



# St. Ann's Home

## A Refuge for Abused and Abandoned Girls

— Georgetown, Guyana —



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

# Executive Summary

## Description

This project will help the Ursuline Sisters provide a loving, caring home for girls who have been abused or abandoned.

## Location

Georgetown, Guyana (the country's capital).

## Cost

**\$22,000** will provide staff salaries, food and daily necessities for St. Ann's Home, allowing 21 vulnerable girls their best chance at healing and reintegration.

## Highlights

### NEED

- One-third of Guyana's population lives below the poverty line.
- Guyana has one of the highest suicide rates in the world, a problem linked to alcohol use and domestic violence.
- Children are particularly vulnerable to the impoverished state of the country.

### IMPACT

- St. Ann's Home provides shelter and love for girls who have been orphaned, abandoned or neglected by their families.
- With your help, Cross Catholic Outreach can provide for the daily needs of the girls and help the Ursuline Sisters accomplish their loving mission of transformation.



*Shevy and her little sister came from an impoverished rural community. They were brought to St. Ann's Home so they could experience a stable environment. With your help, girls like Shevy and her little sister can continue to receive care from the Ursuline Sisters at St. Ann's.*



*With the help of faithful friends like you, 21 girls who were once victims of abuse and neglect will have shelter, food, clothing and more!*

## Searching for a Home

For children to prosper, they need to know they are loved, valued and have inalienable dignity. Tragically, in the beautiful South American nation of Guyana, these needs are often unmet. In a country filled with alluring rainforests, mountainous waterfalls and beautiful inland beaches — all echoing God's boundless love for his children — high emigration rates have left poor families behind, especially among Indigenous groups living on the margins of society.

***The most innocent victims of Guyana's poverty are the children, including abandoned and abused girls who long for food to eat and a safe place to sleep.*** Many have faced the added trauma of sexual abuse, a betrayal of their God-given dignity that can trigger an identity crisis and create doubts about God's love. With so much heartache, it's no wonder these young girls struggle to connect with the beauty they are surrounded by, let alone recognize they are created with even greater beauty and dignity.

Abandoned and mistreated, these girls are often broken and afraid. Without proper intervention, they may go on to perpetuate the cycles of poverty and abuse they have felt trapped in themselves. Praise God that with help from friends like you, the Ursuline Sisters are giving these precious girls a safe place to heal and to call home.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff — they comfort me.**

PSALM 23:4



## Give Generously

With your help, the Ursuline Sisters in Georgetown, Guyana, are prepared to give 21 girls, survivors of neglect or abuse, a safe place to heal and grow at St. Ann's Home. These precious daughters of God can experience a renewed sense of their dignity and identity by partaking in the "abundant life" Jesus promises (John 10:10) — but only if faithful friends like you come to their aid.

We pray you will join Cross Catholic Outreach in this mission of mercy — sheltering, feeding, clothing and providing relief to girls in need. By giving generously, you can help ensure that at-risk girls break cycles of poverty in their lives and come to know the saving love and generosity of our Heavenly Father.



*Give today so these precious girls can live in safety and dream big!*

### Our Mission

We mobilize the global Catholic Church to transform the poor and their communities materially and spiritually for the glory of Jesus Christ.

### Good Stewardship

We consider every gift we receive as a precious resource from God. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards by asking them to document costs and the impact of their outreach.



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### Our Promise to You!

Donations from this campaign will be used to cover any expenditures for this project incurred through June 30, 2023, the close of our ministry's fiscal year. In the event that more funds are raised than needed to fully fund the project, the excess funds, if any, will be used to meet the most urgent needs of the ministry.

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