

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
City Council of the City of Blue Island, Illinois
2434 Vermont Street
February 10, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

City of Blue Island
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Blue Island, IL 60406
www.blueisland.org

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1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Presentation of Journal of Proceedings**
Motion to approve minutes from January 27, 2015
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Community Development Committee**
 1. An Ordinance of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois, to Set a Date for a Public Hearing for the Western Avenue Business Development District.
 2. A Resolution to accept Staff Assistance Services Delivered by Enterprise Community Partners for TOD Implementations.
 - b. **Finance Committee**
 1. Motion for Approval of Payroll – January 30, 2015 for \$339,292.18
 2. Motion for Approval of Accounts Payable – February 4, 2015 for \$477,869.33
 - c. **Public Health and Safety**
 - d. **Municipal Services Committee**
 - e. **Judiciary Committee**
 1. An Ordinance Restricting a Portion of a Certain Street at or near 2451 Collins Street for Handicapped Parking Only within the City of Blue Island, County of Cook, State of Illinois and providing Penalties for the Violation thereof.
7. **Report of City Officials/Presentations/Resolutions**

Mayor:

Bids:

- City Clerk:
1. Motion to approve a request from the Blue Island American Legion Post 50 to have their annual Poppy Days on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th, 2015 with rain dates of May 22nd and 23rd, 2015.
 2. Motion to approve a request from Misericordia to have their annual Jelly Belly Candy Days on Friday and Saturday, April 24th and 25th, 2015.

City Treasurer: Monthly Treasurer's Report

City Attorney:

8. **Aldermanic Announcements/Comments.**
9. **Motion to Retire to Closed Session for consideration of:**
 - a. Discussion of Pending Litigation
10. **Motion to Reconvene Regular Session**
11. **Motion for Adjournment**

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Blue Island was called to order by Mayor Vargas at 7:12 p.m. on January 27, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicates the following:

Present: 10 Ald. Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto,
Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman

Absent: 4 Ald. Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner

Present Also: Randy Heuser, City Clerk
ShawnTe Raines, City Attorney

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDING

Moved by Ald. Bilotto, second by Ald. Carr the Journal of Proceedings of the Regular Meeting on January 13, 2015 is accepted as printed.

Ayes: 10 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

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CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL REGARDING THIS EVENINGS BUSINESS

Rachel Orozco, 11957 Longwood Drive, invited everyone to attend some events celebrating Black History Month:

February 20 – Black Culture Night at the East Annex, 7 pm.

February 25 – Africa Day at the Library, 7 pm.

February 24 – Folksinger Chris Vallillo at the Blue Island Historical Society, 7 pm.

Allan Stevo, 2324 Union Street, asked why there wasn't a search done for the replacement of the aldermanic second ward seat, why it was not open to the second ward community, and why the Mayor felt it was the best decision.

The Mayor stated it was his decision.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Development – Ald. Hawley, Chairman

Next Meeting – T.B.A

Finance Committee – Ald. Rita, Chairman

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Hawley to approve Payroll for January 16, 2014 for \$374,543.45.

Ayes: 10 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Donahue to approve Accounts Payable for January 21, 2015 for \$346,682.09.

Ayes: 10 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman

Regular Meeting – January 27, 2015

Nays: 0
 Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner
 Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-006

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Moved by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance No. 2015-006.

Ayes: 10 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita,
 Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman
 Nays: 0
 Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner
 Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 7:30 – East Annex

Public Health & Safety Committee – Ald. Carr, Chairman

Ald. Carr introduced Mr. Ware who replaced Jackie Mathis at the Fire Department.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

Municipal Services Committee – Ald. Johanson, Chairman

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 7:00 – East Annex

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Judiciary Committee – Ald. Ostling, Chairman

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-007

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING HANDICAPPED PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT 2328 VERNON STREET IN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Moved by Ald. Ostling, second by Ald. Bilotto to approve Ordinance 2015-007.

Ayes:	10	Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	
Absent:	4	Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner
Abstain:	0	

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 6:00 – East Annex

REPORT OF CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR: The Mayor wished the City Attorney a happy birthday.

BIDS: No bids.

CITY CLERK:

Moved by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to approve a request from Veterans Memorial Middle School to have Greenwood Avenue blocked off between Grunewald Avenue and 123rd Street on January 30th and 31st from 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. They need to have a traffic free area for buses to park for a program they are hosting.

Ayes:	10	Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman
Nays:	0	

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Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner
Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

CITY TREASURER: No business.

CITY ATTORNEY: No business.

ALDERMANIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Ald. Johanson complimented the Finance Department and department heads for all the hard work they put into the appropriations.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Ostling to go into Executive Session.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*****CLOSED SESSION*****

REGULAR MEETING

Motion by Ald. Pittman, second by Ald. Ostling to reconvene Regular Meeting.

Ayes: 10 Johanson, Hawley, Vieyra, Bilotto, Rita, Donahue, Stone, Carr, Ostling, Pittman

Nays: 0

Absent: 4 Johnson, Frausto, Thompson, Buckner

Abstain: 0

There being Ten (10) Affirmative Votes, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

Regular Meeting – January 27, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ald. Rita, second by Ald. Vieyra to adjourn the meeting.

Upon a vote, the Mayor declared the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the City Council is scheduled for
February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Randy Heuser, City Clerk

**APPROVED BY ME THIS
10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.**

Domingo F. Vargas, Mayor



Business Development District
02/05/2015

I. Introduction and Purpose

City of Blue Island has authorized the consideration of a Western Avenue Business Development District (BDD).

This ordinance would set a date for a Public Hearing on the proposed District: March 10, 2015.

II. Discussion/Highlights

The general boundaries of the proposed district includes all properties fronting Western Avenue from 119th to 127th Street, properties fronting Western and Gregory Avenue from 127th Street to Grove Street, Vermont Street from Division Street to Greenwood, and all of Olde Western Avenue.

Notice of the public hearing will be published twice, as required by law, in the SouthtownStar.

III. Conclusion and Recommendation

Recommendation to adopt the Ordinance setting the date for the BDD.

Staff contact: Jason Berry, ACIP, Deputy Director of Community Development
Email: jberry@cityofblueisland.org

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2015-008**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

1st Ward	CHRISTINE BUCKNER	TOM HAWLEY
2nd Ward	LETICIA VIEYRA	FRED BILOTTO
3rd Ward	NANCY RITA	KEVIN DONAHUE
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5th Ward	JANICE OSTLING	KENNETH PITTMAN
6th Ward	DEXTER JOHNSON	JAIRO FRAUSTO
7th Ward	NANCY THOMPSON	JAMES JOHANSON

Aldermen

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-008

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
TO SET A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE WESTERN AVENUE
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island, Cook County, Illinois (the "*City*"), as follows:

Section 1. It is necessary and in the best interests of the City that a public hearing be held prior to the adoption of an ordinance or ordinances by the City Council approving the Western Avenue Business Development District Development Plan (the "*Business District Plan*"), establishing the Western Avenue Business Development District (the "*Business District*"), and imposing retailers' and service occupation taxes (the "*Taxes*"), in accordance with the Business District Development and Redevelopment Law, 65 ILCS 5/11-74.3-1, *et seq.* (the "*Act*").

Section 2. The proposed Business District includes all of the properties fronting Western Avenue on the east and west from 119th Street to 127th Street; the properties fronting 127th Street on the north from Western Avenue to Irving Avenue; the properties generally bounded on the north by 127th Street, on the east by the Railroad Right-of-Way, on the south by the intersection of the Railroad Right-of-Way and Western Avenue, and on the west by Western Avenue; the properties fronting Vermont Street on the north and south from the Railroad Right-of-Way to the east side of Division Street; the properties generally bounded on the north by Vermont Street, on the east by Chatham Street, on the south by Fulton Street, and on the west by the Railroad Right-of-Way; the properties generally bounded on the north by the Calumet-Saganashkee Channel, on the east by Western Avenue, on the south by 135th Street, and on the west by the properties fronting Old Western Avenue on the west, and including four parcels fronting Western Avenue on the east between Canal Street and Broadway Street; the properties

fronting Old Western Avenue on the east and west from the Calumet–Saganashkee Channel to Grove Street; the properties fronting Western Avenue on the west from Grove Street to Vermont Street; properties fronting Vermont Street on the north and south from Western Avenue to the west side of Greenwood Avenue; and all of the properties fronting Western Avenue on the west from Vermont Street to 127th Street.

Section 3. The Act grants the City the power to establish by ordinance procedures for the planning, execution and implementation of business district plans; and pursuant to the Act, the City desired to authorize the date for a public hearing (the “*Public Hearing*”) on the proposed Business District Plan, proposed Business District, and the imposition of Taxes therein, and the publication of notice thereof.

Section 4. It is hereby determined that the Public Hearing shall be held by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island on the 10th day of March, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall, 13051 Greenwood Avenue, Blue Island, Illinois.

Section 5. Notice of the Public Hearing is hereby authorized to be given by publication in the SouthtownStar on February 23, 2015 and February 27, 2015 (not more than 30 nor less than 10 days prior to the date of the Public Hearing).

Section 6. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
Alderman RITA					
Alderman DONAHUE					
Alderman STONE					
Alderman CARR					
Alderman OSTLING					
Alderman PITTMAN					
Alderman JOHNSON					
Alderman FRAUSTO					
Alderman THOMPSON					
Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 10th day of February, 2015.

DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
10th day of February, 2015.

CITY CLERK

PUBLISHED in pamphlet form this
10th day of February, 2015.

CITY CLERK



Enterprise Community Partners MOU
01/30/2015

I. Introduction and Purpose

Enterprise Community Partners (ECP) seeks to assist Blue Island with pre-development services in the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) District. ECP requires a municipal resolution as a demonstration of local support. This resolution authorizes the Mayor or staff to complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ECP in order to begin services.

ECP is a national non-profit organization that provides expertise to local developer partners, leads policy work and initiatives, operates national programs such as Enterprise Green Communities and makes grants to partners to help them strengthen their operations or plan projects.

II. Discussion/Highlights

ECP was awarded grant funds from Chicago Community Trust to engage elected officials and staff in three south suburban communities. In Blue Island ECP seeks to support TOD projects within Uptown and the Vermont Street Station Area. Up to five redevelopment sites will be selected and a steering committee chosen to participate. There is no cost to the City for these services.

ECP will provide pre-development assistance, including site strategy, appraisals, marketing, financial analysis. ECP will assist the steering committee in evaluating the potential impacts of potential redevelopment, soliciting interest from the development community and determining, where appropriate, public policy variances and/or municipal financing commitment levels to be included as part of any development project.

III. Conclusion and Recommendation

Recommendation that City Council adopts resolution authorizing approval of a MOU with Enterprise Community Partners.

Staff contact: Jason Berry, ACIP, Deputy Director of Community Development
Email: jberry@cityofblueisland.org

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**RESOLUTION
NUMBER 2015-002**

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT STAFF ASSISTANCE SERVICES
DELIVERED BY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR
TOD IMPLEMENTATIONS.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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Aldermen

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-002

**A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT STAFF ASSISTANCE SERVICES
DELIVERED BY ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR TOD
IMPLEMENTATIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Blue Island (“City”) has been awarded staff assistance services through Enterprise Community Partners (“Enterprise”), to support the implementation of Transit Oriented Development; and

WHEREAS, the City and Enterprise have identified this initiative as a priority project; and

WHEREAS, the City and Enterprise have agreed on the general contents of a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) and a Scope of Services that will guide staff assistance services to be provided by Enterprise;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND:

Section 1: the City supports this project to support the implementation of Transit Oriented Developments.

Section 2: the City authorizes staff as designated by the Mayor and City Council to finalize and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with an attached Scope of Services.

Section 3: the City recognizes that provisions that govern the administration of staff assistance services, and, if necessary, the discontinuance of such services, are included in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 4: This resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
Alderman HAWLEY					
Alderman VIEYRA					
Alderman BILOTTO					
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Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED: this 10th day of February, 2015.

DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and **Filed** in my office this
10th day of February, 2015.

CITY CLERK

**THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ORDINANCE
NUMBER 2015-009**

**AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN
STREET AT OR NEAR 2451 COLLINS STREET FOR
HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE
ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.**

**DOMINGO F. VARGAS, Mayor
Randy Heuser, City Clerk**

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Aldermen

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-009

AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING A PORTION OF A CERTAIN STREET AT OR NEAR 2451 COLLINS STREET FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING ONLY WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Illinois, as enunciated in the State Constitution, that handicapped persons are entitled to enjoy the fruits of a full and meaningful life; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island hereby declare that it is the public policy of the city to encourage and assist handicapped persons to participate fully in the social and economic life of our community; and

WHEREAS, to implement such policy the Mayor and City Council of the City of Blue Island recognize it is desirable to restrict certain portions of the public ways within the City of Blue Island for handicapped parking only;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Blue Island, County of Cook and State of Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE

That this portion of the street within the City of Blue Island, as hereinafter designated, is hereby restricted for handicapped parking only:

- a) On the south side of Collins Street in front of the residence whose common address is 2451 Collins Street (one space consisting of a total of twenty (20') feet)

SECTION TWO

Appropriate signs shall be erected by the Superintendent of Public Works on the portion of the street designated above informing the public that parking thereon is restricted or permitted as hereinabove provided for.

SECTION THREE

The operator of any vehicle violating or failing to comply with the provisions of this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00) for each offense.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION FIVE

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law. A full, true and complete copy of this ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form, by authority of the City Council as Corporate Authorities.

ADOPTED this 10th day of February, 2015, pursuant to a roll call as follows:

	YES	NO	ABSENT	PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Alderman BUCKNER					
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Alderman JOHANSON					
Mayor DOMINGO F. VARGAS					
TOTAL					

APPROVED by the Mayor this 10th day of February, 2015.

DOMINGO F. VARGAS
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BLUE ISLAND,
COUNTY OF COOK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS

ATTESTED and Filed in my office this
10th of February, 2015.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE

January 19, 2015

City of Blue Island
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Blue Island, IL 60406

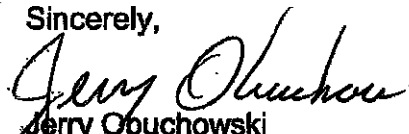
Dear Mayor Vargas and Members of the City Council:

Blue Island American Legion Post 50 would like to request your permission to conduct our annual "Poppy Days" sale on Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16, 2015, with a rain date of Friday and Saturday, May 22 and 23, 2015.

On those dates, members of our organization will man street corners and store entrances to sell poppies to the public. Funds raised from the sale of the poppies go to help our hospitalized veterans.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,


Jerry Obuchowski
Commander

P.O. Box 336
Blue Island, IL 60406



MISERICORDIA

Heart of Mercy
Center

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www.misericordia.org

January 15, 2015

Pam Frasor, City Clerk
City of Blue Island
13051 Greenwood Avenue
Blue Island, IL 60406

Dear Friend:

Once again our wonderful Candy Day volunteers, numbering in the thousands, have begun planning for our annual Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy Days fundraising event. **The dates for 2015 are Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25.** We have already received permission from the City of Chicago and we hope to receive written permission from you as well. Each year our volunteers stand in street intersections and in front of heavy pedestrian walkways distributing tags and bags of Jelly Belly Candy while collecting donations.

For some areas, this letter is for information only because they do not grant permits for streets or intersections. For other areas this letter is sufficient for the processing of our permit. All other areas will find the information they require attached to this letter. If you need any additional information or have any questions, please contact Misericordia at the Candy Days Hotline: 773-273-4738 or email mam1967@comcast.net. Permits can be mailed or faxed to Nancy Turry's attention at Misericordia (see address and fax number above).

If you can help, we assure you that this will make a difference in the lives of the 600 children and adults who call Misericordia "Home". They are persons of all races, religions and creeds with disabilities ranging from mild and moderate to severe and profound. Each of them is a gift to us and we are better people because they have touched our lives. The funds we receive from the State cover only a portion of our program costs. This year we must raise \$14 million to cover the cost of programs that are not reimbursed. Our excellent physical and occupational therapy programs and music would not be realities without private contributions. Our vocational, spiritual and recreational programs are also gifts from our friends.

Private donations have allowed us to expand to serve more persons in need. At the present time we have more than 500 people on our waiting list. We know we can never meet all the demands for service but with the help of our friends, we will continue to face the challenges associated with expansion. We have completed our seventh home in the neighboring community and four additional homes on our campus. We have also started and will expand an outreach program for children with disabilities and their families.

For your belief in Misericordia, for your past assistance and your consideration of this request, we are most grateful. God's blessings on you and yours.

Sincerely,

Sister Rosemary, R.S.M.

Sister Rosemary Connelly, R.S.M.
Executive Director

