Over 300 will volunteer for
16th Annual CSM Spirit of Service Day

What: College of Saint Mary 16th Annual Spirit of Service Day
When: Thursday, April 11, 2012
Time: Between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., see specific times below
Where: Non-profits throughout the Omaha Metro, see specific locations below

Omaha, NE – On Thursday, April 11, College of Saint Mary (CSM) students, faculty, staff and friends will lend a hand and volunteer together for the 16th Annual CSM “Spirit of Service” Day.

Volunteers will tackle more than 33 projects at 22 local non-profit agencies throughout the Omaha metro. Over 300 volunteers will have a hands-on, rewarding experience completing projects that otherwise might go undone.

“In its 15th year, this effort supports the works, values and aspirations of CSM’s founders, the Sisters of Mercy. Spirit of Service Day embraces CSM’s mission and encourages our students, faculty and staff to make a difference by rolling up their sleeves and sharing their talents with those who need it most,” stated Katty Petak, College of Saint Mary Dean of Students.

Jenny Wittstock, College of Saint Mary Director of Student Leadership & Organizations expressed: “In the past eight years, CSM Spirit of Service Day has sent over 1,650 volunteers into our community to make a difference. This year more volunteers will contribute their time than ever before.”

Volunteers will gather for a kickoff breakfast the morning (7:45 a.m.) of April 12, at the College of Saint Mary Lied Fitness Center, and then spread out to locations across Omaha (listed below) for either a half-day or full-day of service.

PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES...
• **Amanda's Alligators – (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**
  Location: College of Saint Mary, 7000 Mercy Rd, Omaha, NE 68124
  - Making Amanda's alligators as a service project in the Occupational Therapy Lab of Walsh Administration Building
  
  **Alligators are therapeutic tools designed to promote self-calming in children experiencing sensory integration dysfunction. These alligators were created based on an idea by CSM student Amanda Florance, who was killed in an automobile accident in 2008. Money raised from this project supports a scholarship in her honor.**

• **American Cancer Society (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)**
  Location: 9850 Nicholas Street, Omaha, NE 68114
  - Helping with a large mailing by folding forms, stuffing envelopes and placing labels

• **Benson Plant Rescue (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**
  Location: 7224 Maple Street, Omaha, NE 68134
  - Cleaning and clearing a vacant lot of tree limbs, trash and weeds

• **CSM Community Garden Project (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)**
  Location: 7000 Mercy Road, Omaha, NE 68108
  - Painting raised beds, raking, weeding and preparing for planting

• **Essential Pregnancy Services (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**
  Location: 6220 Maple Street, Omaha, NE 68102
  - Work with donations and sorting and arranging the boutique

• **Food Bank for the Heartland (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**
  Location: 10525 J Street, Omaha, NE 68127
  - Pack backpacks with food for children

• **Franciscan Day Centre (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**
  Location: 900 North 90th Street, Omaha, NE 68114
  - Play games and spend time with the center’s senior citizens

• **Habitat for Humanity (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)**
  Location: To be determined
  - Participate in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity home

• **Habitat for Humanity ReStore (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**
  Location: 1003 South 24th Street, Omaha, NE 68108
  - Helping customers and organizing materials

• **Habitat for Humanity ReStore (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)**
  Location: 10930 Emmet Street, Omaha, NE 68164
  - Helping customers and organizing materials
• **Henry Doorly Zoo (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)**  
  Location: 3701 South 10th Street, NE 68046  
  - Walking the zoo grounds and picking up trash

• **Holy Family Lunch Program (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**  
  Location: 1715 Izard ST, Omaha, NE 6810  
  - Assist with bagging and handing out lunches to the hungry

• **Malcolm X Memorial Foundation (1 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**  
  Location: 3448 Evans Street, Omaha, NE 68111  
  - Sorting and cleaning without facility and preparing documents for an important mailing campaign

• **Mercy Villa Garden Project (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**  
  Location: 1845 South 72nd Street, Omaha, NE 68106  
  - Assist with cleaning and preparing garden area at Mercy Villa

• **MICAH House (9 a.m. – 12 p.m.)**  
  Location: 1415 Avenue J, Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
  - Help serve lunch and spend time with those in need

• **Open Door Mission: Timberlake Outreach Center (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**  
  Location: 2828 N 23rd Street, Omaha, NE  
  - Performing various activities in the outreach center

• **Papillion Senior Center (1 – 4 p.m.)**  
  Location: 1001 Limerick Road, Papillion, NE 68046  
  - Play games with the elderly people who drop in at the Senior Center

• **Ronald McDonald House (1 – 4 p.m.)**  
  Location: 620 S 38th Avenue, Omaha, NE 68105  
  - Assist with housecleaning such as vacuuming, cleaning the kitchen, wiping down toy area and possible yard work

• **Salvation Army (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**  
  Location: 2551 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68131  
  - Sorting through jewelry donations to determine value

• **Salvation Army Vegetable Garden (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**  
  Location: 3612 Cuming Street, Omaha, NE 68131  
  - Prepare vegetable garden by cleaning pots, transplanting plants, tilling soil, etc

• **SEAN (Student Education Association of Nebraska (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**  
  Location: 818 Crestridge Road Omaha, NE 68154  
  - Working with students in the garden and helping to dig plots, plant perennials and trim shrubs
- **Ted E Bear Hollow (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.)**
  Location: 7811 Farnam Drive, Omaha, NE 68114
  - Cleaning, doing office and yard work

- **Together, Inc. (1 – 4 p.m.)**
  Location: 1616 Cass Street, Omaha, NE 68102
  - Filling pantry boxes with food, as well as sorting donations

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