The Communities of Don Guanella
INSPIRED BY DIVINE PROVIDENCE

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The world tells us to seek success, power and money. GOD tells us to seek humility, service and love.
POPE FRANCIS

In all things, love.
MOTTO OF THE SERVANTS OF CHARITY

The disabled are a way to God.
If you are in relationship with the disabled, they will change you.
JEAN VANIER

Believe in God’s Providence. Then, act!
DON GUANELLA
The historic visit of Pope Francis to Philadelphia reawakened the spirit of our City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection in witness to his humility and compassionate love. His presence reminded us of our own call to be fully present for those in need.

During his visit, the Pope met with a group of our men and women and a few members of their families. For all of them it was an awe-filled experience. Pope Francis has left Philadelphia, yet his energy remains with us. The humble, caring, and loving work that is done every day in our communities is a living example of what Pope Francis embodies and promotes.

“Inspired by Divine Providence,” Saint Louis Guanella founded Don Guanella School and Village to care for the brothers and sisters among us with intellectual disabilities. Over the course of the past 50 years, our “good children” have grown to become good men and women and we have been able to continue the tradition of loving care thanks to the dedication and generosity of many loving families, caring staff and benefactors like you.

In gratitude and recognition of the life of our founder and continual trust in the inspiration of Divine Providence, the message “Inspired by Divine Providence” anchors the rebranding of our united ministry — The Communities of Don Guanella.

Our ministry is sacred work that thrives on the response from a loving family. The goals and objectives identified for our Annual Fund this year were established to enrich our ministry through the expansion of therapeutic and sensory programming for the men and women we serve. By supporting our Annual Fund, you will help us to continue to bless the lives of our residents and the work of this ministry. You are part of this lifeline of God’s caring presence to our family members with intellectual disabilities.

We are grateful for your prayers and continued financial support. It is a blessing to us that you are part of our loving and responsive family.

**Goals and Objectives**

- **$200,000**
  - Install ramps, adaptations and enclose the outdoor pool for fully accessible year-round use.
    - Located at Divine Providence Village, this enclosed pool will offer enhanced and year-round therapeutic aquatics for DPV residents as well as participants from Don Guanella Community homes. Swimming is an enjoyable and therapeutic fitness alternative for those with limited mobility and the access to a year-round heated pool will be a great resource for all of the residents.

- **$125,000**
  - New van for one of the Don Guanella new community homes.

- **$30,000**
  - Campus sensory garden, and outdoor improvements for Cardinal Krol Homes: A Community of Don Guanella.

- **$25,000**
  - Enhanced sensory experiences across the Day Program which will benefit those men and women with Autism and Dementia.

  These changes will also improve communication opportunities to fully engage the men and women in meaningful everyday life.

**Thank You and God Bless you always!**