



FOUNDATION NEWS

for the SSJ Sisters, Agrégées, Associates,
Ministries, Trustees & Staff

Foundation Board Approves 2026 Ministry Grants



It's May! it's May! The Ministry Month of May!



The Foundation has dubbed March through May 'Ministry Months!' The SSJ ministries began their grant process in early March, putting their priority needs to pen and paper. In April, the Trustee Grant Committee met to evaluate the requests through preparation, conversation, additional questions, and requested information. On May 5, the Grant Committee presented the Foundation's Trustee Board with their recommendations and, after discussion, asked for their vote of approval. The very next day, the Foundation reached out to the ministry leaders, sharing the Trustees' grant approvals. The ministries will receive their funding by the end of the 'Ministry Month of May!'

The Foundation is pleased to share that together, with the caring contributions from our donors, we have generously supported the three ministries with a combined total of over \$150,000!



Critical Operations:

program support;
furniture & kitchen improvements;
outdoor & grounds equipment;
winter & water maintenance



Learning & Growing:

Youth Work Experience Program
1919 Peach Street Architecture Report -
for preliminary design & development



Presence, Dignity & Shelter:

utility & maintenance;
support administration needs for
part - time & full-time staff



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2026 April Donors

If April showers bring May flowers, your gifts grow both opportunities to plant seeds of love and flourish blossoms of hope.

The Foundation thanks you, our April donors, on behalf of the Sisters and their ministries.

Please see the attached April Donor List. We hope to see YOU on the May list!



Meghan Fuhrman, Trustee Board Chair, her family, and an unknown space cowboy!

The SSJ Neighborhood Network roped in some good times with their 'Western Glam' Guess that Tune Gala on May 2!

Over 450 guests fenced in the fun and laughter, enjoyed a hearty meal, and dug deep for the musical trivia answers.

The Foundation Table took on a somewhat curious and distant theme of Space Cowboys - a nod to both the 2026 amazing Artemis II Mission and the not-so-amazing 2000 film of the same name, Clint Eastwood's Space Cowboys with a Rotten Tomatoes rating of 73%!

Until then, a rootin' tootin' night in support of the SSJ Neighborhood Network was had by all. We hope your posse can join in the fun in 2027...the theme? TBA!!



Thank you, Sisters, for inviting us to participate in SPIRITS ON FIRE with 30 other SSJ/CSJ employees from across the country, May 4-8. We will share our amazing experiences in next month's newsletter!

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Connor Herron, SSJNN
Theresa Walsh, SSJNN
Almitra Clerkin, SSJMMF

Tim & Anne McCallion honor Kathy McCallion DiNicola with a gift of JOY to the Sisters!

The SSJ Mission & Ministries Foundation is pleased to share that Tim & Anne McCallion have made a generous gift for the care of the Sisters' Gardens AND TV Streaming through 2031!



The St. Joseph Sisters were a very important part of Kathy's life, beginning at St. Andrew's School and later during her 40+ year career at Villa Maria Academy. We hope this donation will "Bring the Sisters JOY!"



Tim & Anne

A plaque, in gratitude for the McCallion's gift in Kathy's memory will be affixed in the Marycrest Garden.