

Dear Friend,

Divine Infant Living Center needs your help - today! I do not know any other way to tell you this since I have never written a fundraising letter until now. I also do not have the luxury of hiring someone else to make this difficult appeal sound more polished. All I can do speak the truth clearly, then hope and pray that you'll respond.

While the economy has rebounded for some, things have gotten worse for far too many of our fellow citizens. We continue to attempt to support all those who come through our doors in need, however, the demand for our services continues to increase along with the costs to provide those services.

Divine Infant Living Center is currently home for approximately 38 adult foster care and independent adult residents. These residents are provided a family friendly living environment, with laundry service and three hot meals a day at a very low cost. Most of these residents could not afford to live any place else.

Divine Infant Living Center formerly known as Keen Agers has served as a cornerstone to the Gogebic Range for low cost independent and assisted living for three decades. Prior to serving adults with special needs the facility proudly served as the Divine Infant Catholic Hospital.

I've spent countless hours poring over the finances and juggling the bills in our effort as good stewards to cut costs and maximize efficiency to ensure Divine Infant can continue to provide quality care for the residents who need our help the most.

Despite these efforts I have come to realize that at the current operating costs the Divine Infant Living Center and its ability to care for adults in need is in jeopardy. Additional funding is needed to support this facility and its residents. I need to ask you for your help and as uncomfortable as that makes me, Jesus told us to "ask and you shall receive." So I'm asking. Will you help us?

Your support will go directly to funding one of several pending maintenance projects for the facility. Projects that have been held off for several months due to a lack of funds. Projects include badly needed room remodeling or shower replacement, which upon completion would provide additional homes to more residents.

I'm asking you to be a part of one of these projects. Jesus told us that the poor is always among us – and I trust that with strong, generous neighbors like you will always stand with them. Thanks for helping us serve as a shining example of God's work throughout the UP.

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