

news from Sr. Kay...

Thank You! Dear Friends!

This is a newsletter of gratitude! Because of you, the accomplishments since September are God's amazing gifts! There are so many persons to thank!

Sister Kay Burton



Community Garden

I'll begin with those who have had anything to do with our thriving Community Garden! THANK YOU! Just before sitting down to write this, I was in the Garden pulling and hoeing weeds and harvesting radishes, lettuce, little red potatoes and yellow squash. Beets and Georgia Collards are ready, too!



Mr. Lockett is part of our Community Garden effort.



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Music

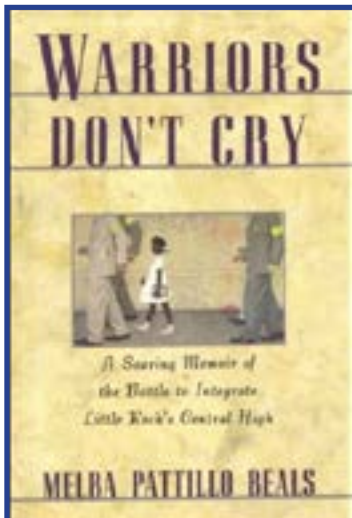
Our piano lessons were abruptly interrupted in February when our teacher, Ms. Delores Fields Mason (*left*) suffered a badly broken leg. She will resume lessons in September. Several of you contribute financially so that our children have the opportunity to take piano lessons.

THANK YOU!

College Scholarships

Several young men and women who have been assisted with scholarships have graduated from college this spring and others are in their second or third year. Testimonies from these young students let me know how much they have profited from both academic and financial help. To those who send money specifically for college scholarships.

THANK YOU!

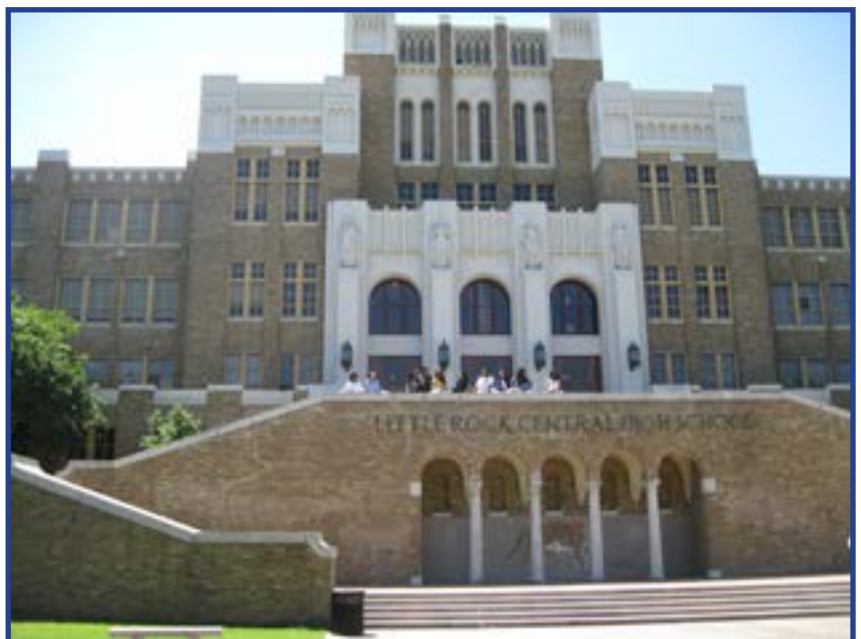


Girls to Women

Three years ago, the members of Girls to Women began to learn to knit. When they were able to handle the needles and yarn by themselves, I read to them from the book, *Warriors Don't Cry* (a biography about the nine African American students at Little Rock Central High who endured unbelievable behavior by those white students and parents who did not want integration). As our knitting class was once a week for an hour, we only finished the book in May. I took nine young ladies to Little Rock to see the school and absorb some of the history.

Some of you who are reading this have made donations to help me work with these young ladies.

THANK YOU!



Girls to Women, continued

The Jonestown nine inspired by the Little Rock nine gather at the bench dedicated to Melba Pattillo Beals, author of *Warriors Don't Cry*.



Youth Involvement

Summer School will be almost over by the time you receive this newsletter, but the planning and organizing began several weeks ago. Jonestown and Seattle high school students will help me teach the children (grades 6 – 8).



In the meantime, several boys and girls come to the Resource Center after school, first for a snack, then to do homework.

We have initiated monthly *Witness for Peace* hours on the porch of the Resource Center. The majority of participants have been the youth.



Nearly two dozen boys and girls participated in a program given by nine University of Mississippi students designed to promote self-esteem. Following the activities in the Resource Center, everyone traveled to the Community Garden to do weeding and to check on previously planted vegetables.



Many donors are graciously helping our students by designating school supplies, healthy snacks, etc and to each one,

THANK YOU!



Renovation of the RAB Building into a Resource Center

Life for me, as an SNJM in Jonestown, continues to be busily fulfilling. As stated in the beginning, it is impossible for me to give credit to everyone except in my daily prayers—**THANKS BE TO GOD FOR EACH OF YOU!**

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It is impossible to show proper appreciation to all those who have made the renovation of the old, unused building on the edge of Jonestown into our wonderful Resource Center! The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were generous in offering this facility to the Sisters of the Holy Names. The amount of work that needed to be done by us to make it usable was staggering, but in response to my request for the money to pay for specific jobs, materials, equipment, etc., good

friends came through! For the new air/heat system, **THANK YOU!** for the new roof, **THANK YOU!** for the porch repair, **THANK YOU!** For new flooring, **THANK YOU!** For sanding and painting and cleaning, **THANK YOU!** These good friends include former students, loyal benefactors, family, college and high school spring break volunteers.



Where are They Now?

Kevin Galmore and Jason Jones were two of the boys who, from 6th through 12th grade, came to after-school tutoring, played softball, went on field trips (introduced me to the Louisiana Purchase State Park), initiated the clearing of trash and fallen trees in what has become our track/field, etc. etc. Now, they are successful in their chosen fields. Kevin is in the navy and Jason has a great job with a John Deere company.

