



# Lantern Light

Presentation Sisters' Collaborative Ministry ~ New Orleans, Louisiana



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## Areas of Ministry

These are the goals from which we operate. As the city changes, our goals may also change.

- Health needs and referrals
- Food program
- Housing services
- Financial assistance
- Mail services
- Legal assistance
- Volunteer Service Opportunity

The Conference of Presentation Sisters is a network of eight congregations of Presentation Sisters located in North America. These congregations come together to collaborate and communicate on issues of ministry, spirituality, and social justice. In August 2003, on its 50th anniversary, the Conference initiated plans for the Collaborative Ministry Project. This ministry project began in September 2005 under the name Lantern Light. Presentation Sisters from various North American congregations work together among the homeless and underserved in Orleans Parish of New Orleans, Louisiana.

After Hurricane Katrina, the need for the Sisters only increased. They have partnered with other local organizations to create St. Joseph Rebuild Center. This Center is a multi-service recovery center on the grounds of St. Joseph Church. It is composed of a network of modular buildings and serves people made homeless by Hurricane Katrina, the chronically homeless and immigrant workers from Latin America who have come seeking work in rebuilding the city.



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## **Health Needs and Referrals**

- identify health needs and match them with available health services
- continue to build relationships with health providers (medical, mental, dental and pharmacy) and rehab facilities.
- provide TB testing & reading, mental health counseling
- assistance with prescriptions

## **Food Program**

- responds to the food needs of poor families in the neighborhood
- provide a noon meal Monday through Friday for anyone who comes to the Center

## **Housing Services**

- identify low to moderate income first-time home-buyers that need housing services
- coordinate the services by collaborating with Catholic Charities, T/CNDC (Tulane/ Canal Neighborhood Development Corporation) and other organizations.

## **Financial Assistance**

- work with individuals on budgeting and money management
- contact the utility company and landlords regarding their policies for fair charges for goods/services and reconnection/late payments
- refer and assist people with utility payments and evaluate the need for rent assistance
- provide access to good resources for tax-filing and child support payments
- refer to job training programs

## **Mail Services**

- provide a secure and stable address for the homeless thus enabling them to receive mail, and other services (voting, benefits, etc.)

## **Legal Assistance**

- assess needs for legal assistance, birth certificates, social security, ID's, renter's rights
- provide information re. Social Security Benefits/Medicare/Medicaid
- collaborate with Catholic Charities Hispanic Outreach

## **Volunteer Service Opportunity**

- coordinate and provide an opportunity for various types of volunteer groups to be involved in our programs and other services
- offer opportunities to interact with our guests

## **Ministry Needs:**

### **Your donations will help us to meet the following monthly Ministry Needs:**

- Financial Assistance
- Lunches for 3000 guests
- Food pantry needs \$40 a family X 140 families
- Prescriptions
- Transportation for medical needs
- Birth Certificates and Louisiana ID's