



"May our family become a "WE" and thus united by the same charism and spirituality, we work together for the coming of the Kingdom in a more just and fraternal world." LSA General Chapter 2022

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Rosa Almanzar
Dorchester, MA

Dear Rosa,

As you prepare to step into retirement, we pause to celebrate and honor your extraordinary journey, one shaped by courage, love, compassion, and unwavering dedication.

From the moment you first walked through the doors of Project HOPE, you brought with you a story of remarkable resilience. What began as a moment of vulnerability blossomed into a powerful path of transformation, not only for yourself but for the countless lives you have touched ever since.

We remember the heartfelt promise you once made to Sr. Margaret Leonard: *"If a position ever becomes available, I would like to come back and work at this organization."* True to your word, you returned, and for 41 incredible years, you poured your heart into Project HOPE. You were never simply an employee. You became family, a beacon of empathy, a fierce advocate for dignity, and a trusted guide. You reminded us, time and again, that while many of the families we serve face economic hardship, they are rich in spirit, strength, and wisdom, and that they deserve to be at the center of every decision that affects their lives.

Your leadership and advocacy have extended far beyond our walls. Whether supporting families, collaborating with boards and the sisters, or lending your voice and vision to the broader mission of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, your commitment to community never wavered. Your academic achievements and well-earned recognitions, such as the Neighborhood Fellows Award and the United Way Speakers Award, stand as powerful testaments to your lifelong pursuit of justice, compassion, and equity.

Rosa, your legacy is deeply rooted in relationships, hope, and transformation. You've inspired us with your honesty, your faith, and your unwavering belief that people can grow, that healing is possible, and that community is a sacred space for change.

Rosa, you've touched so many lives, just by being you. Thank you for your courage, your dedication, and your incredible heart. You will be deeply missed and always celebrated.

Wishing you a retirement filled with peace, joy, and the same love you so generously shared with others.

With heartfelt appreciation and admiration,
The Little Sisters of the Assumption and the LSA Family in Mission