

Invocation Delivered By Sister Corinne Florek, OP at DOF's 10th Anniversary Celebration

On this the 10th anniversary of the Disability Opportunity Fund,
From uplifted hearts, hearts full of gratitude, may this prayer of thanksgiving rise to You,
Giver of All Gifts and Source of Great Generosity.

- ❖ We thank you for the vision and commitment of Charlie and Nancy, who took every “no” and turned it into a “yes” in their efforts to create the Fund.
- ❖ We thank you for the many consultants who lent their expertise to be sure the Fund was well grounded.
- ❖ We thank you for all the board and staff who persevered to make the Fund blossom into a reality.
- ❖ We thank you for the people in each project who loved and labored to make dreams come true.
- ❖ We thank you for all the supporters, too many to name, who have given grants, investments, time, and talents to foster and sustain the growth of the Fund.
- ❖ We thank you for this faith-filled community of people who in the midst of disasters like Hurricane Sandy or the ordinary chaos of funding and building homes and facilities persevere and never give up hope.
- ❖ We thank you for this community of people that is committed to using their gifts and talents for the service of others.

Gifting One, You call us continually into a future, a future that is unknown and unpredictable. But we know that you will be present in it and always faithful. We know too that whatever the future brings it will need merciful, compassionate, wise and competent people who hunger for truth, goodness and justice.

Be with us as we venture forth into that future, giving thanks for these past 10 years, but also re-committing ourselves to a vision of justice for all, especially the least among us. We trust in your continued guidance as we pray:

(from the United Nations Environmental Sabbath program)

Help us join with the earth and with each other: to recreate the human community, to promote justice and peace, to remember our children, to bring new life to the land, restore the waters and refresh the air. Help us join together as many and diverse expressions of one loving mystery for the healing of the earth and the renewal of all life.

Help us remember that it is in serving that we discover the fullness of what it means to be human, it is in serving that we discover the healing springs of life that will bring about a new birth and hope to our world, it is in serving that we find eternal life. And together we pray “Thank you” and give a great “AMEN.”