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## **8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Have A Heart Restock Drive” assists local pantries**

*Drive runs March 18 – 28, 2019*

On Monday, March 18, the Sylvania Franciscan Village (SFV) kicks off its 8<sup>th</sup> annual *Have a Heart Restock Drive* to supply personal care items to six area outreach pantries: Bethany House, Claver House, Helping Hands of St. Louis, Our Lady of Lourdes Outreach Soup Kitchen, Sylvania Area Family Services and Family House.

**The drive runs from March 18 – 28** with distribution of items occurring on March 29. Individuals are encouraged to drop off unused personal care items in donation boxes on the campus of the Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania and Lourdes University, and at Sylvania Schools and local businesses. A complete list of collection sites may be found at [www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org](http://www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org).

“It’s important to assist our local outreach agencies after the winter season when their supplies are often greatly depleted. All donations of unused personal care items go directly to the agencies and those they serve,” says Ms. Sophia Lloyd, SFV Director.

Those wishing to make a monetary donation can also contact Ms. Lloyd at 419-824-3533. For more information, contact Laurie Bertke at [lbertke@sistersosf.org](mailto:lbertke@sistersosf.org), 419-824-3515 or visit [www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org](http://www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org).

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### **Sylvania Franciscan Village**

Formally established in 2009, the Sylvania Franciscan Village is comprised of the Sisters of St. Francis and all of their ministries. The SFV was formed to harness energies for the greater good and benefit of those who share the Franciscan mission. Visit [www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org](http://www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org) for more information. To learn more about this and future events, contact Elizabeth Reiter at [ereiter@sistersosf.org](mailto:ereiter@sistersosf.org), 419-824-3515 or visit [www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org](http://www.sylvaniafranciscanvillage.org).

### **Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania**

Founded in Sylvania, Ohio in 1916, the Sisters of St. Francis live in the spirit of Francis of Assisi as joyful servants and messengers of peace, committed to works that reverence human dignity, embrace the poor and marginalized, and respect the gift of all creation. Sponsored ministries of the Sisters of St. Francis are Lourdes University and Sylvania Franciscan Ministries, which include Bethany House, a long-term shelter for victims of domestic violence, Sophia Center, counseling and academic testing

service provider, Rosary Care Center, a skilled nursing facility, and Convent Park apartments independent senior living.

### **Lourdes University**

Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan tradition, Lourdes University is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis, and offers baccalaureate degrees in a variety of academic majors as well as graduate degrees in business, education, nursing, organizational leadership, social work, and theology. Community outreach programs include the Appold Planetarium and Lifelong Learning. A member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, Lourdes students can also compete in a variety of men's and women's sports. Named a "Best in the Midwest" college by the Princeton Review, Lourdes University is a nationally accredited, veteran and transfer-friendly institution offering a variety of student scholarships. Explore the possibilities online at [www.lourdes.edu](http://www.lourdes.edu) or by phone at 419-885-3211.