



Serving the elderly  
poor in Cincinnati  
since 1868.

St. Paul's Home Resident Kitty Stickley  
and guests at the annual Winter Ball.

The **MISSION** of the Little Sisters of the Poor is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself.

## Winter Ball a Night to Remember

Nearly 200 Residents, family members and friends enjoyed a night to remember at the annual Winter Ball.

St. Paul's Home's auditorium was transformed into a winter-themed ballroom with crystal garlanded tree branches, snowflake embellished lanterns and a ceiling highlighted by twinkle lights and mirror ball. Guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, drinks and desserts. And there was moving and dancing to music from the big band era through the ballads and dance songs of the 70s performed by the Sound Body Jazz Orchestra.

"I wouldn't miss it!" says Kitty Stickley of this highly anticipated event. "Everyone

puts so much planning into it. All of the guests look wonderful and are full of smiles. It's a celebration!"

Most importantly, the event is an opportunity for Residents and their loved ones to spend an unforgettable evening together.

The Winter Ball would not be possible without the generosity of volunteers. We are truly grateful for their assistance with decorations, table centerpieces and favors, as well as food preparation and service. Volunteers and staff also enjoyed helping Residents get ready for the big night with hair and nail care, as well as assembling their attire and accessories.



Kate Denier and her granddaughter  
smile for the camera.



## Staff Commitment Strong amidst Heavy Snowfall

### Employees go the Extra Mile to Ensure Residents Receive Care and Services

St. Paul's Home staff members show their commitment to our Residents throughout the year in many ways, but their dedication has particularly shown itself during the recent winter storms.

During the record snowfall of a recent weekend, on Saturday morning collecting driver Mike Bauer brought his wife, Vickie – a member of our home's housekeeping staff - in to work and then used the begging van to pick up additional staff members at their Homes.

Laundry staff member Gail Rapien, in anticipation of the harsh driving conditions, came to work Friday night before the worst of the snow storm hit and then stayed at our home until Sunday afternoon.

There were equally dedicated staff members among the kitchen, maintenance, nursing and other departments.

To all our dedicated staff we say "thank you." Your commitment is truly appreciated!



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Helen VonderMeulen and her daughter at a St. Paul's Home holiday party.

## St. Paul's Home Ranked in "Top 10" by Families

### Family Members give High Ratings for Care and Services Provided to Loved Ones

St. Paul's Home received the seventh highest score in the state of Ohio 2014 Ohio Department of Aging Resident Nursing Home Family Satisfaction Survey. The score, a 95.5% overall satisfaction rating, was the highest received by any home in Hamilton County.

The state-directed survey measures

how satisfied family members are with the care and services their loved ones receive related to activities, administration, direct care, meals and dining, therapy and other services.

Results of the survey were posted on the Long-Term Care Consumer Guide website ([www.ltc.ohio.gov](http://www.ltc.ohio.gov)) in January 2015.

To receive this newsletter by email as well as information regarding events and activities at St. Paul's Home, volunteer opportunities, and more go to our website and click on "Register Here" or email Christina Waddle, Director of Development at [devcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:devcincinnati@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

## Sisters Mark World Day for Consecrated Life

### Women Religious Gather at St. Paul's Home to Celebrate Together

Sixty consecrated women gathered at St. Paul's Home on February 1, 2015, the World Day for Consecrated Life. This annual celebration is held on February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day. On Candlemas Day, candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Frank Jasper, OFM celebrated Mass, and then all attendees came together for a special supper.

"It was wonderful seeing nuns from the community that work in schools and hospitals," said Sister Katherine Ann. "We don't normally cross paths, so it was nice to socialize."



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## St. Paul's Home a Favorite for Irish Performers

### Friends Extend St. Patrick's Day to Month-Long Celebration

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and Celtic-inspired Foley Road – two long-standing friends of St. Paul's Home - once again helped extend our St. Patrick's Day into a month-long celebration.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Glee Club launched our festivities with a concert on March 2. With more than 40 members, their voices filled our auditorium with Irish standards ranging from Tooralooora to the Old Irish Blessing, and then spent time visiting Residents and Sisters. Musical Director Damon Sink declares St. Paul's Home is a favorite of the group explaining, "We could stay all night and sing - they are the most appreciative and happiest audience."

The celebrations closed with a concert by Foley Road, a regional favorite for

St. Patrick's Day events. Foley Road offers exceptional renditions of Celtic and folk music using instruments like the hammered dulcimer, gothic harp, various guitars, flutes and whistles, and percussion. "We love playing at St. Paul's Home and seeing the joy it gives the Residents," says group member Teresa Hay. "It's a powerful example of how music can lift hearts and bring people together."

In between the visits from these wonderful friends, we kept the celebration alive with smaller activities ranging from homemade green shakes, Irish trivia, and movies like The Secret of Roan Inish.

We are grateful to all who help us celebrate holidays and events throughout the year, enlivening our regular routines.



A member of The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Glee Club visits with Dottie Clark concert.

## A Simple Note

By: Mother Francis Gabriel



The winter months have brought many blessings to St. Paul's Home, as well as reminders of the love and generosity of others.

Despite the harshness of this year's weather, we have enjoyed opportunities to get together with family, friends, and others in the community at a range of celebrations and special occasions.

The winter storms have also shown the incredible love and dedication of our staff.

And we also continue to experience the generosity of our benefactors – the many people who give of their personal treasure in gifts both big and small to make our mission possible.

Each day we pray for the intentions of our families, friends, staff and benefactors. We ask God to abundantly bless you and those you love.

Sr. Francis Gabriel, lsp

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Mother Superior

## Donated Items Keep Expenses Down, Smiles Up

*At St. Paul's Home we devote our lives to making the elderly happy, but we cannot do it alone. About 60% of the funds needed come from Residents through Medicaid reimbursements, Social Security and pensions. The remaining 40% is generated from church collections, mailings and events.*

Donated items also make a difference for Residents and St. Paul's Home. Constantly needed items include:

- **Personal care items** like body wash, mouth wash, denture cream
- **Office supplies** ranging from copy paper to pens and highlighters

For more items on our "wish list" visit [www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org) and click on "Donations"



Ann Broerman shows off a recent gift.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### Annual Spaghetti Supper

Saturday, June 27

4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Home - 476 Riddle Road, Cincinnati, OH 45220

Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage and dessert; \$10 a full portion, \$8 a half portion; Dine-In and carry-out.

For more information visit [www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorcincinnati.org) or call 513-281-8001.