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# APRIL EDITION CAPSULE NEWSLETTER



## The Flower Boutique Story

The LaCrosse Auxiliary was established with a heartfelt commitment to serving the community by organizing events, spearheading fundraising efforts, and coordinating volunteer activities.

Our mission has always been to make a meaningful impact. Originally founded in 1952 as the Women's Auxiliary of St. Francis Hospital, the organization was officially chartered by the American Hospital Association (AHA) in 1953. A total of 105 women signed the charter, marking the beginning of a legacy of service and dedication.

Forty-five years ago, members saw a need in the community to assist students whose career goal was to be a nurse. Nurses are the key to the health of the LaCrosse community. Nursing stands apart because of the healing relationship nurses cultivate with their patients. Nursing is often described as both an art and a science, a heart and a mind. Nurses are in every community—large and small.

Through The Flower Boutique, we strive to raise funds to support nursing scholarships at Viterbo University and Western Technical College. Nine scholarships were awarded in 2024. In 2023, eleven nursing students received scholarships. Ten nursing students received scholarships in 2022. Four scholarships were awarded in 2021. Over the 44 years \$381,980 in scholarships have been awarded.

2025 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> annual sale. The online sale begins on April 1. The onsite sale and pre-sale pickup will be Wednesday and Thursday, April 30-May 1, in the garage at 11th and Ferry streets in LaCrosse.

[Shop Flower Boutique](#)

*New Website*

## check it out.

Community engagement and the teachings of Franciscan traditions have significantly influenced our identity throughout the years. We are proud to announce our online presence, where we aim to share our mission and the initiatives we support for the benefit of our community.

[LaCrosse Auxiliary](#)

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To join the Auxiliary, annual dues are \$20, supporting publications, state dues, and projects. If you have a valid email, please send it to [cabissencio@gmail.com](mailto:cabissencio@gmail.com) for quicker communication. Dues can be mailed to Patty Fitzpatrick, Treasurer, 1116 Rolling Oaks Dr., Onalaska, WI 54650.