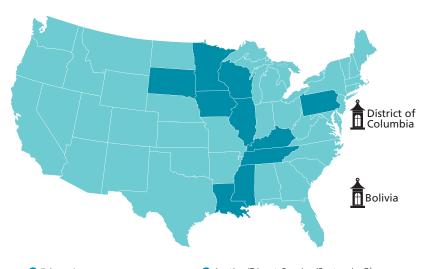
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