



THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, KNIGHTS HOSPITALLER (MALTA) HOSPITALLER WORK OF THE ORDER – MAP AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARIES

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How to view a world map of all OSJ (Malta) Hospitaller Programs and Projects

Our OSJ satellite map includes the locations of all OSJ Hospitaller programs and projects. Besides their GPS locations (marked by yellow chart pins), there's a complete description of the organization and its charitable work, OSJ funding and involvement details, OSJ representative and the charity's contact information, its Web site, and how you can cooperate or donate.

Check out the satellite map of all the OSJ Hospitaller work in the world. Here's how:

Easy Way 1-2-3:

From your email version of *The Herald*:

- (1) Go to the **OSJ QUICK LINKS** section
- (2) Click on **OSJ Map- Hospitaller Projects** link
- (3) Once the map is loaded, click on any "yellow chart pin" to learn more about program or project, including program focus, contacts and donation information.

Alternative Access:

- (1) From your Internet browser, go to www.google.com
- (2) Select **MAPS** from the Google **MENU** bar
- (3) In the **SEARCH BOX** at the top of the page type in: *OSJ Worldwide Organization and Hospitaller Work*
- (4) Select the most recent version that appears in the drop down list (e.g., "111511" is a better choice than "110111" because it is more up-to-date.
- (5) Hit [**Enter**]
- (6) The OSJ map should now appear in your browser (because it did in mine!)

How to use this executive summary:

Read all about the wonderful, compassionate care that OSJ members are providing for the sick and the poor. And then collaborate with each other. Talk to your counterpart in another part of the world and understand how the "power of one" can be multiplied a thousand times by working with others. There is at least one more person or maybe more who want to add to the good that you are already doing in the world. Read on and reach out!

How to add your projects to our worldwide summary:

To add to this list or update your Hospitaller activities, please send your updates to: herald.ojsmalta@gmail.com
We'll stick another pin in the map and summarize the terrific things you're doing for others so that our members will know.

OSJ COMMANDERY HOSPITALLER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

OSJ COMMANDERY OF ANTWERP (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

In 2009, the Commandery of Antwerp raised €3,425 for Belgian Charities; €4,500 for Kenya, Cambodia, Kalasi, Kinshasa and Ghana.

OSJ COMMANDERY OF APULIA (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF AROS/AARHUS (DK)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF BRABANTE (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

The OSJ Commandery of Brabante presented €28,500 for Belgian Charities; €6,503.89 for Brazil, India, Ecuador, Kenya and Born Charities.

OSJ COMMANDERY OF CALABRIA (SICILY)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF CATANIA (SICILY)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF DAGMAR (DK)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF EMILIA TOSCANA (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF FINLAND (FI)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA (US)

Hospitaller Contact: Dame Alyce Erickson DSJ (alytara123@msn.com)

Boca Helping Hands. 2011 Commandery estimated support: USD\$40,000 for the purchase of a second refrigerated truck to be placed in service about February, 2012. BHH's original refrigerated truck was also donated by the Commandery and its Patroness in 2007. With refrigerated vehicles, BHH is one of only five area food pantries that are able to pick up perishable food from local groceries and restaurants. BHH has operated for 10 years, 6 days/wk., serving an average of 150 nutritious meals/day to poor, needy, homeless men, women and children. In 2011, it has served 31,463 meals, delivered 1,541 additional meals, supplied 11,568 pantry bags (each feeding a family of four); processed 568, 868 pounds of perishable and non-perishable food. It also provides emergency financial aid to 60 families each month, job mentoring and employment guidance, and other assistance to those in need. James S. Gavrilos, Executive Director, 1500 NW 1st Ct., Boca Raton, FL 33432 (O) 561 417 0913 x-208 (F) 561 417 3763 (C) 561 306 7762 www.bocahelpinghands.org

Family Promise of South Palm Beach County. 2011 Commandery support for low-cost housing development is an approved project with funding to be determined. Believing that every child deserves a home, Family Promise exists to provide emergency shelter for homeless families in South Palm Beach County, Florida, so that they can achieve lasting independence. Family Promise is part of a national, inter-faith program that offers temporary shelter, food, hospitality, and support services to help parents gain housing and employment. Family Promise of South Palm Beach County, Kokie Dinnan, LCSW, Executive Director, P.O. Box 83-2106, Delray Beach, FL 33483 (O) 561 265 3370 (F) 561 265 3371 www.familypromisespbc.org

FoundCare Health Center. 2011-12 Commandery-approved support for dental care clinic operations is pending. FoundCare Health Center provides family practice, pediatrics, infectious disease, eligibility navigation, digital x-ray, electronic medical records, pharmacy and dental care to 6,000+ individuals and families in Palm Beach Co., Florida. FoundCare, Inc., Yolette Bonnet, CEO, 2330 S. Congress Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33406 (O) 561 472 9160 (F) 561 967 0556 www.foundcare.org and www.cappbc.org

Home Safe. 2011 Commandery support through the generosity of Commandery Patroness Henrietta Countess de Hoernle GCSJ, MMSJ of USD\$100,000. For 30 years Home Safe has pioneered care and treatment for Palm Beach County's most vulnerable population: abused, neglected, and abandoned children. As a day program for abused children, Home Safe leads the community with programs and services that respond to the growing needs of children and families through a unique and noteworthy continuum of care including Conner's Nursery (a shelter for HIV/AIDS infected infants and children) and the Simon C. Fireman Home Safe Center (an examination and interview center for young victims of violence).

Today, expanded services include programs for youth who require specialized therapeutic residential care, foster care, independent living skills, counseling and support groups for adult and child victims of domestic violence. Home Safe serves over a 1,000 clients annually and accepts referrals from all Florida counties. Matthew Ladika, CEO, 2840 Sixth Avenue South, Lake Worth, FL 33461 (T) 561 383 9800 (F) 561 832 4784 www.homesafeforkids.org

OSJ COMMANDERY OF GEELONG (AU)

Hospitaller:

Victoria Flood Relief. Geelong Commandery (AU) and the OSJ Priory of Victoria (AU) have made a combined donation of AUS\$4,000 to Victorian flood-affected communities that will be channeled through the auspices of the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo and Kerang.

Life-Gate. This charity received a donation of AUS\$1,363.30.

Berry Street. This charity received a donation of AUS\$2,000. Established in 1877, the organization was founded on the belief that [all children have a right to a good childhood, growing up feeling safe, nurtured, and with hope for the future](#). Since this provides the foundation for a healthy society and that, while parents have the primary responsibility to provide their children with a good childhood, they cannot do this alone. All children have the same rights and fundamental need for safety, stability, love and support. The trauma experienced by the children and young people with whom we work adds complexity to meeting their needs, but we know it can be done and we never give up. Berry Street will continue to focus in two main areas: The rights of all children to a good childhood; and supporting those children, young people and families with the most complex issues arising from their personal experiences of abuse, neglect or violence. 1 Salisbury St., Richmond, Victoria, Australia 3121 (T) 03 9429 9266 (F) 03 9429 5160 (E) info@berrystreet.org.au www.berrystreet.org.au

Diversitat (Geelong) was presented with a cheque for AU\$1,710.00 by Geelong's Commander Chevalier Barry Abley KGSJ, and the group indicated that the monies would be most helpful in assisting the resettlement of refugees in the Geelong area. Provides community services to the Geelong region in the areas of immigration, welfare, community development, youth, training, aged care and employment. 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West, Geelong, Australia. (T) 03 5221 6044. www.diversitat.org.au

OSJ COMMANDERY OF GOZO (MT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF HOUSTON (US)

Hospitaller Contact:

The Star of Hope. OSJ Houston works directly with The Star of Hope, a homeless shelter and mission serving downtown Houston. The Commandery has given more than USD\$10,000 in cash and services to benefit the shelter's residents. Additionally, Thanksgiving dinner was sponsored by Commandery, which also purchased over 100 Bibles as Christmas presents and provided more food for Star of Hope's Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Many OSH Houston members personally visited the shelter to serve the guests attending the event. 1811 Ruiz Street, Houston, TX 77002-1321 (713) 227-8900 www.starofhope.org

Houston Area Children's Special Holiday Programs saw OSJ Houston Commandery members assemble goody bags for 250 children for Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, and U.S. Independence Day on July 4th. These gift bags contained school supplies, fun trinkets, and other items to help raise the spirits of the children who live in the shelter and to insure their happy holidays.

Additional donations and support was given to the Houston community by our members in the following organizations:

St. Dominic's Village, a care residence and medical facility affiliated with the Texas Medical Center. 2401 Holcombe Boulevard Houston, TX 77021 (713) 741-8700 www.stdominicvillage.org

Newgate Mission serves the spiritual, physical, social, emotional, educational, and financial needs of the homeless population in Longview, TX. 207 South Mobberly Avenue, Longview, TX 75602-1333 (903) 553-0902 www.newgatemission.org

The Houston Ballet Foundation inspires a lasting love and appreciation for dance through artistic excellence and superb educational programs. 601 Preston St., Houston, TX 77002 (713) 226-7685 www.houstonballet.org

The Restavek Foundation exists to bring an end to child slavery in Haiti. Cincinnati, OH www.restavekfreedom.org

Literacy Volunteers of America (Houston) champions the power of literacy to improve the lives of adults and their families. www.proliteracy.org/houston

Meals on Wheels. Commandery members work in three different communities serving meals to those less fortunate. 713-533-4900 www.mealcall.org/meals-on-wheels/tx/houston.

The Men's Center of Houston a rehabilitation center for alcoholics in the Houston area. 3909 Main St., Houston, TX 77002-9612 (713) 524-3682 www.themenscenter.org

The Dominican Sisters of Houston involved in active ministries including teaching, school administration, hospital chaplaincy, prayer, campus ministry, and parish ministry. 6501 Almeda Rd., Houston, TX 77021-2095 (713) 747-3310 www.domhou.org

The Haggai Institute which is composed of centers that train leaders from third world countries who return to their own countries to help the needy. 175 East Lipoa St., Kihei, HI 96753-8192 (808) 874-5197 www.haggai-institute.com

The American Heart Association of Houston is where our members serve as members and trustees of its boards of directors. 10060 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, TX 77054-1302 (713) 610-5000 www.americanheart.org

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM), a mission for battered and abused women for whom many of our Houston attorney-members do *pro bono* work. 15555 Kuykendahl Rd., Houston, TX (281) 885-4555 www.namonline.org

OSJ COMMANDERY OF KIWARTHAS (CA)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF LIGURIA (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF LOMBARDO VENETO (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF LOON (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

In 2009, the Commandery of Loon raised €4,000 for Belgian Charities; €6,350 for Kenya, Brazil, Peru and Ukraine Charities.

OSJ COMMANDERY OF MALTA (MT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF MARCHE BRUZZO (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ MILITARY COMMANDERY (US)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ MONTEFELTRE (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF NEW YORK (US)

Hospitaller Contact:

Food Pantry of Bergen County, NJ. Since 2008, the Commandery's autumn gala traditionally benefits FPBC a local food program that feeds 1,000 men, women, and children each day. The New Jersey resident members of OSJ New York sponsored the event, paying all costs, for the event held in the Saddle River home of Dame Evelyn Berry DSJ. USD\$16,000 was raised. www.njahc.org/bergen-county-food-pantry.html

In 2008-09, more than USD\$80,000 was distributed to these OSJ New York Hospitaler Charities. The current charities of the Commandery include:

Angela House. One of four institutions run by the Congregation of Ursuline Sisters in Malta that provides care and shelter to over 150 children who, for one reason or another, cannot live with their families. Consisting of six family apartments, each catering to 12 boys and girls, boys remain at Angela House from age 3 to 9 when they transfer to other institutions specializing in pre-adolescents. Girls stay at Angela House until they are settled in life and are capable of living independently.

Annette Urso Rickel Foundation, a foundation that provides opportunities for individuals to realize their potential as math and science teachers. 73 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10019 (212) 710-1040 (E) rickelau@aol.com
www.annetteursorickelfoundation.org

Auditory Oral Foundation for Hearing impaired children (NYC), The Auditory/Oral School of NY was founded to offer the option of an auditory-oral education to hearing-impaired and deaf children in New York. The warm and professional staff is dedicated to meeting the individual educational and developmental needs of each child. Services at AOSNY include parent-infant, early intervention and preschool programs, family training and support groups, counseling, individual speech and listening therapy, audiological services, physical, occupational and sensory integration therapy as well as comprehensive multidisciplinary evaluations. Specialized quality education using the auditory/oral approach, through an exciting, interactive, cognitive, social curriculum, helps hearing impaired children develop their potential as oral communicators where children are encouraged to rely on their ability and not their disability. Theresa Bulger, CEO Auditory/Oral Foundation, 50 West 72nd Street, Suite 112, New York, NY 10023 (212) 655-9377 (F) (212) 362-0119 www.oraldeafed.org/schools/aosny/index.html

Career Transition For Dancers is a not-for-profit organization that enables dancers to define their career possibilities and develop the skills necessary to excel in a variety of disciplines. From pre-professional to mid-career and mature dancers, programs help dancers in every stage of their careers and assists injured dancers financially for medical treatment and retraining programs for alternative careers. Programs can be grouped into three categories: Career counseling, financial assistance, and informational resources. All programs are provided free of charge. The Caroline & Theodore Newhouse Center for Dancers, 165 West 46th Street, Suite 701, New York, NY 10036 (T) (212) 764- 0172 (F) (212) 764 0343 (E) info@careertransition.org www.careertransition.org

Center for Food Action (CFA). Founded in 1976 by the late singer Harry Chapin and Bill Ayers, The Center For Food Action provides emergency food, rent and utility assistance, counseling, and advocacy to our neighbors in need in Bergen County and in the Upper Passaic Valley, New Jersey. Last year CFA distributed nearly \$2.7 million worth of food in nearly 42,260 emergency food packages and helped 734 families stay in their homes or keep their heat and electric utilities from being turned off. CFA also operates the NJ Anti-Hunger Coalition (NJABC), formerly known as the Statewide Emergency Food and Anti-Hunger Network (SEFAN). NJABC serves as a clearinghouse for information, training, and technical assistance to emergency food providers and works to end hunger in the state. 192 West Demarest Avenue, Englewood, NJ 07631 (201) 569-1804 (E) Judy Pucciarelli, Site Manager Judyp@cfanj.org
www.cfanj.org

Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University in the City of New York, Bone Marrow/Stem Cell Research Fund. The fund is to support clinical and basic science research in the bone marrow transplant unit.

Highbridge Community Life Center. This organization empowers Highbridge community members through a variety of social services including: counseling for families and children, adult basic education, job training, after school activities for youth, community improvement, organizing and many other services through a vast network of collaborative organizations spread across The Bronx.

New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, Inc. (NYC) is dedicated to helping New York's seniors enjoy healthier, safer, more productive, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities and to help them avoid the need for premature institutionalization. 11 Park Place, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2801 (212) 962-7559 www.nyfscincorg

Pajama Program for Children. The Pajama Program provides new pajamas and new books to children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted. Thousands of the children served live in orphanages, group homes and shelters and are constantly shuffled between temporary facilities.

Parish of Trinity Church (John Huss House) "Project Renewal's" mission is to renew the lives of homeless men and women in New York City. Efforts are focused on the neediest and least-served of the city's indigent population—men and women who, in

addition to being without a home, find it challenging to cope with mental illness or addiction to drugs or alcohol. "Project Renewal" is the only organization in New York City that provides everything homeless people need to move from the streets to independent living. 200 Varick St., New York, NY 10014 (212) 620-0340 www.projectrenewal.org

St. Charles Children's Home Daughters of Mary The Daughters of Mary Mother of Our Savior is a congregation of traditional Catholic Sisters. The Congregation was founded in the summer of 1984. The mother-house, St. Joseph's Novitiate, is located in upstate New York. Here, at St. Joseph's Novitiate, candidates for the Religious life aspiring to become Daughters of Mary receive their training and spiritual formation. St. Joseph's Novitiate, 1275 Hearts Content Rd., P.O. Box 205, Round Top, NY 12473 www.daughtersofmary.net

Taybeh Medical Fund (Israel) received a one-time gift of \$25,000 to purchase medical equipment for the Latin Patriarchate's Diosis of Taybeh and Beit Afram. www.taybeh.info/en/beitafram.php

Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center and the Catholic Health Care System is a long-term care facility sponsored by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York and conducted in accord with the medical, moral and ethical teachings of the Catholic Church as promulgated by the Archbishop of New York. The Center serves people with developmental disabilities, the elderly, and those with chronic illnesses of all races, creeds, economic means, and ethnic backgrounds with special concern for the disenfranchised. 1249 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10029 (212) 360-1000 www.tchcc@chcsnet.org

The Door (NYC)-A Center of Alternatives, Inc. Since 1972, The Door has practiced a holistic and human approach that helps each individual member dismantle the complex barriers that often stand in the way of success. Its mission is to empower young people to reach their potential by providing comprehensive youth development services in a diverse and caring environment. Each year over 8,000 young people, most referred by their peers, come to The Door for primary health care, prenatal care, health education, mental health counseling, legal services, GED and ESL tutoring, homework help, college preparation and computer classes, career development services and training, job placement, daily meals, arts, sports and recreational activities. The only criterion for Door membership is age: the service is focused on the 12-21 year old population. Of the 8,000 current members, the majority are between 17 and 20 years old, with the average age being 18. Most are African-American or Hispanic; a growing number are Chinese immigrants. 555 Broome St., New York, NY 10013 (212) 941-9090 www.door.org

The Valley Hospital. Since 1951, The Valley Hospital has cared for the people of northern New Jersey communities when they need it most. The doctors, nurses and employees provide healing, ease suffering and work to improve the quality of life for patients. From the tiniest premature newborn to the grandmother at the end of life, Valley provides compassionate care, regardless of ability to pay. Valley makes sure vital resources are in place to make the best possible care available and accessible, right here, in the community. Valley has been known for excellence in clinical care with modern facilities, cutting edge technology and innovative programs. 223 N. Van Dien Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450 (201) 447 8000 www.valleyhealth.com

Villa Maria Hospice Center. The Villa nurtures patients and families from all religious, social and economic backgrounds in a comfortable and peaceful environment as they near the final stages of life. The Villa's beautiful and serene environment coupled with its caring atmosphere makes it an extremely special place.

York Theatre Company. The mission of The York Theatre Company is to be a birthplace for new, literate, intimate musicals, as well as a place where underappreciated musical gems from the past are rediscovered; to provide support for the creators of new musical theatre and to be a showcase for new musical theatre talent of all kinds; to provide students with opportunities for hands-on theatre education, and to serve the community by presenting free or low-cost musical theatre performances to underserved audiences. 619 Lexington Ave., New York, NY (212) 935-5824 www.yorktheatre.org

OSJ New York's Cooperation with OSJ West Indies (VI) to Improve Haitian Health Care. OSJNY collaborates with its sister Commandery, OSJ West Indies and has engaged the leadership of both commanderies to try and set up a collaborative initiative to support OSJ West Indies' focus on the medical needs of the indigent in Haiti, especially HIV+ men, women, and children.

A conference call between Bailiff Grand Commander Vincent Bonagura, OSJ West Indies Commander Dr. Alfred Heath, and Priory Herald Chevalier Duncan Hurd, and other members of OSJ West Indies in late August, 2009 discussed an agenda that combines expertise and leadership to:

Target used but functional medical equipment to be donated by the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System to clinics established by Haitian members of OSJ West Indies and physicians in the West Indies who are linked to the Commandery. NS-LIJ has an international policy that allows it to supply such equipment to countries worldwide and has previously sent small amounts of equipment to Haiti. To encourage a greater contribution, members of both Commanderies will spearhead a task force to facilitate OSJ member support and the hospital's donations.

A collaborative clinical research effort is being proposed between the Division of Allergy and Immunology of Schneider Children's Hospital and NS-LIJ Health System under the direction of Dr. Bonagura, who is also Chief of NS-LIJ's Division of Allergy and Immunology, and physicians who run the Pediatric HIV clinics in Haiti. The goal of this endeavor is to write successful grant proposals to the National Institutes of Health sponsored AIDS Clinical Trials Group to provide joint funding to provide investigational new medications for multi-drug resistant HIV and/or opportunistic infections, and personnel to conduct research clinical trials for HIV infected infants, children, and adolescents.

OSJ COMMANDERY OF NIAGARA (CA)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF NORD ORIENT (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF OTTAWA (CA)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF PALERMO (SICILY)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF PIEMONTE (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF SLYPE-CAESTRE (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

In 2009, the Commandery of Slype-Caestre raised €2,500 for Belgian Charities; €3,750 for Kenya and Thailand Charities.

OSJ COMMANDERY OF SUD TIROL (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF TASMANIA (AU)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF TORONTO (CA)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF TRENTINIO (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF VAL D'AOSTA (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF VLAANDEREN (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

The OSJ Commandery of Flanders donated €4,500 for Belgian Charities; €4,250 for Rwanda, Kenya, and Mali Charities.

OSJ COMMANDERY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (AU)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ COMMANDERY OF THE WEST INDIES (VI)

Contact:

African Methodist Episcopal Service and Development Agency, Inc. (AME-SADA). The Commandery has chosen to focus its Hospitaller efforts on addressing the great need for medical care for the Haitian population at large, particularly those infected with HIV. Coordinating with Mr. Robert Nicholas Esq. and his organization, the African Methodist Episcopal Service and Development Agency, Inc. (AME-SADA), the Commandery members address the many

medical needs of the Haitian community. 1134 11th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001 (202) 371-8722 www.ame-sada.org

Other Hospitaller programs supported by OSJWI members include:

OSJ Commandery of the West Indies' Haitian Relief. A surgeon and private pilot, Commander Heath has personally taken on the task of meeting the needs of Haiti. In May, 2009, he flew over 500 lbs. of supplies into the country as well as a 42 ft. container of materials by barge in September, 2009. These items were collected from people on the islands of St. Thomas and St. John.

OSJWI Nursing Scholarships are provided individual nursing program scholarship aid to talented and deserving area students through The Foundation of the University of the Virgin Islands and The Humanities Council Annual that give awards for outstanding Public School teachers and Practical Nurse Programs. St. Thomas (340) 693-1016 St. Croix (340) 692-4169 www.uvi.edu

Restoration Fund for the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, St. Thomas, USVI. His Excellency Bishop Herbert Bevard, presented OSJ West Indies member Dr. Alfred Heath with the second annual Keys and Sword Award at a white-tie dinner dance at the Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort on St. Thomas on Saturday, January 22, 2011. The fundraiser was for the Cathedral Restoration Project. The Keys and Sword is awarded in recognition of extraordinary commitment and selfless dedication by the recipient in serving other individuals as well as the community in general. This award, bestowed by the Mother Church of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the U. S. Virgin Islands, acknowledges one whose actions reflect the Gospel values of faith, selfless service, personal sacrifice, respect and valor. Centered on the symbols of the patron saints of the Cathedral, this accolade celebrates that there are those among us whose vision and character rise above the norm. Diocese of St. Thomas, USVI www.cathedralvi.com

Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands (CCVI) whose mission is to reduce poverty, strengthen families, and empower Communities. Clients served by CCVI in any of its programs are assisted by evaluating their needs, reinforcing personal resources, and effectively using available community resources. Hunger, homelessness, elder care and mental illness— are all condition that can be approached through incentives and invitations for clients to re-examine their lives. With responsive support, clients are encouraged to develop healthier behavior patterns, lifestyles, and a more productive life. Programs are geared to fulfilling the organization's mission for a clientele that includes persons ranging from gestation through old age, literally from "the womb to the tomb". Most clients are low-income men, women, and children of various nationalities, religious affiliations, cultural or ethnic heritages. There are no eligibility criteria besides an expressed need and request for services.

Through donations and grants, CCVI is able to continue providing the programs our community so greatly requires: (a) assist homebound elderly; (b) serve meals; (c) make referrals for counseling, and (4) distribute clothing to the homeless, low income, and the working poor of the Virgin Islands. CCVI also provides Summer Enrichment Programs for underprivileged youth focused on tutoring, cultural awareness, safety issues and field trips. It provides emergency shelter, food, and advocacy and referral assistance to the homeless or anyone in unforeseen circumstances such as eviction, natural disaster, or domestic violence. To group provides advocacy services to homeless suffering from mental illness and homeless prevention services to the community through rental assistance, food vouchers, and utility assistance. Hospital Line #7, St. Thomas, VI 00802 (340) 777-4889 and 32A King Street Rear, St. Croix, VI 00820 (340) 773 0132 www.vipn.vitelcom.net/ccusvi

OSJ COMMANDERY OF YORK-SIMCOE (CA)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ, GRAND PRIORY, AND PRIORY HOSPITALLER PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

OSJ (MALTA) INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALLER PROJECTS

Hospitaller Contact: HE Bailiff Grand Hospitaller Antoon Cnudde OSJ

Under the control and direction of the OSJ Sovereign Council, The OSJ International Charity Project currently supports two Maltese charities. Since the inception of its support, OSJ has allocated over €30,000 to these programs:

OSJ International Program #1: The OSJ Fund For Emergency Relief. In November 2010, The OSJ Sovereign Council, resolution established an OSJ "emergency charity fund" in order to be equipped and more responsive to the provide funds to its charitable projects on a long-term basis.

OSJ International Program #2: “The OSJ St. Anne’s Medical Programme” refers to the charity project in Cameroon, Africa, originally presented for consideration by the Priory of Italy. This project concerns the enlargement of an existing structure in order to offer direct medical care and education to a large number of children suffering from HIV/AIDS. The center is run by religious nuns and funds are needed solely for the structure’s expansion to serve more clients.

OSJ GRAND PRIORIES’ HOSPITALLER PROJECTS

OSJ Grand Priory of Australasia (AU)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Grand Priory of The Low Countries (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Russian Grand Priory of Malta and Europe (MT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ PRIORIES’ HOSPITALLER PROJECTS

OSJ Priory of Sint Alexander Nevski (FR)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Australia (AU)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Austria (AT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of D’Avalterre (FR)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Deutschweiz (CH)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Eastern Canada (CA)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Flanders (BE)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Ireland (IE)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Italy (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Nordic Priory (DK/FI)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of St. Eskil (SE)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of Sicily (IT)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of South Australia (AU)

Hospitaller Contact:

OSJ Priory of The Low Countries (BE)

Hospitaller Contact: Chevalier Stefaan Vandendriessche CJSJ

(2009) Belgian residents enjoy exemption on taxes for all gifts donated to recognized (charitable) associations destined for developing countries. This means a recuperation of 45% of the amount donated, after deduction of taxes. This is not true for charitable support within the Belgian borders. According to the last report (2009) Priory members donated €42,425 within Belgium for an average of approximately €1,000 per project from two accounts. Donations designated for projects in developing countries is €172,608.06. The average project contribution ranged between €1,500-2,000. Each of the five Low Countries Commanderies contributes €1,250 to the Priory of the Low Countries, which means that the Priory can support one project for an amount of €6,250 per year.

Commandery of Antwerp	€3,425 for Belgian Charities; €4,500 for Kenya, Cambodia, Kalasi, Kinshasa and Ghana
Commandery of Brabante	€28,500 for Belgian Charities; €6,503.89 for Brazil, India, Ecuador, Kenya and Born Charities
Commandery of Flanders	€4,500 for Belgian Charities; €4,250 for Rwanda, Kenya, and Mali Charities
Commandery of Loon	€4,000 for Belgian Charities; €6,350 for Kenya, Brazil, Peru and Ukraine Charities
Commandery of Slype-Caestre	€2,500 for Belgian Charities; €3,750 for Kenya and Thailand Charities

There are additional satellite projects for which the Priory is also doing the complete process that include: €31,500 Building camps; €20,600 India Projects; €650 Rwanda Projects; €850 Mali Projects; €10,690 Ethiopia Projects; €15,000 Kenya Projects; and €66,740.62 Togo Projects.

Centre Professionel et Agro-Pastoral Kaga Bandoro. Proposed by The Rev. Msgr. Albert (Bert) Vanbuel, Sdb, the 71 year old Bishop of Kaga Bandoro since 2005, this joint social project is financially supported by all OSJ Commanderies of the OSJ Priory of the Low Countries. Projects for one year and are nominated by one of the Priory's five Commanderies, confirmed by the Hospitallers Council and approved by the Priory Council. The project is finally proposed to all members of the Chapter General of the Priory.

The project "Kaga Bandoro" was nominated by the OSJ Commandery of Brabant and approved by the Chapter on March 13, 2011. On April 6, 2011, at a staff meeting of the Hospitallers, we welcomed Monsignor Bert Vanbuel, Bishop of Kaga Bandoro, Central African Republic (CAR). HE Conventual Bailiff Grand Hospitaller Prior of the Low Countries Antoon Cnudde GCSJ was delighted to present a cheque for €8,000 to further develop a school in Kaga Bandoro.

Monsignor Vanbuel is an eminent African authority, speaks the local language Sango fluently, and personally presented the project. He described the overall situation in the country in terms of its geography, income, health status and literacy. He stressed the importance of continuing to develop vocational training in Kaga Bandoro.

The Central African Republic is among the ten poorest countries in the world. In a difficult socio-political situation, the population suffers from a catastrophic and failing economy. Health and education are points of particular interest—but not for the government. A large majority of the population cannot read or write. In the rural areas, such as Kaga Bandoro, illiteracy can be as high as 60% of the local population. As a result, literacy is one of the priority project objectives.

The wealth of the region comes from agriculture but this richness is repeatedly shut down by successive coup attempts and continued rebellion in the country. The church remains the engine of a stable, social life. Thanks to the efforts of the Church, there is hope for peace. Civilians have slowly started farming again and initiating other activities. A large proportion of young people walk around aimlessly in the streets. They run the risk of falling into banditry or are even encouraged to join the rebel militias. Many children have lost their parents because of HIV/AIDS. These children are in desperate need of childcare and educational services to help them find their place in society. For these young people Monsignor Vanbuel founded a youth centre—a centre where sports and cultural activities can motivate them to do something meaningful.

In 2008, Monsignor Vanbuel started construction on a vocational training centre, with 18 hectares bought from the state. The first building was operational in November, 2008. To date the youth at the centre have worked about 9 hectares of land, which has already been harvested twice. Since then, mini projects (cooperatives) have been initiated. The local region benefits from these cooperatives as youngsters have an opportunity to participate in these agricultural projects.

By means of this project and the support of Priory of the Low Countries, Monsignor Vanbuel hopes to give the poorest youngsters educational opportunities by paying for their tuition. This will provide the necessary tools and staffing and

ensure quality teachers. If you want to help the poorest kids in the streets of Kaga Bandono your gifts are welcome! Please contact the Priory of the Low Countries for donation procedures.

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Lifegate was presented with a cheque for AU\$3636.70 by Chevalier Bob Middleton OAM, CJSJ. Through its generosity, the Order has assisted with the work of Lifegate in relation to youth services in the Frankston area. The donation was highlighted in its annual report. Lifegate equips and empowers individuals and families to overcome drug and alcohol addiction, suicidal tendencies, sexual, spiritual and emotional abuse, broken relationships, family and marriage conflicts and assists troubled youth. 1a Olsen St., Frankston, Victoria, Australia 3199 (T) 03 9770 0595. www.life-gate.org

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