

Serving the elderly poor in Delaware since 1903.

How We Survived the 2014 Polar Vortex!

With winter storm names like Atlas, Boreas, Gemini and Hercules, our community of Residents, staff and Little Sisters have grown accustomed to weekly announcements of pending SNOW, SNOW and more SNOW. Yes, we did hunker down with hats, scarves, boots and gloves but our Association of Jeanne Jugan members made light of the scorns of Mother Nature with their annual Snowman Frolic event held on February 1.

The excitement began with a Resident chosen from each table to dress up as the perfect snowman with a promenade of the “best snow person.” In addition, word games, ping ball contests, treats and refreshments were enjoyed by everyone. The “frosting” on the event was the inside snowball contest between the Little Sisters, AJJ members and Residents.

With rounded lamb’s wool snowballs in hand, all that entered the recreation area were targets of a fun-filled “snowball fight.” Laughter abounded as marshmallows and balls of fluff were hurled through the auditorium as everyone enjoyed remembering their days of youthful frolicking.

The Snowman Frolic has been a tradition in our home for the past eight years and has become an immensely popular event during the winter. With the repeated barrage of cold and snowy conditions, this event provided a joyful release of stored energy from the dreaded “Polar Vortex of 2014”. Many thanks to our dedicated members of the Association of Jeanne Jugan for sharing their special talents, time and treasures to lighten the hearts of others.



Little Sisters of the Poor

A Special Gift

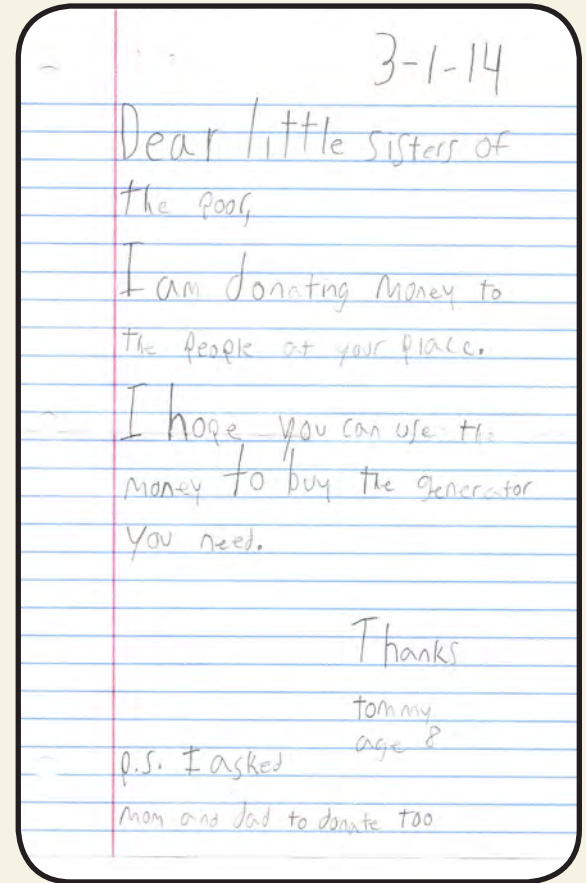
We are truly thankful for each and every gift we receive. Recently, we were blessed with a gift and touching letter from a very special young man. While attending Mass with his family, eight-year-old Tommy of Newark, Delaware, had the opportunity to hear Sr. Emmanuel speak about the Little Sisters and our Jeanne Jugan Residence. Tommy sent us a donation with the hopes that we could use his gift to help us purchase the new generator we so urgently need for our Home. He also wrote, "I asked my mom and dad to donate, too." Tommy's act of kindness touches our hearts and demonstrates that kids, as well as adults, can change our world with acts of love and generosity.

Rewards of Distinction

We recently were awarded a perfect five-star rating for 2014 from *U.S. News and World Report* as the *only* nursing home caring for the elderly in the state of Delaware to receive a perfect score on the ratings from the **Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services** in all three areas – health inspections, nurse staffing, and measures of medical quality of care. Alongside this recognition, Jeanne Jugan Residence has taken the initiative to complete an Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); whereas, our residence is in the forefront of other nursing facilities to complete this exercise in a comprehensive and timely manner. The EOP is guided by the mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor – a mission of hospitality, which provides direction for the staff, residents and volunteers during emergency situations. The EOP also includes pertinent information on disasters, fires, evacuations, *shelter-in-place*, training and exercises.



The Shelter-in-Place Plan provides guidelines to remain on site for a period of three to five days with a continuity of operations and care. To facilitate this plan, we must have an emergency generator. The backup generator is the foundation of our Home's medical infrastructure. Without these critical systems, we could not provide safe Resident care.



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For Our Donors

Your tax deductible charitable gifts to Jeanne Jugan Residence provide you valuable tax savings and help us to provide care for our neediest elderly.

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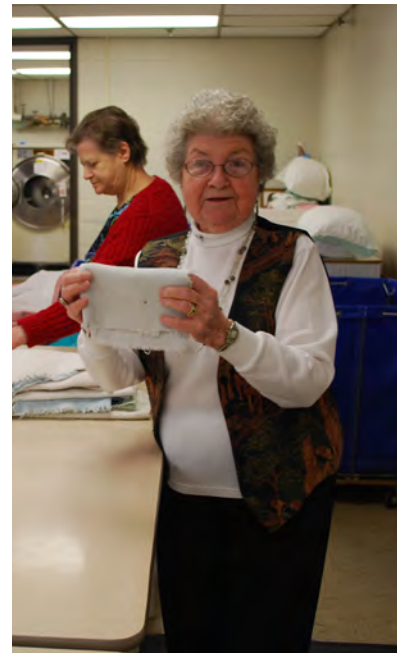
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Youngest Meets Oldest



Photo courtesy of the Diocesan Vocations Guild.

The oldest priest of the Diocese of Wilmington, Father William Jennings, who will celebrate his 101st birthday in June and was ordained to the priesthood in 1940, meets the youngest priest of the diocese, Father Chris Coffey, age 26, ordained in 2013, at the Little Sisters of the Poor's Jeanne Jugan Residence in Newark, Delaware. Father Coffey was at the Jeanne Jugan Residence on March 22, where Father Jennings lives, to conduct a Lenten Day of Reflection for the Diocesan Vocations Guild.



The Pleasure of Giving Back

We are often asked, "What makes Jeanne Jugan Residence unique?" Although this question can be answered with many examples, our most valued response is our own Residents. For a host of reasons, our elderly family members have chosen to make our community their permanent home as illustrated by the tenure of one of our former Residents who lived here over 30 years and several current Residents who have been members of our family since 1998.

Because Jeanne Jugan Residence is their home, they understand the concept of sharing in the operation of our Home. By volunteering, our Residents help keep our campus running in a variety of ways by assisting the staff with daily tasks and

duties. These "in-house volunteers" have very special skills, which they readily share on a routine basis. Marnie, Pat, Dawn and Estelle relieve our receptionists during breaks with their cheerful demeanor. Marge, June and Vicki, have become our "master gardeners" during the spring, summer and fall seasons. Judy works busily making our chapel a beautiful haven of peace. Hazel, Marie and Ellie assist the dietary team with table settings. Millie handles the Country Store. Sarah assists in the laundry area. Jack is definitely our "Jack of all trades" as he is seen shoveling snow, sweeping the grounds and a multitude of general maintenance tasks. Being a part of our family is allowing them to "live the dream!"

Mother Joseph's Greeting



As we continue our Lenten season of grace, we are constantly reminded of the gifts God has bestowed on our community of Little Sisters. Caring for those less fortunate is a tremendous task which would not be possible without the sacrifice and commitment through your generous acts of kindness.

We look for guidance from Pope Francis' Lenten message as he makes us aware of poverty throughout the world, be it material, moral or spiritual. In doing so, he calls the entire world to this conversion of justice, equality, simplicity and sharing with others. In his message, he asks us to share "the treasure entrusted to us, consoling broken hearts and offering hope to our brothers and sisters experiencing darkness."

On the 1st Sunday after Easter, Pope Francis will canonize both Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II, who shared in the vision of our Foundress, St. Jeanne Jugan in her journey of providing a safe haven for the elderly poor. In preparation for Easter and the canonization of our past Popes, our family at Jeanne Jugan Residence expresses our gratitude to God for the gift of individuals, you, who surround us in our mission of caring for our most precious Residents.

Thank you abundantly for your continued support and may God's blessing shower you and your families.

Sister Joseph Caroline, lsp

Luck of the Irish Raffle

By participating in our 2014 Luck of the Irish Raffle, you helped us meet our Home's natural gas and electric bills, which costs us approximately \$20,000 per month. Thank you abundantly for making a significant impact on our ability to meet these expenses. We hope and pray that, *you*, our benefactors (a word whose very root means "to do a good deed") will continue to help make Jeanne Jugan Residence a warm and caring Home. Your continued support is truly our strength.



An Opportunity to Partner with the Feinstein Foundation and Multiply the Value of Your Giving

All donations raised during March and April will be utilized by us and subsequent contributions from the Feinstein Foundation will be divided proportionately among all agencies who have participated. We have been a recipient of funds from this very important fundraising event and look forward to sharing Alan Shawn Feinstein's mission with our own. Please join us in sharing the care of the elderly in our Home.

Upcoming Events

7th Annual Rock for the Aged

May 10

Please join us by participating in our Annual Rock for the Aged fundraising event, which will benefit our medical needs (resident beds and mattresses). On May 10, Rock for the Aged, our 7th annual rocking chair marathon, will be held, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at our Home. Residents, staff, volunteers, family members and friends are joining the Little Sisters of the Poor to seek sponsors to keep the chairs rocking and help meet our goal of \$35,000. www.rockfortheaged.com



7th Annual "Swing Fore Little Sisters" Charity Golf Outing

July 24

Please join us at the Cavaliers Country Club!

Nun Run

September 13

The Little Sisters invite you to our 5k race/walk - www.nunrun5k.org