

MARTIN DE PORRES HOUSE OF HOSPITALITY  
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*"Let the beauty we love be what we do.  
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground." – Rumi*

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Dear Friends,

There have been so many times over the years we have wanted to share and acknowledge our feelings about you. What we experience you as is the sympathetic, understanding, supportive family. A family that has listened to our letters home, and has always written back with one hundred percent unconditional love. Over the years, through our correspondence, we have learned of your lives, your deaths, your fears, your courage and your truths. In the same way we look at our guests as individuals, not the "homeless", we look at our donors as beloved family, never a collection of names on a mailing list.

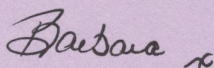
In this world called "Martins" you are the hidden spring that runs under it, that nurtures body, spirit and soul. Your donations allow us to provide tangible things; food, shelter, showers, glasses, etc. More importantly your gifts bring to fruition the belief we are all one family, connected at all times by God's vehicle....Love.

Whenever we have weekly meetings, memorials, holidays, or special meals, I always start with a prayer. "Thank you Great Spirit, for bringing us together in this circle of Love." That is how we feel about all of you. We are moved by every letter and card you write. Touched by each donation. Always amazed by your outpouring of belief in what we call "Martins"

All of us, guests and volunteers, old timers or newcomers come to Martins seeking. Broken in part by a painful world, hungry for nourishment, lost at times and feeling alone. Through your support over the years, we have been fed, we begin to see the ways we might heal. We grow, we stumble, we try to learn the path of love.

Thank you dear friends, for including us in Your circle of Love. As we say about Love's garden at Martins: "There is always a flower blooming somewhere." For us, you our supporters are always in bloom.....

In God's Light,

Barbara   
for the Martin De Porres Community