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Winter 2015

Teacher training in high gear



Associates in the Early Childhood Education Program are all about learning and review as they take part in a project funded by the Mission and Ministry Grant—Family Care, Teacher Education and Counseling Resources. Mission and Ministry, Inc. the granting entity of the Daughters of Charity Province of St. Louise, has awarded Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio a grant of \$100,000 for teacher training and other support activities in the early childhood education program.

Sister Pat Connolly, DC, Sister Consuelo Tovar, DC, Elisa Romasanta, Marcia Puente, and Debra Colorado, along with Linda Bononcini and Bobbie Davila crafted a successful grant proposal to help meet the ever-growing needs of the families served by our

two early childhood education centers. The project's focus is three-fold.

First, it will augment and broaden the supportive services provided by the behavioral specialist by hiring a Family Care Coordinator, who will act as service coordinator to help address the unmet needs of the children and families. Sister Amanda Kern, DC, has been hired as the Family Care Coordinator.

Second, the Family Care Coordinator will serve as a liaison between the family, behavioral specialist and teachers to increase parental engagement.

Third, the grant will focus on increasing teachers' knowledge and skills by offering an extensive, high-quality and holistic professional development training program. The training program will take a proactive stance by heightening teacher awareness and sensitivity to effectively respond to areas of concern in a child's life early on; thus, changing the course of a problem that might otherwise become life-long.

Training sessions took place Wednesdays and Fridays on the DePaul Campus during the month of December (*pictured top and right*). In January, the learning and review moves to the DePaul-Wesley campus. Classes begin at noon. Students from area colleges have been hired as "seasonal workers" to help staff the classrooms while the MMI sessions continue.

A team of mentors came from KRLN to support the learning by working with the classroom teachers to help make the material come to life in practical application with children and parents.





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Mission Statement

Faithful to the Vincentian tradition, the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio will establish and maintain neighborhood-based programs to increase accessibility to primary health care and human services on the part of the poor. These programs will have a strong holistic orientation and consider participation and empowerment as an integral dimension of the delivery service. While services will be rendered with preferential option for the poor, it is not to the exclusion of others.

Service Locations

Main phone number: **210-334-2300.**

DePaul Family Center

7607 Somerset Road

San Antonio, Texas 78211

DePaul Children's Center

3050 Golden

San Antonio, Texas 78211

DePaul-Wesley Children's Center

1418 Fitch

San Antonio, Texas 78211

El Carmen Wellness Center

18555-1 Leal Road

San Antonio, Texas 78221

La Misión Family Health Care

19780 South US Hwy 281

San Antonio, Texas 78221

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

No man is an island, entire of itself" are famous words written by English poet John Donne in 1624. Today we would say, "No *person* is an island," but I would like to apply this line of poetry to Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio and say, "No *organization* is an island."

The work we do in south San Antonio and Bexar County in some of our poorest neighborhoods is supported by a solid base of partnerships with other local organizations.

Foremost among them is Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM), a private, faith-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing medical, dental and health-related human services to low-income families and the uninsured in South Texas. MHM is a major funder of our medical and dental programs. Other substantial funding for medical programs comes from the Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio, which distributes grants annually to not-for-profit organizations that provide healthcare services and health education throughout Bexar County and South Texas.

The Charity Ball Association, a women's group whose mission is to support and enhance the quality of life for children of Bexar County, has been generous in funding equipment and capital needs, and the United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County is also a significant supporter of program needs.

Support isn't only financial. We turn to Community Medicine Associates, the primary care and multi-specialty group of University Health System (UHS), for medical providers who work at La Misión Family Health Care. UHS also handles our electronic medical records system and patient billing. The University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Health Professions furnishes interns who help with staffing needs in primary care. The Family Service Association makes available an early childhood mental health clinician at one of the child care centers weekly. The American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society give classes for our clients.

Brighton Center, which works with special needs children and their families, sends us referrals and assists with teacher training. CentroMed refers clients to us and conducts parenting classes for our parents. CommuniCare and Catholic Charities both refer clients. The Food Bank parks its semi-trailer in our parking lot once a month to distribute groceries to individuals and families. The St. Vincent DePaul Society conducts a program at El Carmen that frees up our social services staff to deal with other substantive issues. The local school districts in our area, Harlandale, San Antonio, South San Antonio, and Southside, all refer clients to us.

There are more examples I could cite, but I'm running out of space. You get the idea. Daughters of Charity Services is not an island, nor are our partners in this mutually supportive, beneficial, and interactive network of person-centered care. We thank them all.



“The Christmas heart is a giving heart”

– George Matthew Adams (1878-1962)

Many came forward with giving hearts this Christmas to share the blessings and joy of the season. *From right*, students from St. Pius X parish and below, students from Pope John Paul II parish helped out with collecting and distributing items in our annual Christmas Adopt program, which this year benefitted 571 families and seniors in the neighborhood. *Below*, the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 4298 from St. Pius X parish (pictured with Debra Colorado, Social Services Director) delivered 100 children's jackets that the Knights purchased with donated funds and for us to distribute.



New shoes to kick off a new year

Payless ShoeSource once again chose Daughters of Charity Services as an official partner of *Payless Gives™ Shoes 4 Kids*, an annual holiday giving program. We are among 1,000 charitable agencies representing all 50 states. Daughters of Charity Services distributed merchandise certificates for children's shoes to the families on our client list. And then we took the children shopping for shoes, producing these big smiles and happy toes.



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