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Thrifty Sisters, Richmond's Curated Thrift Shop, Announces Saint Francis Home To Become New Beneficiary

New partnership to begin June 2021

Richmond, VA (June 2, 2021) – Thrifty Sisters, a Henrico-based non-profit thrift shop, announced today that Saint Francis Home will become its charitable beneficiary of choice effective June 1, 2021. The new partnership between Thrifty Sisters and Saint Francis Home will continue the legacy of hospitality and giving back to the greater Richmond community that Thrifty Sisters was founded on more than a decade ago.

Recognized as Richmond's curated, go-to thrift shop for women and men's clothing, jewelry, home goods, furniture, books and other treasures, Thrifty Sisters has developed a significant following in the community since opening its doors in 2012. Thrifty Sisters was founded with the intent of directly supporting the elderly in Richmond who otherwise do not have the financial means to afford assisted living care. As the new beneficiary of Thrifty Sisters, Saint Francis Home complements the shop's mission and provides a wonderful avenue for volunteering and community involvement.

"Our residents cannot afford the high costs that are typically associated with assisted living facilities, therefore each year we rely on charitable donations to subsidize the nearly \$1.4 million difference between our cost of providing care and the income we receive," said Bruce Slough, Executive Director of Saint Francis Home. "Saint Francis Home is the only remaining faith-based assisted living community in the area that is dedicated to exclusively serving older adults of limited means and the need for help is greater now than ever before. For that reason, this new relationship with Thrifty Sisters is a wonderful collaboration which is both fortuitous and timely. We are tremendously grateful to have earned the chance to work together toward our shared calling."

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Thrifty Sisters is well-supported by the Richmond community who not only frequent its location to find unique, one-of-a-kind finds, but also the more than 50 regular volunteers who support the organization's goals by helping with the daily operations of running the store. "Thrifty Sisters is thrilled to benefit Saint Francis Home, whose mission closely aligns with our own mission, and our 'shop with a purpose' mantra," said Beverly Binns, Executive Director of Thrifty Sisters. "Saint Francis Home offers us an opportunity to continue on as Thrifty Sisters and speaks to the heart of why we were founded in the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan – to provide help to the elderly who are in need within 'our own backyard' and the greater Richmond community. Our board and volunteers are energized and excited by this relationship; we can't wait to get more involved in supporting the efforts of the Home."

About Thrifty Sisters:

In 2012, Thrifty Sisters opened its doors to provide support to the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Josephs Home for seniors who needed assisted living and nursing care but did not have the financial resources. In the spirit of St. Jeanne Jugan, founder of Little Sisters of the Poor, Thrifty Sisters believes in working as a community to create a safe, loving, and comfortable home for the poor elderly in Central Virginia. By shopping at, volunteering with, and donating to Thrifty Sisters, you are helping to support this mission and now benefit Saint Francis Home. Thrifty Sisters is located at 8911 Patterson Avenue in Henrico, VA 23229, and is open to the public for shopping Tuesday – Saturday 10 am – 4 pm. Donations are accepted by appointment only, by contacting the shop at (804) 658-4153. To learn more about Thrifty Sisters, please visit ThriftySistersRVA.org.

About Saint Francis Home:

Founded in 1973, Saint Francis Home, located in the historic Manchester district just South of the James River from downtown Richmond at 65 West Clopton Street in Richmond, VA 23225, was created to provide an affordable, loving home and quality assisted care for 125 older adults who have limited financial means. Saint Francis Home provides comprehensive services including housing, food, safety, medication management, and assistance with daily living needs for older adults who have few to no options for quality assisted living. As an outreach of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, resident care is based on the fundamental belief that all human life is sacred, and every person is precious. Saint Francis Home is licensed by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Social Services as an Assisted Living Facility, and welcomes residents regardless of race, religion, or national origin. For more information about Saint Francis Home, please visit SaintFrancisHome.com.

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