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The pandemic has brought many challenges, but her colleagues and advocates in the trenches on the issue of homelessness say Mercy Sr. Mary Scullion is indefatigable and has the political savvy to turn a setback into a win. Certainly, the results speak for themselves: What began as a city emergency shelter more than 30 years ago has grown into a respected organization in Philadelphia that operates 900 housing units and runs job and educational projects as well as a neighborhood wellness and health center. The full story by GSR New York and international correspondent Chris Herlinger is here.

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