

# Sisters of Social Service

*Rooted in the social teachings of the Church, we are sent to be pioneers*



Celebrating 90 years of working with and supporting people on the margins of our world through social services and advocacy

## Timeline of the Sawtelle Center and Regis House

Between 1948 when Sawtelle Center was founded and present day Regis House Community Center there have been a variety of changes and different locations over the years:

- 1948** Sisters of Social Service started clubs and programs in St. Sebastian's Parish Hall with the Juniors of Social Service volunteering and helping support their needs.
- 1949** The Juniors of Social Service (Juniors) rented a facility on Sawtelle Boulevard, allowing the program to serve more children and families than they could previously. This space was home to the program until 1956.
- 1956** Regis House Community Center, as Sawtelle Center was now renamed, moved into a 2 bedroom house on Iowa Avenue where it operated until 1969 when it moved into a brand new building. It was located on a large lot with avocado trees they were able to convert into a huge play yard. The Juniors financed the purchase of the house and had the property paid for in 5 years, as well as continuing their long history of active, hands-on volunteering with the children and families participating in programs.
- 1969** With the Juniors of Social Service championing fundraising and other logistics, Regis House moved into the new buildings that were constructed specifically for the needs of a full-service community center. Programs continued here until June 2007.
- 1987** Regis House East was founded in MacArthur Park, a culturally diverse neighborhood needing social service programs. This second Regis House served local residents until 1995 when it closed due to the financial strains of trying to keep two vital centers going at the same time.
- 2007** The Sisters of Social Service bought a commercial warehouse in Historic Filipinotown and had it renovated to best serve the children and families in Regis House Community Center's new neighborhood. Regis House currently offers programs and services here to hundreds of families each month.



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