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Dear Community Relations Manager,

We are preparing for our signature fundraiser of the year – which will be a bit different from previous years due to the COVID-19 restrictions. While we have held a successful in-person event in the past, this year we will hold an online auction - “Franciscan Ministries: Bidding for a Cause”- culminating Saturday, October 24.

***We are in need of donated items such as gift cards and gift certificates to be used in our auction, and hope that you might consider donating in support of our work as you have in the past.***

**Franciscan Ministries Inc. is a non-profit human service organization** founded by the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor that addresses the unmet needs of people who are overlooked and underserved. Our programs include:

* **Tamar’s Center**—A day shelter and entry point for intervention, serving women who suffer with addiction and who are being exploited through sex trafficking.
* **Community Garden**—A garden space for over 100 gardeners, most of whom are refugees from Bhutan. This community of gardeners donates approximately 1,000 pounds of fresh produce each year to local non-profits.
* **Haircuts from the Heart**—Provides almost 3,500 haircuts a year to people living in poverty.
* **Tau Hous**e—Offers youth and young adult groups the opportunity to spend a week living in community while volunteering each day for area non-profit organizations.
* **Centennial Barn**—An event venue where every event gives back! 100% of funds raised go back to help support our programs for people in need.

**Please consider supporting Franciscan Ministries by sending your donation** to: Renee Sales, Franciscan Ministries, 110 Compton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45215. Or we will be happy to pick up donations, just call 761-1697 ext. 181, or email [rsales@franciscanministriesinc.org](mailto:rsales@franciscanministriesinc.org). All donations are tax-deductible. We will provide year-long acknowledgment of your business on our website as well as through signage at the event. Please feel free to call us at (513) 761-1697 if you have any questions. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

YOUR NAME

Board Member