

# Heartbeats

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The United Way of Kankakee & Iroquois Counties ended its 21-week Equity Challenge with the unveiling of the Community Equity Mural Design Contest winner. Allison Beecher, of Kankakee, and her original artwork, **"We are Stronger Together"** The Equity Challenge offered participants a variety of learning experiences to participants in order to understand the challenge of understanding diversity.

"My design is based on the concept of unity and strength through diversity and community," explained winning mural artist, Allison Beecher. "I chose the phrase 'We are stronger together and translated it into the most common languages spoken in the central Illinois region, putting them into different fonts to

further represent the beauty in our diversity. At the bottom of the mural is a mosaic-style design of people holding hands, with a space in the middle and on either end for community members to join in."

Bourbonnais' first outdoor mural is located at 481 South Main Street (IL Route 45/52) on the site of Mi Casa Mexican Restaurant.

Sisters Mary Stella, Vicky and Carol attended the unveiling of the mural on Tuesday, October 26 to show their support and solidarity. Delicious tacos were supplied by the staff of Mi Casa.

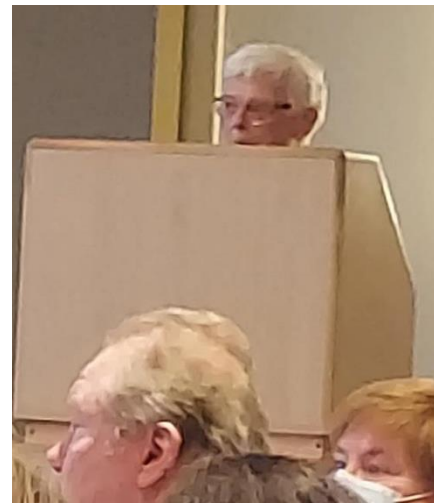


On Sunday, October 24, the SSCMs celebrated the Fourth Anniversary Luncheon of Bethany House of Hospitality. The SSCMs are sustaining members of this amazing ministry. Sister Evelyn Varboncoeur is a board member and Sister Anne Jaeger, using the skills of her chosen profession as nurse, is on the staff of Bethany House. This home, located in the Hyde Park area of Chicago, welcomes immigrant women 18 and older who have aged out of family detention and need to move to



another shelter, be it family or a place like Bethany House.

The afternoon gathering included a luncheon and a program. Our Sister Evelyn, seen peeking over the podium, presented the Recognition of Support and Sustaining portion of the program.



It was heartening to realize the Hope of Bethany Award went to the Muslim Women's Alliance and the Muslim Community Center of Chicago. Particularly touching was the testimony of a young woman who shared the story of how she came to Bethany House from Mexico. A Latina pastor and her husband were instrumental in her story.

The afternoon was a wonderful experience of outreach and ecumenism.

## Our (he)Art Space

The next time you visit the Province Center, please take some time to contemplate our picture gallery. This area evolved as a result of a donation from Vicki and Tom McKay of a painting entitled *Prairie Dance*. The artist, Betty Gilbert Dionne, is a niece, through marriage, of Sister Myra Dionne.

Currently, our collection also includes pieces by Sisters Kathleen Mulchay, Barbara Lux and Mary Stella Schellenberger. We are looking for works by Sisters Lucy Marie Mailloux, Anita Marie Nourie and Magdalene Marcotte to display at a future time. If you have any art piece, done by our Sisters, that you can loan our office, we will catalogue them and put them on display. If you wish the painting back, we will happily comply.

