

Sisters of Humility Annual Appeal 2011



left to right: Sr. Marilyn Schierbrock joined by CCC garden helpers; newly professed Sr. Lynn Mousel works with a young client; Sr. Sheila Seng in her Colorado classroom

Dear Friends,

June 2011

Our journey as Sisters of Humility began in France more than 150 years ago. It is a spirit-filled history, rich with stories of pioneering women who taught and founded schools and colleges, cared for the sick, sheltered orphans and befriended those in need. We and all Catholic sisters in America helped form a culture of caring and social service that has spread throughout society and has greatly influenced the history of America. This important history is featured in a nationally recognized exhibit, *Women & Spirit*, currently touring museums in the United States.

Today, Sisters of Humility continue to serve God's people in ministries that respond to unmet contemporary needs.

- *Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc.* is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, providing safe, supportive emergency shelter for men and women who are homeless.
- Programs and retreat weekends at *Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat* are increasingly popular with visitors looking for a peaceful respite and spiritual renewal in the quiet countryside setting of Wheatland, Iowa.
- Members of the *New Hope Community* celebrate diversity, offer hospitality, and are regular volunteers bringing services to people in the River Bend Neighborhood in Des Moines.
- *Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.* has 49 apartments in Davenport for transitional and permanent supportive housing for single parent families experiencing homelessness. Staff members provide case management, family support and referral services to assist the participants in becoming self-sufficient.
- More than 100 *Associates* share our commitment to listening and responding to the Spirit in our respective lifestyles. We are enriched by the varied lives of the associates who extend our ministries and add depth to the CHM community.

We have been blessed by the financial support and prayers of friends throughout our history. Please consider a generous annual appeal gift this year so that our community and ministries will continue to thrive. Thank you. We continue to remember you in our daily prayers.

God's blessings,

Sr. Mary Rehmann, President
Congregation of the Humility of Mary