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educational purposes, including ESL (English as a Second Language).

The Emmitsburg Province of the Daughters of Charity is providing the services of a fourth Daughter, Sr. Rose Marie Henschke, to coordinate **volunteer services and the Center's Vincentian Animation Program.** Sister Rose Marie arrived in Sep-

tember and is becoming immersed in the Center's programs and activities of the holiday season. We are indeed grateful to the Community for this tremendous gift of Sister Rose Marie and her ministry. Sister is indeed a blessing for us and those served by the Center. You will be hearing more of Sister's role in the months to come.

This issue is unique in that the pictures on pages 2 & 3 pay special

tribute to many (but regretfully not all) volunteers who assist in the ministries of the Center. Know that each volunteer is deeply appreciated and daily prayed for.

God love and bless you all!

Sister Mary Jean
Administrator

- Needed Holiday Volunteer Services -

Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, 11 am – Thanksgiving Dinner for Senior Companionship

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| Decorate and Set-up Guest & Service Tables | Arrange Food, Serve & Dine with Guests |
| Help with "To-Go" Boxes | Transportation for Guests
Transportation for meals to shut-ins |

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Christmas Sharing -

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| Assisting with Families in Need: | (Completion Date—December 13th) |
| "Adopt a Family" (Provide for) | Purchase for a Family (Some Funding Available) |
| Caroling: | (Drivers, Chaperones and Carolers) |
| To Homes—Fri., Dec. 19th (5-9 pm) | To Nursing Homes—Mon., Dec.22nd (1-5 pm) |

Please call ahead (803-593-2623/voice mail available) to make arrangements.
Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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A Word from Horsecreek Valley



Special points of interest:

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- Many Hands Make Light Work...and Loving Care
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FY-08: The Year in Review . . .

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible that we are now well into October 2008. We can look back with so much gratitude and appreciation at FY-08 and the good in which God has allowed us to partake. Even the small bumps along the road have contributed to the gift of the whole. Thank you for joining us in being there for those in most need of our care. None of this could have been possible without you.

What is a "volunteer?"

The dictionary defines one as a person who expresses a willingness to undertake a service for which he/she receives no money or in-kind goods in repayment. That definition certainly fits the numerous individuals who serve at the Center: their reward is "truly out of this world!"

Boy Scouts have come to provide services and make needed renovations: from reforming the nature-picnic area to encasing the waste cans, their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Dick, Bob, Carolyn, Jan, Freda and Harvey work diligently each month to prepare the bags which the Knights of Columbus and their wives give out to the 100 **Senior Food** recipients. Elaine and Jim deliver to those who cannot get to the Center.

Crystal, Star and Myrna work on the **Angel Food** orders after which their team (Willie, Linda, Becky, Ed, Brian, James, Janice and Latham) assist them with the set-up and distribution.

The Aiken Area Council on Aging administers the **Senior Meal Site and Meals**

On Wheels at the Center. Jessie, Pam and Sarah coordinate the activities and the numerous volunteers who serve and deliver meals to about 100 seniors, M-F. Paul delivered the bread and sweets shared with the participants. The **Chatterboxes** remained after lunch on Thursdays to share in recreational activities and outings.

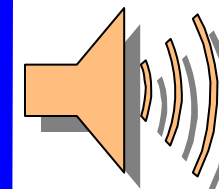
Myrna, Josephine, Jean, Chuck, Carolyn, and John assist Sister Mary B. with the **Emergency Assistance Program** on M-W-F, joined by Minnie, Ron, Ray, Sharon, Nick, Mary, Ruth and Joan—all members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society who work in teams for follow-up home visits.

Classes for Medicare and Medicaid recipients for a better understanding of the services of these two insurance programs, as well as assistance in signing individuals for the medication portion that most meets their medical needs.

Plans are underway with the Diocese of Charleston and the Aiken County School System to place **two additional modular units** at the Center. Grants and in-kind assistance will be sought to renovate the two units. One unit will house the outreach assistance offices and the second will provide two additional classrooms for

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Volunteer Wish List:



- Morning & Afternoon Receptionists
- Tutors for Educational Programs
- Assistants to help with Angel Food Ministry
- Assistants to help prepare newsletter

Many Hands Make Light Work and

Loving Care . . .



Thank you, each and every one!