

SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN ST. FRANCIS FRIENDS OF THE POOR, INC.  
AND HOLY NAME PROVINCE

St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc. was established in 1980 for the purpose of creating residences that offer permanent housing with supportive services for men and women with long histories of homelessness and chronic mental illness. By offering safe, decent, humane and affordable housing we hope to limit homelessness and frequent hospitalizations. The three St. Francis Residences (Residence I – 1980, Residence II – 1983, Residence III -1987) established a successful model for this fragile population that has been reduplicated throughout the United States and overseas. Through a network of relationships such as the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the New York City Department of Homeless Services, New York University Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital we have been able to offer on-site medical and psychiatric care along with social services and a wide variety of activities of daily living.

The driving force behind the Residences has been the services of Franciscan Friars of Holy name Province. The 255 tenants and 45 staff that make up the community of the Residences have been guided by their Franciscan heritage. It is this heritage that we hope to preserve by establishing a Sponsorship Agreement between the Residences and the Province.

It is proposed that St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc. and Holy Name Province enter into a formal memo of understanding stating their relationship and mutual expectations regarding the future of the Residences.

On the part of Holy Name Province, to the extent possible, it is hoped that

- The Province will maintain their Franciscan presence and heritage at the three St. Francis Residences;
- This presence will be promoted by Board of Director representation by the Provincial Minister or his delegate and at least three other friars of the Province;
- If a friar should express interest in working full or part-time at the Residences the Province will give serious consideration to their request; and
- There will be continued promotion of direct service to the poor throughout the Province.

On the part of St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc., to the extent possible, it is hoped that

- The Residences will continue to promote their Franciscan presence and heritage to both the tenants and staff;
- This heritage shall be promoted by presenting friars for membership on the Board of Directors including the Provincial Minister or his delegate;
- The Residences will continue to welcome internships and other on-site experiences to promote Franciscan presence;
- St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc. will offer financial compensation to Holy Name Province in support of the efforts of the friars serving at the Residences.

Through this proposed memo of understanding it is hoped that Holy Name Province will continue to support the work of the St. Francis Residences and that St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc. will use its financial assistance in promotion of the Franciscan presence and heritage at the Residences.

The sponsorship articulated in this document express the mutual agreement of both the Administration of Holy Name Province and the Board of Directors or St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc. This agreement will be reviewed every five years and any amendments are to be determined by mutual consent of the concerned parties.

On behalf of the Franciscan Friars, Holy Name Province

Minister Provincial

Vicar Provincial

Secretary of the Province

On behalf the Board of Directors of St. Francis Friends of the Poor, Inc.

Chair, Board of Directors

Vice Chair

Secretary/Treasurer

Date: