

THE VOICE

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OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY



Dear Friends of Father Baker:

During Father Baker's lifetime, there was much building going on here at the "City of Charity" - the orphanage was expanded, the Infant Home was built, and the OLV Hospital went up. Well, we have seen a fair share of new buildings completed recently, which will help us better care for the vulnerable children under our care. Our brand new Residential Treatment Facility will replace several 1950-vintage cottages, which have housed our children in one

program, and our newly built and dedicated Moore for Kids Family Home will provide a place for families to stay while visiting their children. The Moore for Kids Family Home will also provide a place for us to provide temporary care to foster children in emergency situations. The spirit of Father Baker is alive and well here at the "City of Charity." Your prayers, support, and encouragement make all this possible.



Residential Treatment Facility Grand Opening
(L to R) Senator Tim Kennedy; Terry Scofidio, BVS;
Legislator Lynne Dixon; Donna Bradbury, NYSOMH;
and Msgr. Paul Burkard.

God bless you.

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A TRUE INSPIRATION

Tom was admitted to our residential program at age 15 plagued with suicidal thoughts. As a young child, he experienced tremendous trauma from the frequent physical and sexual abuse he suffered at home. Then, he struggled with the pain of rejection when his father abandoned him and his mother could hardly care for him due to her own mental illness.

Along with deep feelings of depression and loneliness, Tom wrestles with mood

swings, behavioral disorders, anxiety, and hyperactivity. With all of these problems, it's been a difficult road for Tom.

Gradually, as Tom learned to trust Peter, a caring staff member, he began to share his concerns, fears, and worries. And through loving care, intensive counseling, and attentive listening, he's learning how to deal with conflicts, relate with his peers, and handle his behavior more honestly and appropriately. "Tom is special," says Peter. "Because he has so much potential

and creativity – and he's such a good kid!" With much hard work, Tom is now on the path to healing and a brighter future!

It is stories like Tom's that inspire the work we do at Father Baker's each and every day. Our dedicated staff invests time, effort, and resources to ensure that the children and families we serve receive the best care possible. One of the major investments "Father Baker's" / Baker Victory Services made in 2017

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was the grand opening of our state-of-the-art Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) – a caring and nurturing environment where Tom – and youth like Tom - are cared for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The RTF is a forward-thinking facility that elevates the level of care for those dealing with significant behavioral health challenges. This facility also offers a centralized treatment approach that provides our residents access to a professional multi-disciplinary team consisting of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, recreational therapists, nurses, school personnel, and administrators.

The goal of the RTF is to provide treatment, planning, and transition services to facilitate our resident's smooth transition back into the community / reunite them with their family.

“At “Father Baker’s,” we strive to continue the legacy of our Sainly Founder by providing individuals and families in need with love and shelter and by giving them hope for the future,” Msgr. Paul Burkard, President, Our Lady of Victory Institutions, said. “To that end, our new Residential Treatment Facility provides the highest level of care to individuals

struggling with mental challenges through the values entrusted to us by our Founder.”

It's with sincere gratitude that we thank you for the many ways you share Jesus' love with us, especially through your generous giving. Your giving allows us the ability to provide an environment like the RTF - a setting that fosters the highest possible quality of life and personal achievement for the children (like Tom), adults, and families we serve each day.

CELEBRATING THE GRAND OPENING OF THE MOORE FOR KIDS FAMILY HOME

On Tuesday, July 18, 2017, Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity and Baker Victory Services celebrated the grand opening of The Moore for Kids Family Home. Though a \$1 million donation from Robert and Kristi Moore to our ongoing Capital Campaign, we were blessed to open a house that functions as a sanctuary for loved ones whose children are undergoing treatment at Baker Victory Services' residential sites.

The home is also used as an Emergency Foster Care “safe haven” for children who are removed from unsafe living situations (by state and/or county agencies such as Child Protective Services) and are in urgent need of a place to live.

“At one time or another, every individual faces difficulty in his or her life,” Rob Moore, co-founder of The Robert and Kristi Moore Foundation, said. “As Christians and followers of faith, my wife, Kristi, and I have dedicated our lives to ensuring that children who are negatively affected



(L to R) Kristi Moore; Rob Moore; Sam Moore; Bobbye Tibbits; and Eli Moore

by life events - or their surroundings - have a voice and are cared for through the programs and services we support. Western New York is our home and we are resolute in our efforts to care for the children of the region. We are proud to partner with Our Lady of Victory to bring The Moore for Kids Family Home to life – a home that will care for vulnerable and at-risk children,

teens, adults and families and carry on the work of Father Baker.”



SAVE THE DATE

LEGACY

The 37th Annual Friends of Father Baker Reception

You are invited to attend the 37th annual Friends of Father Baker Reception on Friday, November 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Your \$80 ticket entitles you to cocktails, food stations, and live entertainment.

at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. The program will include a presentation of awards to the Sisters of Saint Joseph (2017 Service to Youth Award) and Rebecca Sullivan (2017 Youth Service Award).

*For more information,
please contact the
Special Events Office
at (716) 828-9289
or visit
friendsoffatherbaker.org.*

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

Our Lady of Victory invites you to join us on a journey of faith for our 2018 Annual Pilgrimage. From May 9th through May 19th, travel with us as we are led by Msgr. Paul Burkard on a visit the Land of Israel – The Holy Land – as we follow in the footsteps of Our Lord, Jesus. For more information, please call Kim Kutera at OLV Homes of Charity at (716) 828-9607 or Peter's Way Tours at (800) 225-7662.



Church of All Nations

MASS HIGHLIGHTS 81ST ANNUAL FATHER BAKER DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, July 30, 2017, Our Lady of Victory Organizations commemorated the 81st anniversary of the passing of Father Baker with the annual Father Baker Day Mass. Msgr. Paul Burkard was joined by members of various community groups to share in the day's activities. At the end of the service, "Baker Boys" – gentlemen who grew up in OLV Organizations many years ago – placed a wreath at Father Baker's tomb within the Basilica.



Photo (L to R) Joe Szczygiel and John Phillips

STOCK UP ON YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS

With the holiday season right around the corner, we would like to extend the opportunity for you to receive our beautifully, custom-designed Christmas cards.

If you are interested in our beautiful Christmas cards, please contact Colleen Sheehan at 716-828-9601. This small opportunity is a thank you for being a special part of our life here Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity!



DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

*The Homes of Charity's mission is based on two tenets:
To support the other OLV organizations & to promote devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of Victory.
In 2016 financial assistance was distributed this way:*

48%
For the children
& families of
Baker Victory Services

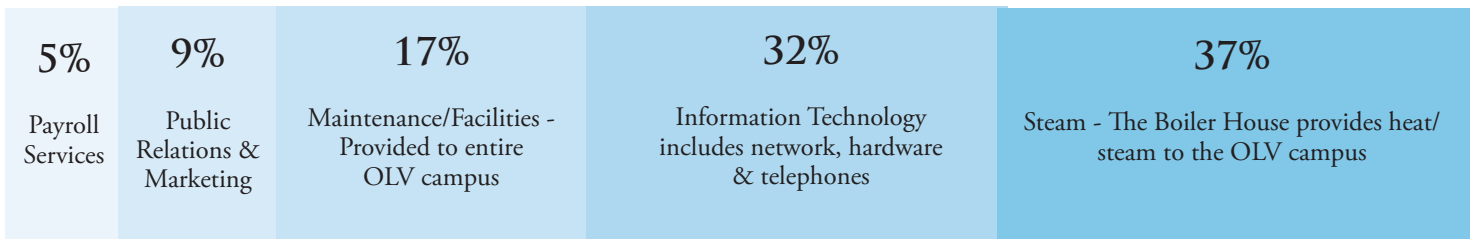
28%
For promotion
of devotion to
Our Lady of Victory

24%
For the
OLV Basilica &
National Shrine

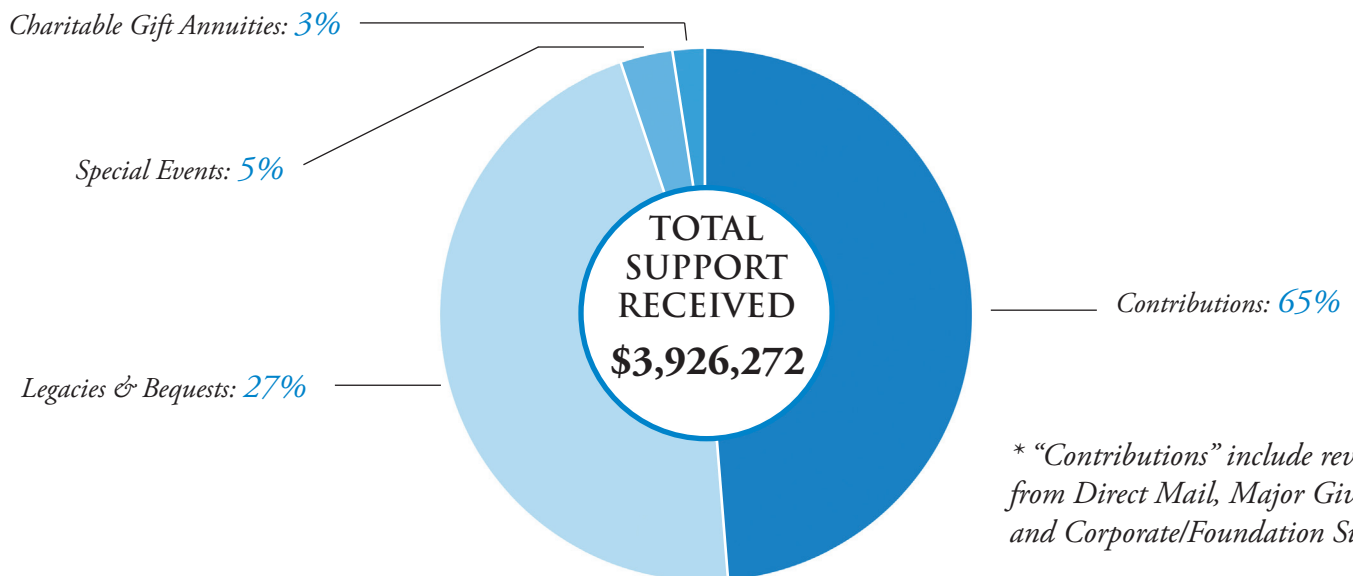


DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT SERVICES

The Homes of Charity also provides support services to the OLV organizations in key business areas such as maintenance, payroll, information technology & public relations. This benefit totaled more than \$3.4 million in 2016!



TOTAL SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2016



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