

# Caritas

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## Providence responds to the EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

*A house near one where the sisters live is reduced to rubble.*



*The sisters, like many others, slept in the street by night.*

**"T**hanks be to God, our Sisters of Providence serving in ministry in Haiti are all alive and well!" That welcome news was conveyed to the sisters in Mother Joseph Province by Provincial Superior Karin Dufault and the Leadership Team just days after the January 12 earthquake that devastated Port-Au-Prince and nearby areas.

Like so many others, the eleven sisters from Emilie Gamelin Province, based in Montreal, Quebec, were without shelter so they slept in the street by night and cared for the injured from a makeshift clinic by day.

Sister Marie-Claire Soucy, from Mother Joseph Province, volunteers at a rural hospital to the north in an area that was not as severely impacted.

I ndividuals and organizations worldwide have been moved to provide immediate aid to the people of Haiti, who are among the poorest of the poor. As of mid February, about 1,600 Providence employees had contributed nearly \$148,000 for relief efforts in Haiti through Providence Health International. In addition, \$165,000 had been received from organizations, including a significant contribution from the Sisters of Providence. Mark Koenig, system director of international missions, said the employee donations have been committed to emergency relief through Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Medical Mission Board and Medical Teams International. Plans are to use the organizations' contributions to address long-term needs. A total of nearly

five tons (9,680 pounds) of medical supplies and equipment with an estimated value of \$78,000 also has been provided, primarily through donations sent in conjunction with Food for the Poor.

Mark said additional funds also are committed to support the cost of travel expenses and/or medical supplies for 16 Providence employees who have already gone to Haiti or are scheduled to go prior to the end of April. Others may follow.

M eanwhile, the Sisters of Providence international congregation, which has had sisters in Haiti since 1976, has mobilized to help the Haitian people not only to survive the earthquake, but to rebuild their country and their lives. General Superior Kathryn Rutan and the General Council have invited all Sisters of Providence, Providence Associates and friends of Providence to join the *Family of Providence in Solidarity with Haiti Campaign* to help in this effort. The campaign will conclude March 31. Contributions received by the four provinces and one vice-province of the Sisters of Providence will be presented to the Roncalli International Foundation at its annual meeting on April 10. ●

**The best way to contribute to the rebuilding campaign before it ends March 31 is to go online to the Roncalli Foundation at [www.roncalli.ca](http://www.roncalli.ca).**

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**Providence of God, we thank You for all!**

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# Two laywomen added to LEADERSHIP TEAM

In December, the provincial superior and council-elect of Mother Joseph Province appointed two laywomen, Karen Lauby as provincial secretary and Jennifer S. Hall as provincial treasurer, to join the 2010-14 Leadership Team.

*Karen Lauby, provincial secretary, has four grandchildren, Samantha Harrington, 12, and her sister Megan, 10, of Beaverton, Ore., and Daniel Palmer, 6 months, and his big brother Johnathan, 3 1/2, of Eagle River, Alaska.*



**Karen Lauby** has been re-appointed to the role she has been serving in since January 2007. Before joining the Leadership Team, she had been employed by Providence Health & Services (formerly Providence Services) since 1997. She worked as a secretary, an administrative assistant and finally as conference coordinator.

Originally from Lewiston, Idaho, Karen has been associated with the Sisters of Providence since 1987, working with Good Health Plan of Oregon, St. Peter Hospital in Olympia and Sacred Heart Medical Center in Spokane. She also has worked with a number of social and medical service agencies.

Karen and her husband Gary J. Lauby, Ph.D., a retired clinical psychologist, have four children and four grandchildren.



**Jennifer S. Hall, C.P.A.**, has been director of finance for Mother Joseph Province since May 2000, ministering in collaboration with two provincial treasurers. She will become provincial treasurer after a transition period. In the interim, Sister Anita Butler has agreed to continue in her role as provincial treasurer to assist Jennifer in a smooth transition to full responsibility.



Born in Great Falls, Mont., Jennifer received a bachelor's degree in humanities and licensure from the University of Santa Clara. She began her career in finance as an audit manager for Arthur Andersen & Co., Seattle, and then worked as a financial officer for two health care systems before becoming director of finance for Providence Medical Center and Providence Medical Group in Seattle.

Jennifer shares her home with her dog, Misty. ●

*This charmer is Jennifer Hall's dog, Misty.*

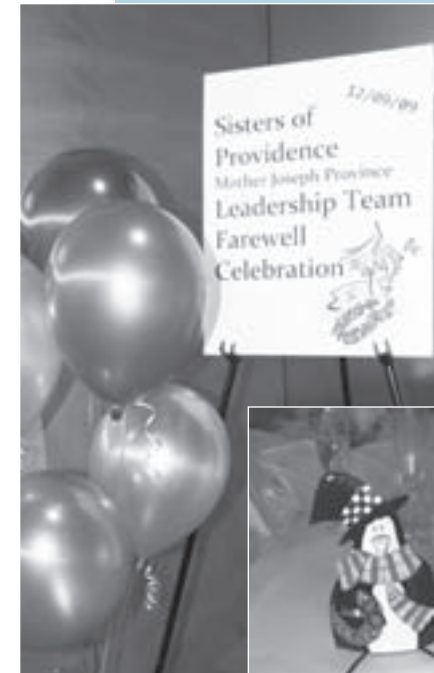


*The 2005-09 Leadership Team moved out of the Renton Office at year's end. Heading off for new adventures are (from right) Provincial Superior/Leadership Team Coordinator Margaret Botch, and Leadership Team members Sister Kaye Belcher, Sister Annette Seubert, Karen Lauby, Sister Anita Butler and Sister Charlotte Van Dyke.*



## A fond farewell to the 2005-09 Leadership Team

*Balloons, tasty treats and, of course, penguins, made the going away party hosted by Provincial Administration a special affair.*



*One last lunch together brought the afternoon to a close.*



*Pictured, (from left), are Sister Margaret Botch, Wendy Iwami, administrative assistant; Karen Lauby, provincial secretary; and Jennifer Hall, director of finance.*





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