

Spotlight On...

Fundraising

The Franciscan ministry is one of presence and accompaniment. We experience true joy knowing that so many people of all faiths call San Damiano a sacred place where they have experienced something of the love of God.

How do our Franciscan charisms bear upon how we raise funds? This is a question we have been discerning for a couple of years now.

Here are some guiding principles.

- We are inclusive. We rejoice when a new person finds us. We are welcoming to people of all financial means.
- We desire to be in community with our guests and supporters and nurture our friendships.
- We are sustainable. We seek to grow a long-term base of support, to reduce our carbon footprint, and to conserve precious resources, including our staff and volunteers.
- We grieve *and* celebrate with our friends.

With these principles in mind, this year's fall event is going to be a bit different. Prior to September 18, we request a donation. As a gesture of our appreciation, we invite you to an afternoon of wine, appetizers and musical entertainment on September 18. Dress is casual. There will be no auction.

The suggested starting donation is \$150 per person. We will be holding space for 30 people who would like to attend and choose to donate less. For those who can, please consider adding to your donation to underwrite one of those 30 slots.

In the coming year, we will be seeking your pledge of support for 2023. But there will be no hard sell on September 18. We hope to see you at the party.

Friendsgiving Fall Reception

Featuring Musician and Songwriter Meredith McHenry

Sunday, September 18 | 3 – 6 pm

Music | Appetizers | Wine | Friends

Donate and RSVP at www.sandamiano.org/-events/fall2022reception



— ABOUT MEREDITH —

Meredith has been performing professionally since 2011 when she unexpectedly landed an appearance on ABC's "Karaoke Battle USA". Meredith and friends perform at venues and private events all over the Bay Area and Monterey Peninsula, sharing deeply personal songs that take audiences by the hand, and lead them through a diverse emotional palate with humor, vulnerability, passion, and authenticity.

Enjoy Meredith's recreation of both well-known classics and under the radar gems with her unique stylistic blend of jazz, funk, blues, rock, folk, country & pop.

Hear the performance that launched Meredith's musical career: <https://rb.gy/l8hqkr>

