

# NURTURING OUR ELDER SISTERS



## *Enrichment*

Activities that foster growth and connection among the Sisters

## *Safety*

Ensuring a secure environment that promotes safety and comfort for elder Sisters

## *Healthcare*

Providing essential support for medical needs and overall wellbeing

For 176 years, The Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi have lived the Gospel with simplicity, hospitality, and profound trust in God's Providence. Today, 99 Sisters continue that mission, most of whom are over the age of 70, with a median age of 85. Many dedicated their entire lives in service to children and adults with disabilities, seniors, immigrants, people experiencing poverty, and communities across Wisconsin, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, and beyond.

As our Sisters age, their ministries shift from service in the world to a powerful ministry of prayer and presence. The new St. Francis Convent—Elizabeth Hall Assisted Living (RCAC) and Clare Circle Enhanced Care—provides a safe, compassionate home for this next chapter. However, many essential items that safeguard their wellbeing, stimulate their minds, and deepen their spiritual lives are **not covered by Medicare or Medicaid**.

Your generosity helps our Sisters age with grace, comfort, safety, and joy. On the back of this sheet is a curated list of opportunities ranging from small, meaningful gifts to transformational investments that directly enhance the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual health of our retired Sisters.

## SPIRITUAL AND INTELLECTUAL ENRICHMENT

*Keeping our Sisters connected to prayer, beauty, and community*

**Assistive technology for visual and hearing impairments** – \$2,000

**iPads or computers with cameras and speakers** (6 needed) – \$1,000 each | \$6,000 total

**Musical instruments for memory care** – \$2,000

**Creative arts, movement, or music therapy** (3 programs) – \$2,000 | \$6,000 total

**Acupuncture therapy** (annual cost) – \$2,000

## SAFETY, COMFORT AND HEALTHCARE SUPPORT

*Helping Sisters live safely, comfortably, and with independence*

**Wanderguard system for Enhanced Care rooms** (32 rooms) – \$600 each | \$19,200 total

**Sit-to-stand lift** (1 needed) – \$1,300

**Hospital bed frames** (32 needed) – \$1,000 each | \$32,000 total

**Lift recliners for resident rooms** (82 needed) – \$1,500 each | \$123,000 total

**End-of-life comfort carts** (2 needed) – \$2,000 each | \$4,000 total

**Wearable fall-detection devices** (99 Sisters) – \$240 each | \$23,760 total

## SOCIAL CONNECTION, JOY AND COMMUNITY LIFE

*Keeping Sisters active, outdoors, and connected to one another*

**Exercise bikes and fitness room enhancements for physical and occupational therapies** \$2,000 each bike | \$10,000 for additional

**Zero gravity massage chair with heating** (2 needed) – \$5,000 each | \$10,000 total

**WhisperGLIDE wheelchair-accessible gliders** (2 needed) – \$7,000 each | \$14,000 total

**Cycling Without Age program** – \$5,000

**Virtual reality headsets** (8 needed) – \$500 each | \$4,000 total

**VR projector** – \$10,000

**Virtual reality “travel” experiences and nature programming**  
Software subscriptions – \$5,000 per year

## LIVING IN PLACE: COMMUNITY HOMES AND APARTMENTS

*Supporting Sisters who continue to live in the homes they share with other Sisters*

**Bathroom safety enhancements** (20 locations) – \$600–\$1,000 each | \$12,000–\$20,000 total

**Electric stairlifts** (4 homes) – \$3,500–\$14,000 each | \$14,000–\$56,000 total

**Transportation support** (unlimited rides) – \$10–\$20 per ride

## ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNOLOGY, BUILDING AND GROUNDS

*Maintaining the environment where the Sisters thrive*

**Plow truck and utility Gator for convent grounds** – \$150,000

**Additional sensory room for Clare Circle second floor** – \$125,000

**Screen porch enclosure in Elizabeth Hall** – \$300,000

**Technology for meeting spaces** – \$50,000

**AI training in healthcare** – \$10,000

**Plumbing repair: jetting machine** – \$5,000

### WHY YOUR GIFT MATTERS

With an average age approaching 90 at Franciscan Shore, Elizabeth Hall, and Clare Circle, our Sisters face health needs that grow more complex each year. Only 10 Sisters currently earn a salary, and many ministries that once provided income no longer do.

Your generosity ensures that the Sisters who spent their lives in service—educating children, caring for people with disabilities, providing pastoral care, and living the Gospel—can now receive the care they deserve. Every item on this list directly reflects their needs, their safety, their dignity, and their continued mission of prayer, presence, and peace.

### JOIN US IN CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR SO MANY

If you feel called to support any of these items—or wish to discuss a gift that reflects your personal gratitude, legacy, or intentions—please contact:

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Your generosity continues a 176-year legacy of compassion, simplicity, and trust in God’s Providence.

Thank you for helping our Sisters!



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