

# in Ministry Today

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WINTER 2007

## *The Work of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust*

Thank you for your partnership in the life and ministry of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. It is with deep gratitude that we place before you the listing of the outreach ministries supported by the Ministry Trust Fund.

Your gifts to the Ministry Trust have enriched the lives of many, not only Sisters, but those in need who are touched by these outreach projects. Join us through your giving.

In accord with our Chapter documents, the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust supports initiatives that *Seek Truth, Make Peace and Reverence Life*. These include programs or projects involving women, racism, the poor and ecology in the categories of education, health care and social services. With these "individual" grants, an Adrian Dominican mentors each program or project. The Ministry Trust Grant Committee approved \$761,500 for the following 28 projects for 2006-2007.

### Supported Ministries

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### **Adrian Preschool Nursery Adrian, MI**

Educates low-income and minority children not eligible for Head Start.

### **Angela House Houston, TX**

A residential program offering supportive services for women ex-offenders.

### **Approaches to Contemplative Living with Thomas Merton Louisville, KY**

A program for small-group reflection that addresses the need for a God-centered approach to everyday life which promotes peace and justice.

### **Centro Fe y Alegria Espiritu Santo Baní, Peravia, Dominican Republic**

Will develop secondary education and job placement programs to augment the present elementary school for Haitian and Dominican families.

### **Centro Santa Catalina El Paso, TX/ Juarez, Mexico**

A center dedicated to educational and economic empowerment for poor women and their families and the development of faith-based communities.

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### **Immigrants Legal Assistance Project (ILAP)**

**Attracta Kelly, OP, represents indigent immigrants in the criminal justice system. Sister Attracta is the lead attorney for ILAP, part of the North Carolina Justice Center, which until recently was the only group in North Carolina handling asylum cases pro bono for low-income immigrants. Sister Attracta maintains a caseload of about 400 clients who come from Iraq, Colombia, Rwanda and other countries in turmoil.**

**ILAP was able to help a Colombian woman married to a Mexican legal who had one last chance to petition for a Green Card. She was about to be deported when Sister Attracta obtained legal status for her. Later, the woman was able to visit her family in Colombia for the first time in 10 years.**

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### **Medical Support at Lazarus House St. Charles, IL**

Provides access to medical, dental and mental health treatment at a homeless shelter.

### **Collaboration in Spirituality Georgia and South Carolina**

Provides combined financial sustainability for three religious centers which offer opportunities for spiritual growth, healing, and re-evangelization.

### **Grace House Chicago, IL**

A residential program for women ex-offenders which provides counseling, education, and job training.

### **Intervention for Academic Success Cleveland, OH**

Addresses the special academic needs of students in grades two through four who are new to Archbishop Lyke Elementary School.

### **Katherine's Place Seattle, WA**

Provides case management for health care and social services for homeless, single-parent women and their children who have HIV/AIDS.

### **Keeping Us Safe and Warm Adrian, MI**

Provides partial funding for the operating costs of the 38-bed Catherine Cobb Domestic Violence Shelter.

### **Lenawee Emergency and Affordable Housing Corporation (LEAHC) Adrian, MI**

A shelter and transitional housing for the homeless and needy families.

### **Lenawee Medical Clinic Adrian, MI**

Supports no-cost direct service for low-income, uninsured residents and migrant farm workers.

### **Mediation and Restorative Justice Program at Siena Heights University Adrian, MI**

Trains students as mediators and facilitators to resolve conflicts, address wrongdoing, and build community.

### **MI (Michigan Interfaith) Voice Dearborn, MI**

A coalition of organizations operating in poor, low-income urban areas of Michigan whose goal is to demand progressive state policies for the urban agenda, treatment of poor and low-income persons, and immigrants.

### **New Hope Clinic Owingsville, KY**

A storefront clinic providing low-cost health care for the working, uninsured rural poor.

### **On Behalf of Women and Children Adrian, MI**

Provides quality counseling services for low-income women and their children.

### **Public Action to Deliver Shelter (PADS) Chicago, IL**

Provides funding for case managers to meet one-on-one with homeless guests to determine needs and link them with appropriate services.

### **Santuario Sisterfarm Boerne, TX**

Cultivates diversity and serves as a model of living in right relationship with the Earth community by using ethical practices of sustainable living.

## Did You Know?

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law the Pension Protection Act of 2006. This is a continuation of ongoing reform measures for charitable giving that have occurred over the past several years.

The Individual Retirement Account (IRA) Rollover is one of the biggest charitable-giving tax incentives to be created. The IRA Rollover allows taxpayers to donate annually up to \$100,000 tax-free from their IRA to charitable causes. Donors don't get a tax deduction for the gift, but the money is excluded from taxable income when computing taxes, so the effect is the same.

A few things about the IRA Rollover provision and its limitations:

- Only taxpayers ages 70+ can take advantage of the provision
- It only applies to gifts made in tax years 2006 and 2007
- The maximum amount that can be rolled over tax-free each year is \$100,000
- The provision only allows for direct, cash gifts to a qualified, nonprofit institution (i.e., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization).

For more information, contact Janet M. Hudspeth, OP, in the Development Office at 313-882-7307, (fax) 313-882-0436, or [DevOffAD@aol.com](mailto:DevOffAD@aol.com).

### Schott Communities Cooper City, FL

Provides ministry through the arts to persons who are deaf or disabled.

### Spirit Mountain Retreat Idyllwild, CA

Provides a quiet, safe place for persons seeking to engage in prayer, meditation, study and spiritual counseling.

### St. Rose Senior Center Detroit, MI

A place where seniors living at the poverty level can enjoy growth, companionship and outreach services.

### Teaching Literacy Southdale, South Africa

Helps to rectify past inequalities in teacher education and educational opportunities for learners who suffered under apartheid by providing graded readers and teacher training for literacy.

### Thumbs Up Port Royal, SC

Provides year-round tutoring and enrichment experiences for children of mentally challenged parents and other at-risk children.

### Voices for Earth Justice Roseville, MI

An interfaith network of people committed to prayer, education and action that deepen our sense of wonder, responsibility and gratitude for God's creation.

### Women's Action to Gain Economic Security (WAGES) Oakland, CA

Assists low-income immigrant women by setting up a cooperative business that will create high-quality jobs.

### Las Americas

Esther Ortega, OP, is on the board of Las Americas, an Immigrant Advocacy Center in the borderland region of El Paso, West Texas and Southern New Mexico. With the help of the Adrian Dominican Ministry Trust, the Center is able to expand services to help unaccompanied minors held in local detention centers by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). The majority of the minors are between the ages of 12 and 16. Legal counsel represents them in court, and the Center assists in family reunification. Conditions and educational opportunities in the detention center are monitored and help is given when needed. During 2005, over 456 juvenile cases were opened and addressed by Las Americas. Through the Center's efforts, over 280 children were reunited with their families in 2005, and over 359 in 2006.

