

# PHJC Volunteers

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Dear Sisters,

With delight, Sr. Marybeth and I share with you recent happenings in the PHJC Volunteer Program!

## DECEMBER IMMERSION

Along with Libby, we had three other women join us for the December Immersion at the Motherhouse. A senior at Northwestern studying pre-med and communications, Lynn is eager to have a “gap year” experience before going on to med school and is also interested in religious life. Olivia is a senior in nursing at St. Mary’s in South Bend and also would like to do a “gap year” of service after graduation in May. Katie is a returnee, having completed the June immersion. She comes to us from Chicago and does consulting and business analysis.



*Libby, Katie, Rachel (from MoonTree) Lynn and Olivia inventory studios.*

We certainly accomplished a great deal in a short amount of time (Dec. 27 afternoon through lunch on Dec. 30). The volunteers cleaned the



*Lynn, Katie, Sr. Connie, Sr. Marybeth and Olivia organize storeroom.*

cob cottage and hermitage; inventoried the paint and fiber studios at MoonTree; organized a very large storeroom underneath the new section of Lindenwood; washed windows and wells, display cases, doors, anything hanging on walls, and the Charger’s Lounge at the college; cleaned all the benches, kneelers, heaters and Catherine’s shrine in the big chapel; and held a Christmas party for the Sisters and residents at CKH with a sing-along, Christmas Bingo and charades. The focus of our time, of course, was the reflection on a life of service, prayer times, community, learning a bit about our program, the Poor Handmaids and our mission and values. It sounds like a great deal, but this group of women was phenomenal! We’d like to thank Sr. Roberta, Sr. Jolise, Sr. Marlene Ann, Sr. Deanne, Sr. Mary and all the Sisters and co-workers who were so gracious, welcoming and involved in the immersion in any way! We felt a great sense of pride in those who shared our charism and a bit about our ministries and life together.

## COLLABORATION WITH PHJC MINISTRIES AND CO-WORKERS



With two years under our belts, Velda Habaj from Human Resources assisted us in reviewing all of the Volunteer Program materials and issues related to Risk Man-

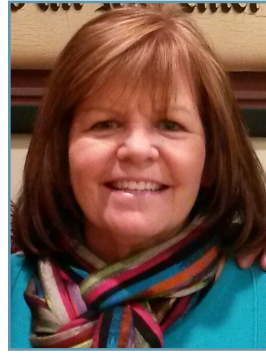
agement. In addition, the Communications Office has been superb in every way at helping spread the word about the PHJC Volunteer Program. We appreciate the collaboration among all the ministries and co-workers across the board who have been so helpful to the program!

## PLANNING FOR A GREAT FUTURE

A Long Range Plan and Organizational Chart have been completed for the program, which can be found on Lindenleaf under the PHJC Volunteer Program section. We depend on your participation in being a host community or ministry site, participating in various volunteer events, and/or praying for the women who cross our path, spend time with our community, and seek direction in their lives!



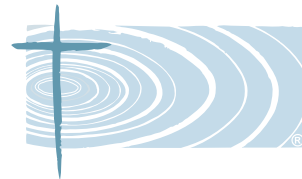
## GRATEFUL HEARTS



We of course are preparing for Libby's end of year evaluation and retreat. As we do so, we once again want to thank the Sisters of Assumption Hall for welcoming Libby into their community, Sisters Deanne, Marlene Ann and Mary for hosting in

their ministries, Sr. Linda as Libby's contact Sister, and all the Sisters and co-workers for being so very welcoming, encouraging, supportive and challenging to Libby. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude to Libby for her presence with us, for her ministry, liveliness and spirit! We are most fortunate that she will continue to remain with us in the Associate Office and we wish Libby only the best in her new ministry and home!

*Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ*



*Partners in the work of the Spirit*

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