

STATEMENT OF SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is a formal relationship between the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth and a particular ministry. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, through action of its designated leadership, exercises its responsibility for the ministry, which, in turn, carries out the Congregation's mission. This Sponsorship relationship ensures organizational fidelity to mission, values, and Catholic identity. The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, compelled by Christ's love to make God known to the world, invites all to share in this mission:

- *to work with and for the poor and underserved*
- *to alleviate suffering and to dispel ignorance*
- *to promote justice*

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth carries forward its responsibility to this mission by establishing structures, policies, and modes of accountability which enable the sponsorship relationship and the particular ministry to flourish. At times the Congregation may choose to share these sponsorship responsibilities with another entity or entities having a compatible mission or similar values. Both sponsored and co-sponsored works will demonstrate charity and justice as well as the principles of collaboration, subsidiarity, and co-responsibility as the bases for action.

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General Superior and Council,
Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth*