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Sisters of St. Ann Donate \$500,000 to Legacy Fund

Mount St. Mary Hospital Foundation is delighted to announce a large donation to their Sisters of St. Ann Legacy Fund. Today, the Sisters donated \$500,000 to the Fund, created in their honour.

“The Sisters of St. Ann have been making a contribution to health care and education in Victoria since their arrival in June 1858. 150 years later, their tradition continues,” said Veronica Osborn, Chair of the Mount St. Mary Foundation. “We created the Sisters of St. Ann Legacy Fund to ensure the long-term, on-going support for programs that sustain the Sister’s mission.”

“Our mission hasn’t changed,” said Sister Marie Zarowny, Province Leader of the Sisters of St. Ann. “But the way we fulfill it has. Now we are helping other people continue the work we began.”

The \$5 million endowment fund will enrich the lives of residents through the following programs:

Spiritual Care – providing spiritual and religious comfort to all residents, regardless of their faith.

Music Therapy – offering a unique bridge to the past, triggering happy memories, calming anxiety and lifting spirits. It also has a profound effect on residents living with dementia, decreasing their confusion and reducing restlessness.

Resident Activities – supporting activities such as the Art Club, Garden Group, Pet Care and Bus Outings. These activities enhance resident’s social life.

Palliative Care and Practical Nursing education – providing training for a number of staff

The Sisters have a proud history of providing healthcare in Victoria. They opened St. Joseph’s Hospital in 1875 and the St. Joseph’s School of Nursing in 1900. In 1942, seeing a need for a care facility for the elderly, they built Mount St. Mary Hospital. In 2003, the old facility was replaced by a new building on the former site of St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Individuals are invited to donate to the Legacy Fund. “It is a significant way to make certain that our mission continues,” said Sister Marie. “The Legacy Fund will ensure that people now – and in the future – receive the kind of care we believe everyone deserves.”

The cheque presentation is taking place on Thursday, June 19 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Mount St. Mary Hospital.

The Mount St. Mary Foundation is a not-for-profit organization, created to support the many valuable programs of Mount St. Mary Hospital and to enhance the quality of life of our residents.

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