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“As Franciscans  
[and  
Companions]  
we are also  
called to witness  
to the respect of  
persons and  
affirm an open  
and diverse U.S.  
culture.”

- Immigration: A Franciscan  
Concern '08

Dear Sisters and Companions,

Last year through the generosity of the Companions and Sisters, we were able to assist an International water project in Uganda for children with special needs. This is an accomplishment for which we can be very proud in making a difference.

This year we chose a local project: assisting immigrant families through Women Partnering. Women Partnering is one of the ministries sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis. This choice is directly tied to the Franciscan Federation 2008 Resolution: *Immigration: A Franciscan Concern*. We will collaborate with Women Partnering who works daily with Immigrants. Through this focus, as Companions and Sisters, we will make a concrete response to the Franciscan Federation Call to Action. We will financially assist immigrant families in legalizing their status and earning permanent residency. This is often an expense that immigrant families cannot afford, but we can help. Our goal once again is \$500.00. This is a free gift offering given according to one's means and no one is obligated to participate in this project. The window of opportunity to assist in this Immigration project will be from this August to November 21<sup>st</sup>. Please make checks out to Companion Relationship. This can be our Thanksgiving offering of gratitude that we are able to enjoy the privileges of living in America.

Please read the complete statement “*Immigration: A Franciscan Concern*” to give you a better understanding of this Franciscan resolution, which is rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.

If you have any other further questions or clarifications, please feel free to call me at 719-955-7016 or email me at [michellem@stfrancis.org](mailto:michellem@stfrancis.org).

Peace and Joy,

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