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DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY SERVICES OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

School's Out! But Not for Long

The 2007-08 school year came to an end in traditional style with the graduating class of four-year olds at DePaul-Wesley Children's Center decked out in white caps and gowns. Prior to the graduation ceremony, the children at DePaul Family Center performed the "Peppermint Twist" for an appreciative audience of parents. Children at DePaul-Wesley Children's



Center mounted a production of "The Three Little Pigs"

complete with houses of varying structural integrity.

Although one school year has ended, we are already thinking about the 2008-09 school year and preparing to launch our

Adopt-a-Child

Back to School program, which supplies children with clothes and other necessary items at the beginning of the school year. If you'd like to help, use the coupon at right or call for information.



Adopt-A-Child Back to School Program

Do you remember the excitement of the first day of school?

Many children living in poverty spend that special day at home, avoiding the embarrassment of wearing worn-out clothes and carrying insufficient school supplies.

The Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio have been advocates of the less fortunate with the *Back to School Program* for fourteen years!

Please be a part of this wonderful tradition by joining the *Adopt-A-Child, Back to School Program*. Monetary donations are accepted or you can shop for a particular individual.

Call 210.334.2300 for more information

New Shoes.....	\$30-\$35
New Clothing.....	\$60-\$75
School Supplies.....	\$35-\$40
TOTAL.....	\$125-\$150

Your contribution ensures another exciting first day of school!

- YES, I want to **sponsor** a child.
Enclosed is my contribution of:
- \$25 \$50 \$125 \$150 Other _____
- YES, I want to **shop** for a child.
Please send me more information:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Phone _____

Mail to: ADOPT-A-CHILD
 Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio
 7607 Somerset Road • San Antonio, Texas 78211
 or Fax to: 210.922.0332

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Message from the President/CEO

The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings. Eric Hoffer

As another school year and another fiscal year come to a close, I am reminded again of how Daughters of Charity Services continues to be showered with blessings. On the previous page you saw a photo of our latest graduating class of four-year olds, children who are ready to move into kindergarten with the academic and social skills that will maximize their chances for success throughout their entire school career. The afterschool program students who are with us only part-time during the school year are settling into their all-day program until school starts again in the fall. We are delighted to have them!

The *Children First* Campaign is nearing completion, and renovations to the DePaul Family Center building have resulted in a beautiful new social services wing with offices, a kitchen, and a combination break room, conference room, and classroom that can be used by our staff or other organizations. On the facing page, you'll see photos of our four-year old hardhat crew breaking ground for the new early childhood education center, which will start accepting admissions in January 2009.

The early childhood education program at DePaul Family Center recently completed the re-accredited survey and inspection process and the program at DePaul-Wesley Children's Center is on its way to accreditation. DePaul Family Center has long been one of the City of San Antonio's "four-star" child care providers, and DePaul-Wesley has just achieved that distinction.

The dental program has moved to La Misión Family Health Care and is successfully serving new clients in far south Bexar County, an area that is seriously lacking in dental and medical services. The Wellness Program is completing the year-long project called the *Healthy Eating Active Lives* (HEAL), a program of education for parents and children on nutrition and exercise. This is a vital program in our services area, which is known for its high incidence of diabetes, obesity, and heart disease.

In June we held a blessing of the new social service wing at DePaul, expressing our gratitude to God for continuing to make the resources available to us to carry out our mission and serve an ever-expanding population of children and families. In this Golden Jubilee year of the Daughters of Charity in San Antonio, we humbly ask God's blessing on our next fifty years of service.

Larry Mejia



The 100% Campaign: Healthcare Access and Coverage for All

Daughters of Charity Services is part of Ascension Health, the largest nonprofit healthcare delivery system in the United States. Ascension Health is a leader in reforming healthcare policy to ensure that all those living in this country enjoy the peace of mind that can be achieved and experienced only when an individual or family has healthcare access combined with healthcare coverage.

To achieve the goal of 100 percent access and 100 percent coverage by the year 2020, Ascension Health is committed to action now. Ascension Health offers as principles for change "Guiding Features," which, if followed, will lead to clinically excellent healthcare that is inclusive, accessible, and affordable, ultimately bringing about improved health for all those living within our national borders.

Ascension Health will work to positively influence and support any viable national or state reform proposals. The urgency of this issue has reached a place where it demands solutions and resolutions, and Ascension Health will continue to advocate strongly for those who need healthcare access and coverage. All are entitled to the peace of mind that comes when you know that a health crisis in the family can be met and managed with excellent, affordable care.

DePaul Children Break Ground for New Early Childhood Center

On February 22, a small but mighty army of four-year olds marched into the sunshine just off Somerset Road, wearing miniature yellow hardhats and carrying pint-sized shovels. As the children turned over the piles of sand, a happy shout went up from the crowd of 125 adult observers, signaling the beginning of the final phase of Daughters of Charity Services of San



Antonio's \$4.3 million campaign to build a new early childhood education center, enabling expansion of the program housed in DePaul Family Center since 1984.



A brief ceremony preceded

the groundbreaking itself, opening with a blessing by Father Lambert Bily, pastor of DePaul Family Center's next door neighbor, St. Clare church, and followed by messages from Sister Pat Elder, DC, Chairman of Daughters of Charity Services Board of Trustees, and Steve Dufihlo, Chairman of the *Children First* Campaign Committee. Elisa Romasanta, Director of the Early Childhood Education Program was also recognized and honored. The new early childhood center will begin accepting enrollments in January 2009.



Steve Dufihlo (above),
Sister Pat Elder, DC (below)



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

DePaul Family Center
7607 Somerset Road
San Antonio, Texas 78211

DePaul-Wesley
Children's Center
1201 Lenard
San Antonio, Texas 78211

El Carmen Wellness Center
18555-1 Leal Road
San Antonio, Texas 78221

La Misión Family Health
Care
19780 US Hwy 281 South
San Antonio, Texas 78221

The main phone number
for all service locations
and administrative
offices is 210-334-2300

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about Daughters of
Charity Services of
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www.dcssa.org.

Memorial and Honor Gifts Received from Jan 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008

We are honored to be the recipient of these loving tributes.

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Planned Gift Ensures Continuation of Giving

Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio recently learned of the death of one of our long time friends and benefactors. Soon afterward we received word from Frost Bank Trust Department that she had left a bequest, a portion of the remainder of her estate, for the continuation of her lifetime support. This gift had been planned, and our donor had told us she was placing us in her will. By designating that the gift come from the remainder of her estate, she ensured that all family gifts were taken care of first. We are pleased to benefit from the generosity of our donor and with her gift our donor continues to be part of our future.

Gift plans create opportunities for both Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio and our donors. Determining what gift is right for you is just as important as making the gift. There are many options from which you can choose. The correct plan for you balances what you wish to carry out for yourself, your family, and your charitable interest in your whole estate and financial plans. The best plans are created by first, deciding what your goals are and second, determining how to accomplish your goals. Please include our work in your planning by naming Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio in your will.

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