

Hugs for the Homeless Report for Florida Council of Catholic Women June 12, 2020



The House That Council Built

Our June FCCW board meeting is very unique. The house that I planned to build in front of your eyes, will have to be built in your mind. So, sit back and channel your inner self to auditory imagery!

This was a great year for Hugs. We, because if you did extremely well.....the best ever.

So, let us see how our building project came together.

First, as always comes the foundation. And what a great foundation! The continued sale of the FCCW history book is what has fed our foundation. The expenses for the books are covered so now everything we sell is profit. So please keep selling. The book profits this year gave us a foundation of \$1,825.00.



Our house needs strong walls to adhere to the foundation. The southern wall is provided by the Archdiocese of Miami bringing \$5,938.84. Joining the eastern wall to our structure Orlando brings \$8,580.48. Two walls longing to attach to the north wall from Saint Augustine who added \$7,527.22. The fourth stout wall is the western wall from Pensacola-Tallahassee \$6,209.98.

We could not rest with just foundation and four walls. Up we must build, for we have a goal of feeding the homeless. This is not a prefabricated home, each and every affiliation has worked in their unique way to raise money. There is no one size fits all.

The peaks of this house will be provided by Venice with \$8,083.25 and Saint Petersburg with \$2,460.00.

With the peaks in place it is time to raise the roof and cover our home. Palm Beach brings in \$12,000.00 to seal our house from weather and harm.



It takes many parts to co-ordinate and build a house and FCCW is thrilled to say that our house passed the building inspection with an outstanding total of \$52,624.74.



The finishing touch for our house would be landscaping. Picture in your mind, if you will a nice neat row of Hershey hugs nestled around our four walls but conveys the message of concern, Hugs for the Homeless.



\$52,624.74 divided by seven equals 7,517.82 per diocese. That is a lot of food!

Below is a list of the charities each diocese has selected. The numbers vary due to the number of deaneries. Two dioceses have decided to give their entire check to their Catholic Charities. Those dioceses are Saint Petersburg and Venice.

Miami Chapman Partnership: Three Virtues Org, Hope South Florida and Missionaries of Charity of Mother Teresa.

Saint Augustine: St. Augustine Youth Services, Grace Marketplace, Waste Not Want Not and the Mandarin Food Bank.

Pensacola-Tallahassee: Good News Outreach, Catholic Charities NW Florida, Shelter House and Backpack project USA.

Orlando: Salvation Army, Samaritan Village, Halifax Urban Ministries, Saint Stephan's Way and Forward Paths Foundation.

Palm Beach: Saint Ann's Place, Adam's Place Homeless Shelter and Family Promise South Palm Beach.

The two words thank you are not enough, think of how many people are saying "thank God for FCCW".

In a time when giving or receiving hugs are not possible, FCCW has found a way to encircle thousands of people with a Hug of Hope.

Julie E. Rothery FCCW Hugs Chair

