



Sisters of
**Benet Hill
Monastery**

2022

Gratitude Report

*"Thank you, always say thank you; it's the
greatest gift you can give someone;
because thank you is what
you say to God."*

- Maya Angelou



Letter from the Prioress

As I reflected on the past year, the extraordinary images from the James Webb Space Telescope immediately came to mind. I find it so interesting that this telescope was launched into space on December 25, 2021, while we were celebrating Christmas. With these images, we have wondered anew at the mystery of the birth of Jesus, God with Us, even as we pondered what the images from deep space revealed about the mystery of the Universal and Cosmic Christ. These collective musings inspired our end of year theme for the Fall/Winter Review and Christmas Card. Judging from the messages we received, the mystery of an expansive universal Christ resonated deeply with you too.

Of course, last year was not all about astounding images from space. War returned to Europe when Russia invaded the Ukraine. Terrible violence and famine continued in Yemen, Ethiopia, Afghanistan, and many other parts of our world. We held the suffering of all these humans as well as those affected by racism, forced migration, and gun violence. We held the devastation from climate change that resulted in loss of life and ecosystems. And we held our joy when we witnessed the resilience of the human spirit and the generosity, service, and outreach of open-hearted people throughout our world.

Here in our community of Benet Hill Monastery, our primary call and gift is what one writer calls “invisible prayer” or contemplative prayer. We dare to sit in silence and hold in our broken or rejoicing hearts all that is. Our God does not need words from us. We unite our energy of love with our God, believing and trusting that nothing is impossible with God. We listen for guidance that inspires us into action where we are most needed despite our own limitedness.

As our family, friends, and benefactors, you empower us in this ministry of prayer and response. In this report, you will find examples of the many blessings we have encountered alongside the challenges we faced together. We launched our first Bridging to the Future Plan to bring about our vision to remain a contemporary Benedictine monastic presence for the world after our last sister has died. Our Global Benedictine Spiritual Director Training Program continued to touch hearts around the world as did our sisters who provided spiritual direction and counseling services. Our local retreat ministry, Centering Prayer groups, and Sunday liturgies were a source of respite, healing, reconciliation, and restoration in the soul work of many participants. Helpful service abounded from volunteers who cleaned up the forested trails and prayer sites, helped to close our last “mission house” in Denver, and edited the community’s history book that Sister Evangeline has been writing. Condolences and love poured from your hearts as we grieved the deaths of our beloved Sisters Kathleen Cogan and Olive Therese Geiger.

It is important for me to describe how deeply I am touched by each thank you letter that I sign. However, since your generosity affects me more than I can express, I must turn to a familiar childhood character, Piglet, from Winnie the Pooh by A.A.Milne.

A “rather large amount of gratitude” fills my heart because of you. You continually surprise and delight us by sharing your time, talents, and

treasure. You bless us with your goodness, kindness, love, thoughtfulness, care, and helpfulness. In short, you bless us by your presence in our lives.

With tremendous respect,



Sister Marie Therese “MT” Summers, OSB
Prioress



One Family's Story About Prayer

Our family is endlessly grateful for the Benet Hill Sister's invisible and visible prayers, support, compassion, and much-needed humor.

We came to know Benet Hill through redesigning their website, but we credit them for playing a large part in Jenny's epilepsy recovery and giving Chris the strength he needed to heal from invasive surgery.



Jenny's story

By March of 2022, I had lived through more than two years of unknown onset, medication-resistant, focal-aware seizures. Even on medication, I had multiple seizures daily, 3-4 days a week. When my neurologist recommended brain surgery as the next step, we looked to Mayo Clinic for a second opinion. I spent April 2-24, 2022, at Mayo, where they ran many tests but did not change my medication or perform any procedures.

On April 25, 2022, Chris had a website meeting with Ruth Roland and he shared my story. The following day she emailed to ask if they could add our family to the Sisters' daily prayers. Chris replied that we would be honored to be included. I haven't had a seizure since that day.

In mid-June 2022, my "case" was brought to a panel of 30+ Mayo Clinic neurologists. The panel recommended several options for surgical procedures but said I should stay the course since I was seizure-free. My Mayo neurologist said a few other cases, such as mine, had been noted at epilepsy specialty clinics, stating that what had happened to me was a "phenomenon." After that, he added, "some would call it a miracle."

Chris' story

Unbeknownst to me, I'd been living with neuroendocrine cancer for around 13 years before finally being diagnosed in December 2018. While this type of cancer is very slow growing, it had unfortunately metastasized in my liver where several large tumors, while stable, were causing multiple health and hormone issues.

In late 2022, my oncologist determined he needed to remove the two largest tumors from my liver, the original tumor in my small intestine, and remove my gallbladder. This type of surgery is very invasive, requiring a large "L" shaped incision across the entire abdomen and an 8-week recovery.

The Sisters at Benet Hill were caring, curious, and helpful throughout my journey, again adding our family to their prayers and inviting us to attend vespers as a family. Vespers was an incredibly moving experience, with each of the Sisters personally comforting, anointing, and praying over my wife, daughter, and me.

Unfortunately, post-surgery complications led to an extended hospital stay and the worst 48 hours of my life. Through all of this, the Sisters continued to pray for my family and me, and after 12 days, I was finally discharged from the hospital. I recovered at home much faster than anticipated. Knowing we continued to be in the Sisters' prayers gave our family the peace and strength we needed to navigate this challenging time.

By Jenny and Chris Schell

Oblate Ministry

Dr. Ellen Haroutunian, Ph.d, OblSB

The still small voice of the Spirit entices many towards creating a peaceful life of true community and a life of loving service for the sake of the world. This is beautifully expressed through the Benedictine lives of the Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery. The oblates are those who have also answered that call and have committed to live and love as St. Benedict has taught.

The OAAT (Oblate Action and Advisory Team) is the leadership team for Oblates, consisting of lay people and a Benedictine sister mentor. In 2022 we worked hard, buoyed by the faithful care and encouragement of our mentor Sister Clare, to create and implement formation classes for new oblates. With eleven oblate novices, we studied the Rule in all its transformative power, including the art of listening with the ear of our hearts, the tools of love and service, and the pillars of prayer, hospitality, stewardship, obedience, stability, prayer, community, justice and peace, and humility. Our novices will profess as full oblates on the Feast of St. Benedict, July 9, 2023, with more waiting in the wings for a new class to start! And our newest oblates and novices are asking, "What's next? What is God asking me to do with this training and formation? How may I serve?" They are ready to engage in labora, as well as ora.

OAAT has committed to offering three retreats a year for all the oblates. The Sisters are happily invited as well. These retreats will include an Advent retreat, a Lenten retreat, and an "Oblate Day" to be celebrated on the Feast of St. Benedict in July, as the new oblates and novices make their profession of commitment to their respective calls.



† Call to Action:

If you'd like to learn more about Covenant groups, plan to attend a Covenant Group Fair on May 6th, 1 – 3 pm at the monastery.



One of the most important ministry opportunities for oblates are the covenant groups. These groups are made up of people who agree to gather because of a shared passion for ministry and outreach, although these groups may form for many purposes. Our groups are primarily meant to support the ministries of Benet Hill Monastery.

In 2022, one very active group was the Care of the Earth group facilitated by Sister Jan. The monastery is part of the larger Laudato Si' Action Platform initiated by Pope Francis that encourages specific goals and actions on the part of each member group. The group focused on the first goal last year, Response to the Cry of the Earth, with specific attention to fire mitigation in the forest around the monastery. The goal for year two is to Hear the Cry of the Poor. This includes understanding the intersection between climate change and racism. The effects of climate change have had a disproportionately large negative impact upon the poorest people of the world, who are typically people of color. In addition, we are reconnecting with the Ute tribes who lived and loved this land long before us. Several of our group traveled to Bear Basin Ranch in Westcliffe to learn from indigenous wisdom and see culturally modified trees, teepee circles, medicine wheels, and artifacts from winter and summer solstice observations. We are connecting with other climate focused groups in the area so that we may all support and assist one another in this important work, including groups at Sacred Heart and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Parishes.

Two other active covenant groups provided ongoing formation each month for current oblates. A group met at the monastery facilitated by Jerry O'Hare (jerryohare@hotmail.com) and Sue Cox (johnsuecox@gmail.com), and a group met in Denver at the Gardens at St. Elizabeth facilitated by Aram and Ellen Haroutunian (eharout@gmail.com). Please contact one of us if you'd like to participate!

There are many more ideas for covenant groups, including a social justice group and an in-reach group to serve the Sisters and their needs. A big need right now is drivers for appointments! We are so grateful for the passion and enthusiasm of all of our oblates, and their deep love for God, the Sisters, and each other.

2022 St. Benedict Award for Volunteer Service

The Sisters honor one volunteer each year with the St. Benedict's Award for Volunteer Service. It's always a difficult decision for the sisters because of the many volunteers who give so generously of their time, but for 2022, the sisters unanimously chose to honor longtime, humble volunteer: **Janet Houthoofd, ObISB**

Janet said in her typically understated way, "My volunteering at Benet Hill dates back many years and the length of volunteer time has meant a variety of volunteer tasks." True words indeed!

One of her earliest memories of volunteering was on Chelton Road with Sister Katie Keeley. Sister Katie was preparing to lead an art workshop and Janet was enlisted to cut objects out of cardboard for the students. Cutting cardboard soon turned into helping Sister Evangeline build a patio outside one of the living areas at the old monastery. In another understatement, Janet noted that "Sister Evangeline is enthusiastic and pretty good at convincing folks to do things with her!" Janet also passed muster to volunteer as an arithmetic tutor in Sister Liquori Sullivan's Adult Learning Opportunity (ALO) program. This gave Janet many opportunities to have meaningful conversations with the first Prioress and learn about the Benedictine way.

One constant need at the monastery has been cleaning assistance, and Janet has never hesitated to vacuum, clean sinks and the kitchen, or dust when asked. Prior to the COVID pandemic, she would dedicate one Saturday a month to help any sister needing help with a project such as gardening tasks with Sister Mary Jane, loading music into books for Schola, or driving for Sister Ana. Janet likes to help with seasonal decorating for Christmas and Easter, helping to iron altar fabrics, climbing a ladder to hang a banner, or ironing wax out of carpets on her hands and knees.

Most of what Janet has done as a volunteer has been behind the scenes, but almost every Sunday, she will be the person greeting you at the Chapel entrance and handing you a music book and a worship aid. You will see Janet preparing the hymn board for Sunday worship and putting items away after worship. Please take a moment to thank this humble, quiet volunteer who doesn't like the spotlight, but truly lives to serve. Janet explained, "I love the sisters, oblates, staff, and friends of the monastery. And I try to be as supportive as possible in multiple ways. I want to contribute to something greater than myself and be of service." Thank you, Janet.



Final Denver Mission closes but ministry continues



When Sister Marilyn Carpenter, OSB arrived in Colorado Springs from Atchison, KS in 1964, she hardly had a chance to unpack before she was sent to Denver to teach at St. Cajetan's Catholic School. The parish was located in a close-knit working class neighborhood of Mexican, Irish, and German immigrants on Denver's westside.



This was Sister Marilyn's first role of many in Colorado's largest city as she joined other Benedictine sisters living at the parish and teaching at the school. She remembers how the Lawrence Street viaduct separated the school from the church buildings. When exiting semi-trucks would apply their air brakes, "you might as well stop teaching because the students couldn't hear a word we said." The sisters were young, full of energy, and "threw great parties" for graduates from Mt. St. Scholastica College and others. Sister Marilyn recalled how Sister Reginald could take "dead flowers" and "failed food" and create decorations and wonderful concoctions for a party. In 1969, Denver voters approved a bond issuance to fund the construction of the Auraria Campus for three colleges. This "urban renewal" project razed the neighborhood and displaced the parishioners and the sisters. The original St. Cajetan Church still stands and is used as an event / meeting center, thanks to efforts of preservationists. It took the Colorado State Legislature almost 50 years to allocate reparation funding for scholarships so that descendants of those displaced could attend the colleges that were built on top of the neighborhood.

Sister Marilyn moved from education to chaplaincy work, serving in the Denver area at St. Anthony's Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, St. John's Hospice, Mercy Hospital, and Christ the King Parish and University Hospital (now CU Anschutz). At Christ the King Parish, she became the first female and first paid chaplain.

After St. Cajetan was torn down, sisters in Denver lived on Cherry Street and on Troy Street in Aurora. When the house on Krameria Street became available, Sisters Mary John, Marilyn Krier, and Clare Carr

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moved there. Sister Marilyn was in Canon City and working as a chaplain at St. Thomas More Hospital and Parish. She would drive to Denver on Monday to lead the Denver Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program (BSFP) class on Tuesday, then drive back on Wednesday to work in Canon City. She moved to Denver fulltime some around 2009 as Sister Mary John moved back to Colorado Springs. Monsignor Rasby gifted the Krameria house to the sisters in his will.

After a few years, it was just Sisters Clare and Marilyn living in Denver. Sister Clare worked at Maria Droste Counseling Services and Sister Marilyn provided grief counseling, ran the Denver BSFP program and the Oblate Formation program that developed from the BSFP classes. After a long day, Sister Clare would come home to find Sister Marilyn anxious for conversation. Sister Clare would say, "Please! I need some quiet first!" and go to her room to chill out with a CSI crime show rerun while Sister Marilyn would settle in to watch a rerun of The Golden Girls.

When Sister Clare was selected Prioress, Sister Marilyn remained in Denver where she continued her ministry until 2022. With the sale of the Krameria house, the Denver Oblates were without a gathering place for the first time, and they deeply missed Sister Marilyn's beautiful example of Benedictine hospitality. They have now regrouped and meet monthly at the Gardens at St. Elizabeth where Oblate Aram Haroutunian is the chaplain. Sister Marilyn has been able to join their meetings occasionally via Zoom and a resident of the Gardens who is an oblate from Pueblo has been able to join.

We are grateful for the many Benet Hill sisters who ministered in Denver, and we are so pleased that the Denver Oblates are continuing the legacy of Benedictine hospitality and service.





Worship Ministry: Sunday Assembly

By Sister Georgette Lemuth, OSF

I happened to be visiting the Benedictine Sisters of Benet Hill Monastery in Colorado Springs and participated in the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration with the sisters. What made the experience so profound for me was that the sisters were the minority of persons gathered that morning. The worship space was filled with women, men, and families. The sense of belonging was tangible.

Each Benedictine Sister had a specific task in creating the welcoming environment from the moment an individual enters the monastery. The Sisters met and greeted everyone and handed out nametags so that all may be called by name. The worship space was filled with hugs and conversation, laughter, and smiles. The room was alive with the sound of community.

As the liturgy began, a group of musicians engaged everyone in the gathering song, and everybody was singing! There was a sense of inclusion that was heartfelt and welcoming. After Communion, in that short period of time of quiet reflection before the final prayer, I was deeply moved by the realization that I was experiencing an authentic expression of Church as a community of the faithful. Building community does not happen by accident. Authentic community is always intentional. It requires a commitment of the whole, and that is what I witnessed at Benet Hill.

After the liturgy concluded, people stayed and continued conversation. Some visited the Gift Shop, which had a whole section of gently used prayer and spiritual reading books for nominal costs. Their library was also open, and people were checking out books. Others were quietly reading. Some were in the small adoration chapel. Many were just enjoying each other's company. The Sisters remained a gentle and attentive presence amid all the activity.

They have opened their home and their hearts. In that moment of quiet reflection, I sensed such a spirit of solidarity, of peace-filled gratitude. I thought to myself, this is what Church is supposed to be and these Benedictines Sisters have created an environment where a community of faith can flourish.

My experience of community on that Sunday renewed my own appreciation of consecrated life.

While some of the Benedictine Sisters at Benet Hill may no longer be engaged in a specific full-time traditional ministry, these women are clearly engaged in the Mission of Jesus, witnessing, proclaiming, inviting, and engaging others by creating a space and a place where all are welcome.

IN MEMORIAM

St. Benedict Columbarium Garden

By Al and Michelle Castinado



At our first meeting at Benet Hill, we were met by friendly, loving women and, when we walked into the Chapel and saw the multi-colored Peace Flag we knew we were at the right place for our family and son, Brandon. We decided to place our son Brandon and Al's brother Louis together in the garden. We have planned to be interred there when the time comes so the rest of our children won't have to go through the grief of last-minute planning.

The day of the burial 150+ people attended the service in front of the Columbarium. Everything was beautifully prepared for the service. The military salute with taps and the folding of the flag tied into the beautiful snow filled background. All of Brandon's friends and family said this was the right place for him because the trees, nature, and beauty described him. Everyone left a wildflower at the site, and we had a rose heart where Brandon was placed. Many friends and fellow parishioners stated they were not aware Benet Hill was open to the public for burials. We've shared our wonderful experience and outpouring of love we received from the Sisters at Benet Hill, and our Deacons and Priests. We encourage other families to explore this beautiful place of rest.

We continue to drive through or stop and have lunch with Brandon and Louis. We enjoy it because the natural beauty reminds us of our home here in the Black Forest, but also because of the backdrop of the cemetery behind it and the bench and cross in front of it.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and beautiful support during our family's time of grief.



IN MEMORIAM

A Rose named Sharon

By Judy Haefner, Senior Manager

Sharon and Henry, as new citizens of Colorado Springs a few years ago, became familiar faces at Sisters' Thrift and Boutique. The couple often rang the shop doorbell to donate boxes of goods as they settled into their home. When the move-in chores were finished in February 2019, the two joined our crew of volunteers, dedicating one afternoon each week.

As fate would have it, a few years later Sharon learned that she had cancer. In good spirits and with determination, she continued her shift at Sisters' right up until her surgery date. With God's Grace, Sharon recovered completely and so quickly, that one month after surgery, she resumed her volunteering schedule. For 1 ½ more years, Sharon happily and energetically volunteered, even during 6 months of precautionary chemotherapy treatments. She entertained her fellow volunteers and customers with her wry, hilarious sense of humor.

Then sadly, Sharon learned the cancer had returned and there were no treatment options. She continued her weekly volunteer shift for many months until physical weakness set in. Sharon's desire to stay active and serve others was strong, but we asked her to stay home for her own safety. Sharon, always the humorous one, reported to Henry that she had been "fired."

In December 2022, she decided to accept staying home so that she could relax during her last days. Not too long after she stopped volunteering, as Henry expressed in a poem, "God picked a rose named Sharon to plant in His Heavenly Garden." Everyone at Sisters' was saddened at the loss of our friend; however, we felt honored and grateful that she chose us to share this part of her life's journey on earth.



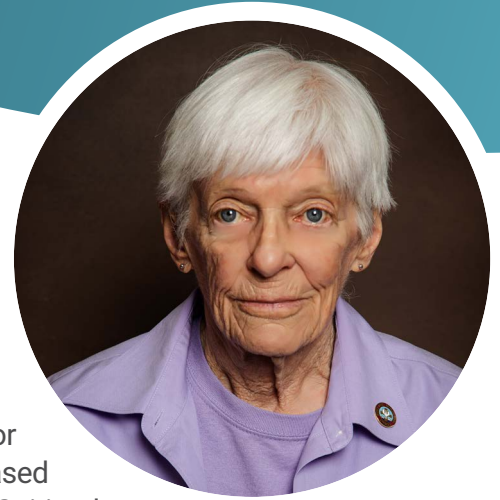
Sanctuary of Peace

The infrastructure is complete!

*The first phase of the home building
(six buildings and twelve units) is
scheduled to begin April 1, 2023.*



Treasurer Report



Thank you for your continued support of our monastic life and mission. Life is God's gift of God's Self to all of us, and we thank you for sharing your life with us. Your material gifts and most of all your loving energy help us to become more aware of The Divine Presence.

We hope that our ministries encourage the experience of God on our planet. We offer opportunities for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina in Colorado Springs and at the monastery. The number of persons coming for Sunday worship, retreats, and those receiving spiritual direction has increased since the relaxing of the vigilance concerning Covid 19. Our Global Online Spiritual Direction Course continues to gather persons from around the world.

In October we sold the house on Krameria Street in Denver and Sister Marilyn Carpenter has moved back to Colorado Springs. We no longer have Sisters living in Denver, but Oblates continue the mission outreach that Sister Marilyn and others began many years ago.

Sisters' Thrift and Boutique continues to be a reliable source of financial income and a place to connect with persons unfamiliar with Benedictine life. Benet Gifts at the monastery supplies Sister Lucy's cookies and breads on the "Table of Temptations" for friends who attend Sunday liturgy as well as many books, hand-crafted items, and gently used and new books. The gift shop sign on Highway 83 attracts new customers regularly.

Sanctuary of Peace continues to progress though slowly. The plan is to begin building homes when weather permits, and to have the first homes occupied by the end of 2023.

We applied for a grant to finance a wellness in aging program with the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs in 2022 which we received in early 2023. We hope to learn to age more gracefully while serving as a community training site for graduate and undergraduate students and adding to research on aging.

Our funds continues as the market does..

We appreciate and thank our dedicated employees as they share in the joys and challenges of their work at the monastery. We are most grateful for their care of Sister Kathleen (at St. Francis Nursing Center) and Sister Olive Therese Geiger during their last months. Sister Kathleen lived 93 years and Sister Olive Therese lived 90 years.

We are grateful for this peaceful place on this unsettled planet. Because of you, our friends, this Peace is shared.

Respectfully with gratitude,

S. Anne Madeleine Brost OSB

Sister Anne Madeleine Brost, OSB
Treasurer

Reviewed Financial Statements vs. Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

(For year end Dec. 31, 2022, with Comparative Amounts for 2021)

Assets

	(Reviewed) 2022	(Audited) 2021
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,419,800	\$1,494,728
Cash - donor restricted	\$3,156	\$3,156
Accounts receivable	\$5,285	\$3,923
Prepaid expenses	\$36,496	\$38,548
Retail inventory	\$37,935	\$45,707
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,502,672	\$1,586,062
INVESTMENTS:		
Designated for specific purposes	\$4,414,604	\$4,391,379
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$4,414,604	\$4,391,379
OTHER ASSETS:		
Construction in progress	\$2,566,286	\$1,343,410
Contributions receivable	\$64,767	\$78,152
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$2,925,712	\$1,421,562
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT, net:	\$4,700,741	\$5,115,178
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$13,543,729	\$12,514,181

Liabilities & Net Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$318,129	\$55,452
Deferred revenue	\$427,274	\$308,482
Refundable advance	\$54,758	\$62,559
Current portion - operating lease liabilities	\$61,313	\$50,056
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$861,474	\$467,549
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:		
Long-term operating lease liabilities	\$234,284	\$5,425
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$1,095,758	\$481,974
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions		
Current operating fund	(\$211,709)	\$104,025
Board designated:		
Plant fund	\$4,700,741	\$5,115,178
Continuing care fund	\$4,134,676	\$3,680,588
Education fund	\$301,840	\$343,819
Future fund	\$2,651,247	\$1,863,907
Mission outreach fund	\$707,454	\$853,882
Contingency fund	\$160,566	\$122,758
Total Net Assets without donor restrictions	\$12,444,815	\$12,084,532
With donor restrictions:	\$3,156	\$3,156
Total net assets	\$12,447,971	\$12,087,688
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$13,543,729	\$12,569,287



Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

(For year end Dec. 31, 2022, with Comparative Amounts for 2021)

Revenue

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	(Reviewed) 2022 Totals	(Audited) 2021 Totals
Contributions	\$1,517,512		\$1,517,512	\$560,744
Gain on disposal of assets	\$378,258		\$378,258	\$463,832
Retail operations	\$366,770		\$366,770	\$322,950
Sisters' income	\$332,990		\$332,990	\$359,133
Ministry	\$228,685		\$228,685	\$140,074
In-kind donations	\$227,956		\$227,956	\$408,136
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments, net	\$69,362		\$69,362	\$52,318
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,585,779		\$2,585,779	\$2,520,139

Expenses

Program services				
Facilities	\$766,548		\$766,548	\$605,323
Retail operations	\$640,032		\$640,032	\$536,787
Sisters' direct living expenses	\$306,149		\$306,149	\$597,338
Mission advancement	\$129,428		\$129,428	\$89,495
Sponsored ministries	\$117,416		\$117,416	\$179,461
Total program services	\$1,959,573		\$1,959,573	\$2,008,404
Supporting services				
Monetary administration	\$265,548		\$265,548	\$249,729
Total supporting services	\$265,548		\$265,548	\$249,729
Total expenses	\$2,225,121		\$2,225,121	\$2,258,133
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$360,658		\$360,658	\$262,006
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$12,084,157	\$3,156	\$12,084,157	\$11,825,307
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$12,444,815	\$3,156	\$12,447,971	\$12,087,313



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For there is still a vision
for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end,
and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry,
wait for it;
It will surely come,
it will not delay.

Habakkuk 2:3