



# CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

## Hope in the Good Life

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St. Louise de Marillac/Peggy Thuman

### A heart for serving

St. Louise de Marillac was born in Le Meux, France, in 1591. From an early age, she felt called to the consecrated life, but her confessor at the time encouraged her to marry. Louise had a son from this union but sadly her husband died not long after their son was born. She turned yet again toward the consecrated life and this time Louise had the support of her trusted counselor, Francis de Sales.

Louise felt called to do great things and it was in following this call that she pursued serv-

ice under a priest by the name of Monsieur Vincent, who we know today as St. Vincent de Paul. (Isn't it incredible how saints seem to congregate so often with each other?)

At the time, Monsieur Vincent hurried about the streets of France nursing the sick and tending to the poor and needy. Louise worked tirelessly in his shadow. Monsieur Vincent was skepti-



cal of Louise's abilities at first, but Louise's tenacity convinced him of her commitment. In addition to her care of the poor and sick, Louise began organizing local women to assist. In 1633, Louise and Monsieur Vincent co-founded the Daughters of Charity (of St. Vincent de Paul). This congregation of women was the first of its kind, a non cloistered religious institute of women devoted to active charitable works.

St. Louise's decades of nursing the sick and tending to the poor and needy reflect a similarly devoted life of one CSS volunteer by the name of Peggy Thuman. Peggy met her husband Gregg in North Platte, Nebraska. They have four sons, eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Peggy spent forty years in the nursing field helping those in long-term care home facilities, working on the medical and surgical floors of clinics and hospitals, and pro-

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### *A heart for serving (continued)*

vided comfort to those on hospice.

For a number of years, Peggy and her husband donated used clothing and household items to the St Louise Gift and Thrift Store in Lincoln. It wasn't until eight years ago that Peggy started to volunteer for us. Not only does Peggy sort and price the clothing that comes through our doors several days a week at CSS, but she also takes home jewelry to sort and price and creates table art from used salt and pepper shakers. Peggy gives new life to the worn and torn ribbon remnants and broken jewelry that often get tossed into the mix of one's donated totes of old clothing and home goods.

And so when we think of the service and compassion of St. Louise, we need not look far beyond those we work alongside who have made similar sacrifices, nursing the sick and dying. We thank Peggy for her service, her heart, and her faith. May she and all the volunteers at CSS be a shining example of how God continues to work through each and every one of us, bringing hope to the good life. Thank you, Peggy!

-Katie Patrick  
Interim Executive Director

### Memorial Golf Tourney & Auction

## Calling all auction items!

Save the date now- the 25th annual CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction will take place on Friday, August 6th at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln. We're starting to collect items for the silent auction. For the past few years, the silent auction has been held online, allowing folks from all over to participate and support this important fundraiser.



Do you have an antique or collectible item that is collecting dust? Maybe a nice vehicle you no longer need? If you or your business have an item, service or idea for silent auction item, drop us a note in the enclosed envelope or contact John McDermott at (402) 430-5626, or e-mail the information to [hello@csssus.org](mailto:hello@csssus.org). Keep watching [csshope.org](http://csshope.org) for details on how you can take part in the 25th annual CSS Memorial Golf Classic & Auction.

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