

We're pleased to report that our pilot program "Charity in the City" was a great success!!!



The "Charity in the City" team: from left, Sisters Nora Cunningham, Joy Pellegrino, Donna Dodge and Anne Denise Brennan with Kim, Sabrina and Lauren. Not pictured, Sr. Dominica Rocchio.

Three young college-age women were selected to work with the poor in New York City from June 6-20 and to share our prayer and community.

Sabrina had just graduated from CMSV. Kim is a junior from Carmel, NY. Lauren is a sophomore from Arkansas.

During the day, they experienced our ministries. At night, they lived in the Solarium at the Mount Saint Vincent Convent.

The program gave the volunteers a chance to sample our various ministries.

- St. Patrick's School, Mott Street • John A. Coleman School, White Plains • Sisters Hill Farm
- Life Experience and Faith Sharing Assn. (LEFSA) • Part of the Solution (POTS) • Midnight Run (CMSV)



At Mary the Queen, the volunteers lent a hand on manicure day.



They witnessed Sr. Kathy Byrnes' ministry at the Mobile Soup Kitchen from St. John's Bread and Life in the poorest sections of Brooklyn & Queens.



It wasn't all work. Sisters played tour guides on trips to Chinatown, Little Italy and City Island. The volunteers circumnavigated Manhattan in a Circle Line yacht. They toured Yonkers and the Mount. They visited Stanfordville. They enjoyed cookouts and dinners with our Sisters.

How did Kim, Lauren and Sabrina rate their two-week "Charity in the City" experience?

- "I felt inspired each day." • (it was) "...an opportunity to clear my mind and find my calling in life."
- "I am grateful that I've been blessed in knowing each of you (Sisters). Thank you, you've helped me more than you know."

We expect the 2009 program to be even better!