

**Saint Joseph Villa  
relies on its lifeline...**



**Our Sisters rely on you.**

Dear friend,

At Saint Joseph Villa, our elevator system is like a lifeline. When any of our three elevators breaks down – and they do so with great frequency – it makes it difficult or even impossible for many of our older sisters to eat dinner in our dining room or attend Mass in our chapel or get outside for some fresh air.

Many of our older and infirm sisters use walkers and wheelchairs. Getting around our seven-story Villa is quite a challenge without safe and modern elevators. The current system is 40 years old, with original motors that need regular repairs and hard-to-find parts. That is why this elevator project is so important to us.

We have no choice but to go ahead with this project, regardless of the cost. We simply cannot put a dollar figure on our older sisters' health, safety and comfort. Without new elevators we put at risk the quality of care and quality of life we desire to provide our sisters.

With the support of good friends like you, installing three brand new elevators is a dream that is within reach. We trust in your generosity and your concern for our older sisters and pray that you will help us maintain our current high standard of care at Saint Joseph Villa.

Gratefully,



Sister Dorothy Apprich, SSJ  
Administrator  
Saint Joseph Villa



### ***How much will it cost?***

**Approximately \$750,000**

With these funds, we will be able to replace the three existing elevators with updated equipment that will allow us to transport the 200-plus sisters in residence more quickly and safely, without fear of elevator breakdowns or constant costly repairs.

### ***Why is it needed?***

**Quality of care and quality of life**

There are three key needs that make it imperative to replace these ancient elevators as soon as possible:

- providing top-notch health care
- maintaining community and prayer life
- encouraging social life

All of these elements combine to give our sisters the kind of holistic care that focuses not only on the body, but on mind and spirit as well. Without this renovation, both quality of care and quality of life hang in the balance for our older sisters.

### ***What you can do?***

**Give our lifeline a lift.**

With your help, we can begin this urgent project immediately and ensure that our sisters are able to move about the Villa with ease and safety. Once this phase of the renovation is complete, we can begin to work toward our

dream of installing a fourth elevator, which would alleviate congestion at the existing elevator bank and make transporting our sisters to meals, chapel, medical appointments, and social activities more efficient.

### ***When will the project start?***

**Today...If you're willing to help us reach our goal.**



*In a permanent display of gratitude  
for gifts of \$1500.00 or more,  
your name or the name of a loved one  
will be inscribed at Saint Joseph Villa.*

*For more information on how to help the  
Sisters secure their lifeline and install new  
elevators, contact Sister Elizabeth Ferguson SSJ,  
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God bless you for your kindness!*



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