

June 22, 2021

To Whom it May Concern,

We are preparing for our major fundraiser of the year. While we have held a successful in-person event in the past, this year we will again hold an online auction out of precaution. "Franciscan Ministries: Bidding for a Cause" will occur mid-late October of 2021.

We are in need of donated items, such as tickets, passes, experiences, collectibles, gift cards, and gift certificates to be used in our auction. Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used as proceeds from the auction itself would be. We hope that you might consider donating in support of our work. Items are requested by September 30, 2021.

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 House—Offers youth and young adult groups the opportunity to spend a week living in community while volunteering each day for area non-profit organizations.

Further information is available on our website, www.FranciscanMinistriesInc.org.

Please consider supporting Franciscan Ministries by sending your donation to: Franciscan Ministries, 110 Compton Road, Cincinnati, OH 45215, or we will be happy to pick up donations, just call (513) 761-1697 ext. 181 or email rsales@FranciscanMinistriesInc.org. All donations are tax-deductible, and our EIN is 31-1346696. We will recognize you for your generosity on our auction website. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. We appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

Elaine Ward **Executive Director**