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Skilled Nursing Care

The majority of our retired sisters receive $500 per month from Social Security. To compare that figure to the 2020 poverty guidelines, a single lay person receives $12,760 per year or $1,063 per month.

It costs $9,733 per month to care for a sister in a skilled care nursing room. While Medicaid/Medicare may reimburse a portion of this cost, your support helps cover the remainder.

Today, there are 10 sisters receiving care in this area.

Assisted Living

Sisters who reside in Assisted Living enjoy the benefits of independent living with the added support and assistance from various health care providers. Because of you … we are able to provide our sisters with basic medical monitoring as well as daily activities.

50% of our sisters live in IHM Senior Living Community.

It costs $5,018 per month to care for a sister in an assisted living room.

Currently, 24 sisters live in this area.

Independent Living

123 retired sisters live at IHM Senior Living Community and their median age is 87.

It costs $1,905 per month for a sister to live in Independent Living.

73 sisters reside in this area.

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– Sister Margaret Canuelle

“Having lost most of my eyesight and hearing, I’m limited in what I can do except in prayer. Every day, I pray the Rosary to remember my dear family, devoted friends, former students and all the generous benefactors of the IHM community.”

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- Armchair activists for justice and peace
- Tour docents
- Chaplains
- Office assistants
- Health care volunteers
- Jail ministers
- Nursing home volunteers
- Substitute teachers
- Tutors
- Medical appointment companions
- Video technicians
- Mail sorts
- Readers for the visually challenged
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