



## **Sister Patricia New York, NY**

**Leaving the Midwest after years in leadership for the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, Sister Pat Hayes began her new ministry on September 11, 2006, in Spanish Harlem, New York. “I was very excited about arriving in New York. I was looking for a change where I could return to nursing and use my Spanish speaking skills,” shared S. Pat. “I have fallen in love with direct service, it is so meaningful to be able to work directly with people who are in poverty. I am part of a team of eight nurses who make home visits for prenatal, post-partum and asthma assessment, teaching and follow-up,” continued Sister Pat.**

**“I see myself as a channel of God’s love and compassion. Every day I witness people who live without heat, food, and in crowded living conditions with upwards of three families in one apartment. The women I serve are strong physically and emotionally; they have to be to survive and to care for their children. I see these women blossom as they learn English and meet other women just like themselves. They grow in their own sense of self worth. They teach me what hope is really all about every day” said Sister Pat.**

**“This experience has invited me to re-examine what living a vow of poverty calls me to. It has given me a new perspective. I am delighted to be part of a team and an agency that looks at the whole family and strives to keep it healthy and intact,” concluded Sister Pat.**