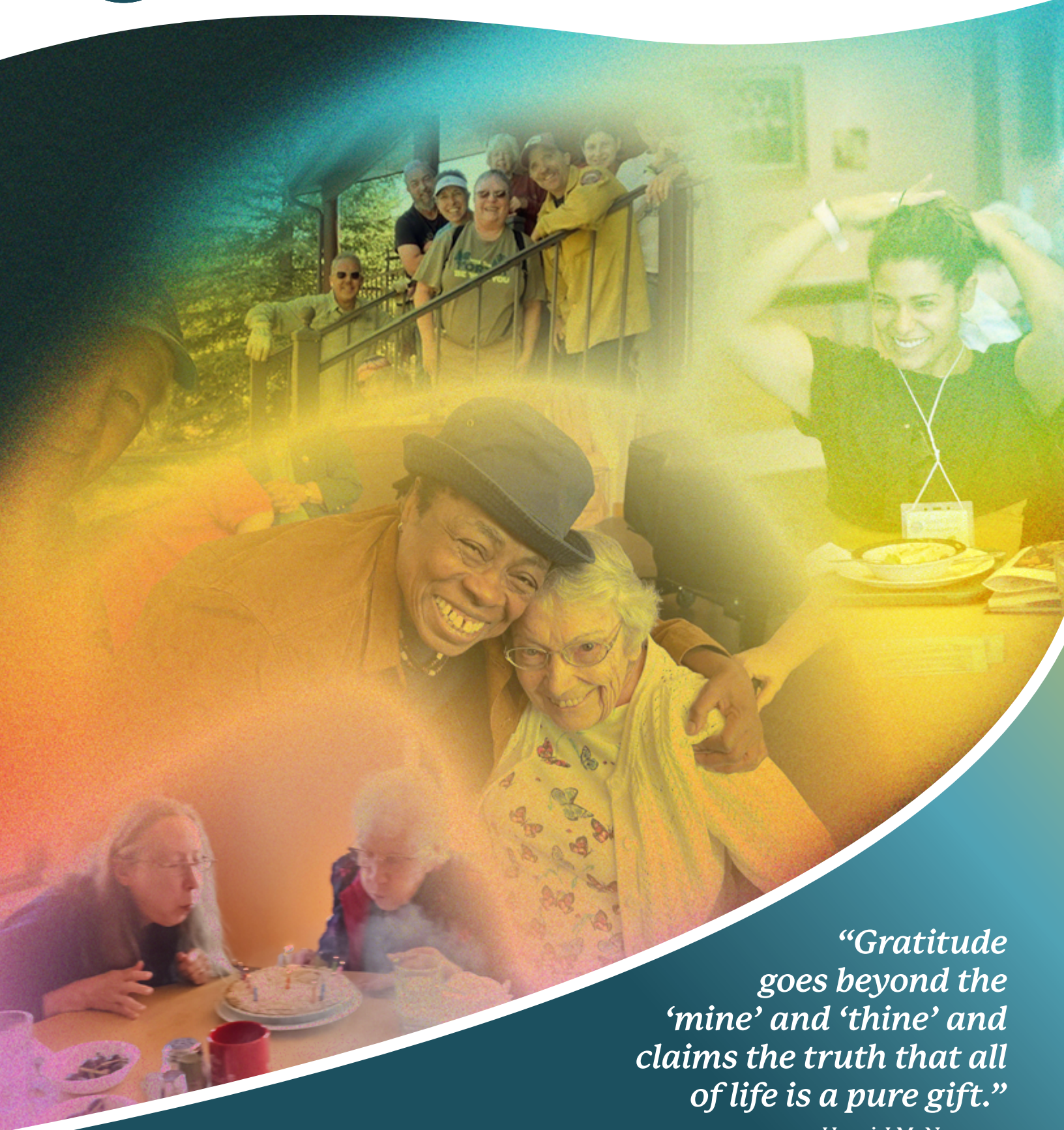




Sisters of
**Benet Hill
Monastery**

2023

Gratitude Report



*“Gratitude
goes beyond the
‘mine’ and ‘thine’ and
claims the truth that all
of life is a pure gift.”*

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

Letter from the Prioress

2023 St. Benedict Award Bonnie Minissale

Dear Friends,

When I think back on this community's path through 2023 and on my own journey as Prioress, it is the profound yet fleeting experiences reflecting the radiance of God that I remember best.

Throughout the year, I experienced God's radiant reflection in the Book of Creation that surrounds the monastery. Kathleen Duffy, SSJ writes, "Like Teilhard, who found being in the natural world especially radiant, we too often feel the inner glow that accompanies special moments." Sometimes it was a sunbeam that sparkled on the needles of the Ponderosa pine trees in the forest. On my evening walks, it was often the sight of a particularly bright evening star in a star-studded sky that drew me into the heart of the cosmic matter where Christ resides and where we are all one. I pray that you also had similar moments with God in nature.

Other experiences of God's presence were more poignant when time was so precious. We attended to our beloved Sister Mary John Thomas in February and Sister Mary Glenn in April as they died and returned to God. Our community continues to mourn the loss of their presence among us even as we rejoice in their reunion with the Source of All Light. We also remember the loss of loved ones in our extended community of friends and family, and we mourn with you.

There were so many times last year when our extended Benet Hill Community shone brightly with God's love. There was your response to Catholic Sisters Week when we asked you to Stuff the Truck in our honor with food supplies for Westside Cares and you helped us stuff multiple trucks with food! Another unforgettable experience of divine light was the incomparable singer and songwriter Melanie de More who brought sisters and oblates to their feet to clap and sing during an afternoon concert. Watching Melanie sing to our dear Sister Mary Phyllis Echterling (now with God) brought tears to my eyes. There are so many experiences of God in our daily celebrations of life when we take time to notice them.

A weekly encounter of feeling God's radiance within me occurs when I sign thank you letters to donors and add a short personal message. Each week, we receive all kinds of generous gifts: financial, in-kind services or goods, and volunteer time. It is as if I am bathed in a light as I encounter the kind generosity of so many of you who are faithful, caring benefactors. Your benevolence radiates in a quiet place in my heart that glows outward among my sisters. It surrounds us like the songs that fill our large high-ceilinged chapel during Sunday worship. Thank you for being our extended community of love, kind-heartedness, and the presence of the Christ. In this Gratitude Report, we are sharing just a few of these stories to express our gratitude.

Our life is truly blessed by you, through you and with you. It is my hope that we radiate a glow outward that surrounds each of you with our deep appreciation, love, hospitality, and prayer.

Abundant blessings,



Sister Marie Therese "MT" Summers, OSB
Prioress



Vibrant Volunteers

Bonnie first connected with the Sisters of Benet Hill when they relocated from Chelton Road to Benet Lane in northeast Colorado Springs. She says, "I can't remember when I started volunteering, but I remember going to meet up with some friends who were already volunteers. I was touched by how many wonderful people were there, and how much fun we had with the sisters. I soon found myself working in the forest, helping with the gardening, decorating the chapel, working the front desk, and helping create some of the items that are sold in the gift shop."

When Sister Lucy discovered that Bonnie does fine needlework as one of her hobbies, their connection grew. Sister Lucy explains, "For years I've done needlework projects to sell in the Gift Shop and Christmas Shoppe, but my eyesight has steadily grown worse to the point where I'm unable to do counted cross-stitch and other projects. Bonnie does beautiful work, and she is always looking for projects that will sell well to benefit the monastery. She often donates the materials but sometimes, I just have to insist that she let me buy!"

Bonnie's work isn't limited to counted cross-stitch either. Have you ever purchased one of the colorful dish scrubbies or dishcloths in the Gift Shop? That's Bonnie. A handmade Christmas ornament or card? That's her again. Some of her lovely finished projects are pictured here, and Sister Lucy reports that Bonnie is now working on bread cloths and napkins!

"Bonnie is always doing something for us. She's a volunteer driver ... She's just so high energy and dependable – she runs circles around us!"

Thank you Bonnie for the countless hours that you spend stitching and creating, and for your smiling, energetic presence at the front desk on the second Saturdays of each month. Thank you, Joe, for putting up with the sometimes-messy stitching projects that Bonnie creates at home! You are both a blessing to many in the Colorado Springs community, and we love you.

You can see the list of all our wonderful volunteers who shine like the sun on Page 19. We apologize for any omissions!



Sisters' Thrift & Boutique

Sisters' Thrift & Boutique

Judy Haefner & Shari Middlemist, Senior Managers

Sparkling Staff



WOW! Thanks to our twenty-one faithful and fabulous volunteers, eight dedicated store managers, generous donors, and shop-till-they-drop customers, Sisters' Thrift & Boutique had another profitable year. But what do we mean by profitable?

By the Numbers

Of course, one definition is "by the numbers." We recorded \$77,000 in donated goods for resale, \$45,000 in donated volunteer services, and \$285,000 in sales. Those are some GREAT numbers - thank you all!

Community

Another definition of profitable we like to use is "community." Our customers, volunteers, and managers don't just come to the store to shop, donate time, or work. We're at Sisters' Thrift & Boutique because we continue to create a community of friends that love and support each other. In the case of Remi Baker, one of our dearest and longest friends who volunteered at the store, we were friends through sickness and until death. Remi was a constant volunteer from our start-up days until shortly before her 90th birthday.

Remi passed on September 24, 2023, but we know that she's still watching over us even as she's chatting up all the angels in heaven.



Longevity

"Longevity" is another definition of profitable we use. Our eight managers all started out as customers and/or volunteers before becoming part-time employees, and they have been around forever. Thank you, ladies, for all you do!

By all three measures, 2023 was a profitable year for Sisters' Thrift & Boutique. A special thank you to our awesome team of managers pictured below and our guardian angel Remi, pictured above.

Every dollar of profit from the store goes toward the retirement needs of the retired sisters who often worked without pay or benefits while serving in parishes and schools throughout Colorado.

We are grateful for our employees who radiate goodness and light in their daily work. They not only care for all of us but are also a key element in advancing our vision to be a contemporary Benedictine monastic presence for the world.

We honor and celebrate our employees on their birthdays and at a scrumptious dinner each December, but we wanted to thank them in this report too. The sisters created a Word Cloud to describe our dedicated staff teams at Sisters' Thrift & Boutique and the monastery. The most common words the sisters used were kind and faithful - we are so blessed by these folks! Abundant blessings on our staff and their families.

The sisters have also welcomed staff from Gentle Shepherd Home Care to the monastery's healthcare team. We are grateful to Kathy Miller and her team of caring professionals.



Picture unavailable for Barb Neilon, librarian



Dazzling Donors

Professional Services Donor In Kind David Ferris of Sensible Systems, LLC

For a long time, consistent information technology (IT) support for a small non-profit like Benet Hill was hard to find. Sister MT remembers, "It wasn't good. Other companies were costly and often they were unable to successfully solve our issues because their trouble-shooting skills were lacking."

In 2013, that changed when David Ferris of Sensible Systems signed an IT Services contract with the monastery. Sister MT noticed the difference right away. "During a phone call, David could walk me through how to trouble-shoot the issue in non-techie language so that he could identify the problem. He was also very responsive, even late on a Saturday or on Sunday."

Regina Allor, IT Coordinator for Benet Hill, has worked for 10 years with David and his employees. She says, "They have always been an amazing group of people

who are very professional, knowledgeable, and patient. David keeps the IT infrastructure at the monastery very secure, up-to-date, and running smoothly." Regina continues, "I'm grateful that David keeps me well-informed when technology changes are in our future because change is not very popular with the sisters!"

In addition to great service, Sensible Systems also offers a significant In Kind donation of their IT services each month. David writes, "We have always tried to have higher discounting for those organizations like Benet Hill that are contributing valuable services to the community. It's our way of indirectly contributing to the community while providing professional services for our clients. I've appreciated having the opportunity to help Benet Hill Monastery have more affordable IT support so they can take those savings and do more valuable work."

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Regina points out another unusual benefit of working with David, one that few IT experts provide: "During my years at the monastery, I've researched and implemented numerous technology projects. When needed, David has always been a tremendous resource for me. Even when a project did not fall under the terms of our contract with Sensible Systems, David was always more than willing to look over my research and questions and provide me with feedback. His knowledge and experience always brought the insight I needed to make a more informed decision. I am very grateful to David and his IT support company Sensible Systems for all that he has done for the monastery and all that he has taught me along the way."

You can see the list of all our wonderful In-Kind donors on Page 19. We apologize for any omissions!



Technology

A special portion of gratitude radiates out from our hearts to the thirty-four wonderful benefactors who responded to our Summer, 2023 request for gifts to meet emergency technology needs.

With nearly \$14,000 in your gifts and the savvy tech shopping skills of Regina Allor, IT Coordinator, and David Ferris of Sensible Systems, we were able to bring the following technology up-to-date:

A fileserver for the monastery's network.

A laptop for the Benedictine Spiritual Director Training & Certification Program (an online 2-year program that has students worldwide).

A laptop for presentations and hybrid meetings in the large classroom.

A desktop computer for Director of Technology, Sister Mary Colleen Schwarz, OSB.

We asked one generous donor, Mona Wirth, why she answered this emergency request. Mona said, "I'm an engineer. I know that you can't do anything if your fileserver isn't working!" Thank you, Mona, and to all who responded.

We hope that you'll take a moment to scan the QR code below to watch the short YouTube video of Sister Mary Colleen literally jumping for joy in the technology room after Sensible Systems installed the new fileserver!



Watch Sister Mary Colleen literally jumping for joy!



St. Scholastica Giving Circle Donors

Sharon Friedman

Sharon grew up in Los Angeles attending Catholic schools. She credits the religious women in her all-girls school for influencing her decision to pursue a career in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Sharon has a PhD in forest genetics and worked for the U.S. Forest Service for 32 years, researching “the sex lives of trees” first, before transitioning into strategic planning, land management, and addressing litigation appeals to proposed forest service projects.

The appeals work led her to meet and learn to effectively communicate with a broad swath of folks interested in environmental issues: individuals who sue the Forest Service, Environmental NonGovernmental Organizations (NGOs), Timber Industry employees, and Forest Service employees. She saw a need for an online platform for a joint learning community for these groups. She started a community blog for this purpose when she retired in 2009, and it's still growing strong with 1,040 subscribers.

Sharon has multi-faceted interests which eventually brought her to Benet Hill while she was still living in Golden, CO. She was attending an Ecumenical Catholic Community (ECC) in Downtown Denver where the lay people planned and did liturgy, found musicians, kept the books, rented the space, and ran all the programs. She was also exploring the intersection between the spiritual life, her Catholic faith, and inexplicable psychic experiences. She enrolled at Iliff Seminary intending to pursue a Master's degree in theology, eventually choosing to receive a graduate certificate in theology.

Her spiritual director at the time suggested that Sharon should check out Benet Hill. Soon after, she enrolled in the Benedictine Spiritual Formation Program (BSFP) in Denver with Sister Marilyn Carpenter, OSB. While enrolled in the program, her husband became ill and died. Sharon writes, “I received so much support from Sister Marilyn and my BSFP class during this difficult period.” She first visited Benet Hill while on retreat with the BSFP program. After retiring and moving to Peyton, Benet Hill became her spiritual home. She sings in the Schola choir, serves as a cantor, and is an Oblate Novice.

When asked why she's been a monthly donor for 12+ years, Sharon looked taken aback and then responded, “Because they need it! From my experience with ECC, I know how much it costs to provide meaningful liturgy every week, so I donate financially as well as my time.”

My gifts also are remedying the systemic injustices of the past in the Catholic church when the sisters weren't paid for their labor.”



Joanne Ernster and Family

The sisters have welcomed an old friend from Chelton Road to Sunday worship, Joanne Ernster. Though Joanne consistently attends, her Sunday driver and companions are variable but related. Therein lies a tale!

Joanne grew up on a farm in eastern South Dakota, one of seven children. Her dad was a dry wheat farmer and raised cattle. A hired hand gave her the nickname “Toady Jody” because she hopped around like the toads that appeared after moisture fell. The name Jody stuck.

Her mother Mary was the source for her faith life. Mary was very involved in the local parish, made sure that the children attended Catholic schools and regularly attended mass. Her father Albert was less religious but no less loving. When Mary wanted the oldest children to attend Catholic high school far away, Albert said “Damn it, Mary! If those priests and sisters want more kids in their school, they can have some of their own but they're not getting mine!”

Jody met her husband Aloysius (Al) Ernster when she was in nursing school and he was in pharmacy school. They married in 1953. The now family of four moved to Lincoln, NE so that Al could attend dental school. Jody recalled some lean years as the family grew to six. She pulled nursing shifts when she could to help make ends meet.

In 1967, the family (now three boys / two girls) moved to Chelton Rd, just seven doors down from Benet Hill Monastery and the Benet Hill Academy for Girls. The six children stuck together, and attended school at Divine Redeemer and St. Mary's. Dr. Al, who was quite musical, somehow still performed in the annual Daddy/Daughter shows at the Academy. The family assumes that he must have been a sub for a dad who wasn't quite as comfortable on stage.

Jody enjoyed walking the short distance to the monastery's chapel to attend mass. Daughter Molly took piano and guitar lessons with one of the sisters and attended summer day camps in the forest where the monastery is located today. Molly remembers that the sisters taught them to make yummy campfire-warmed banana boats with melted chocolate chips and marshmallows inside. Dr. Al was generous with his professional dental services, caring for religious women from many orders, including the sisters at Benet Hill.

The years passed and the five children became adults with their own families and successful careers. The close knit Ernster clan grew to twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. The family lost Al on October 19, 2022, and soon after, Jody left the Chelton house to move into an assisted living facility in northern Colorado Springs. Jody reluctantly gave up driving at the age of 92, partly because she missed being able to drive to church. Son Greg remembered the sisters and created a family Christmas gift for Jody so that she could attend Sunday mass at Benet Hill once again.

Greg manages a rotating schedule of Colorado-based children and grandchildren who pick up Jody on Sunday mornings, usually with spouses and great-grandkids in tow, to attend mass at Benet Hill. Often, family members from Chicago or Houston take a turn while visiting. Son Joel writes, “We all enjoy the atmosphere at Benet Hill Monastery, the Mass, and speaking with the Benet Hill sisters and the priests. People especially seem to enjoy the great-grandchildren. Afterward, we get to go to lunch with mom.”

It's not surprising that Jody claims her close, loving family as her biggest accomplishment in life. When asked what she hoped for her family and what wisdom she'd like to pass along, Jody said, “I hope for peace, and I want my family to keep the faith and to put God always at the head of their lives. When they're not sure which direction their lives should take, ask for God's help, then wait for the answer. The answer will come.”

The sisters are grateful to Jody and her family for their faithful presence and generous financial gifts.



Donors Now and in the Future

Alan and Eileen Johnson



Alan Johnson first met Sisters Lucy Hartmann and Anne Stedman in 1999. Alan was an educator with the CIVA Charter School which had moved out of Mitchell High School and into the Benet Hill Academy building on Chelton Rd. Alan remembers stopping in the monastery office and being warmly welcomed by Sister Lucy. He started to make regular visits to the office, becoming one of Sister Lucy's best customers of homemade baked goods. Alan and his wife Eileen, a trauma nurse and nurse practitioner, were avid runners and cyclists so the extra treats weren't too big of a problem.

Alan and Eileen were parishioners at Holy Apostles Parish but began to attend masses for special feast days with the sisters at Benet Hill. Alan left CIVA to work for School District 49 in Falcon and worked there for ten years. Eileen continued working at Penrose Main Hospital and nursed Benet Hill sisters who needed care at Mt. St. Francis Nursing Center.

In 2017, they decided to begin relocating to their home in Leadville, CO to make it their permanent residence. Alan applied for a teaching position there and began working with Grades 3 – 6. They finished their slow-motion relocation in 2019. Though "retired," Alan is a substitute teacher in the Leadville schools and Eileen is a nurse in the area hospital. They're active members at Holy Family Parish and enjoy active vacations like cycling in Italy and running a half marathon in Ireland. They adopted Emily, a sweet puppy, a few months ago and the three are adjusting to life as a threesome.

In 2023, Alan and Eileen stayed at one of the retreat homes during Holy Week. They wanted to deepen their experience of this sacred week through experiencing the Triduum with the sisters. As it turned out, this was an especially poignant time for everyone as it was Sister Mary's last Holy Week.

When asked why they have always been so generous to Benet Hill Monastery, Alan simply said, "The sisters are our family. They are giving, loving, compassionate, kind and have the interest of mankind in their hearts." Alan continued,

"The mission of Benet Hill must continue in the future, but it won't unless individuals come alongside them to help."

We've been fortunate, and we have been able to help through monthly gifts through the St. Scholastica Giving Circle. Now that we're older, we can also make an annual Qualified Charitable Contribution (QCD) from my retirement account. And ultimately, we will make one final gift to the sisters through our trust and wills."

In Memoriam Donors

Patti and Steve DuPont



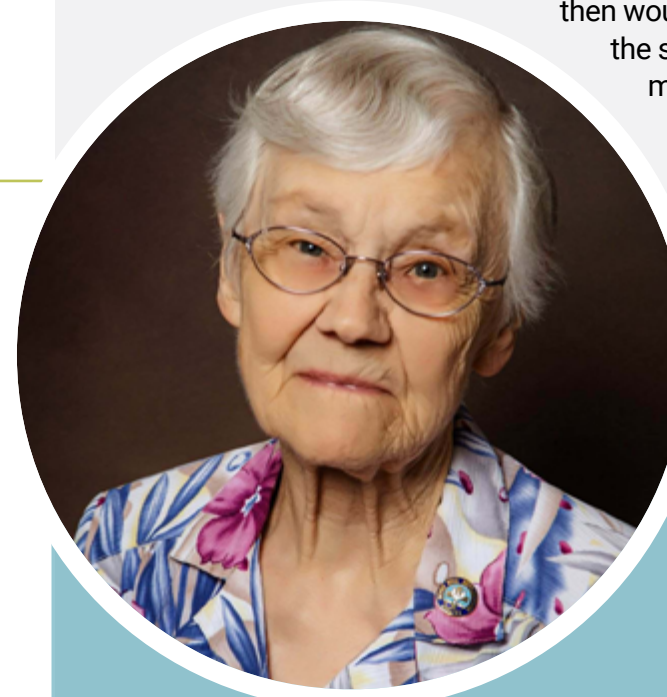
Patti first met Sister Mary John Thomas, OSB when sister was a patient at Vision Optical. Patti, a geriatric nurse, immediately clicked with Sister Mary John remembering, "We talked from the minute she walked into her first appointment with me. We immediately bonded." For her part, Sister Mary John quickly became the ultimate referral source for Patti and the clinic.

Patti and her husband Steve, a retired Master Sergeant, began attending mass at Benet Hill with Steve's goldendoodle service dog, Molly. Steve was a cradle Catholic and Patti converted thirty years ago. Patti writes, "Everyone was so sweet and accommodating to us at Benet Hill. We always sat near the back of the Chapel because of Molly and then would visit with the sisters. We miss Cinnamon Roll Sundays!"

Perhaps it was because Sister Mary John was the same age as Patti's mother and resembled her so much that the two women became such dear friends. Or perhaps it was Patti's experience working in a Catholic nursing facility in Albuquerque. Over the years, Sister Mary John supported Patti through the death of her mother and Steve's heart attack. Patti says, "Sister Mary John was there for me during some hard times, always praying for me, and holding what I shared in complete confidence."

After Patti, Steve, and Molly relocated to Skiatook, OK to be close to their daughter and granddaughter, the two friends kept in touch. When Sister Mary John passed on February 26, 2023, one of the first phone calls we made was to Patti and Steve because they're truly family.

Patti and Steve continue to make monthly gifts in memory of their dear friend because they have experienced firsthand the love that radiates from the sisters and they believe in its mission to be a contemporary Benedictine monastic presence. Patti ended by saying, "Benet Hill will always have a special place in our hearts."



Sister Mary John Thomas, OSB

In Honor Of Donors

Judith (O'Grady) and Guy Richard Jones

Sister Therese O'Grady was the youngest of the Denver O'Grady clan; in birth order, the siblings were Kay, Carolyn, Donald, Bill, Jack, and Therese. After Jack's death in Denver in 2023, Sister Therese is the last surviving sibling. She thoroughly enjoys entertaining her many in-laws, nieces, and nephews at the monastery.

Judy Jones is the daughter of Carolyn (O'Grady) Bryant. The Bryants also had six children. After WWII, Judy's dad graduated with an engineering degree and worked at building the interstate highway system. Because of his job, the family moved every three years or so, living in Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska. Wherever they moved, they would buy a house a few blocks away from the town's Catholic church and school. The parents attended daily mass and the children all attended Catholic schools. Judy recalls a very traditional and blessed Catholic upbringing.

Judy recalls that when she was a little girl, the family lived in Kansas and would visit Sister Therese at the convent in Atchison. She remembers the beauty of Mt. St. Scholastica and the grounds. She writes, "I remember we would wait for Sister Therese to be called and then see her smiling while coming toward us in full habit. All the sisters wore floor length habits, and the highly polished floor made it look like they were just gliding across the floor!"

"Sister Therese also has a great sense of humor so it's always fun to see her."

When Judy thinks of her aunt today, she recalls the love, joy, and peace that Sister Therese carries and radiates. She writes, "My mother Carolyn loved her younger sister Therese so much. When Therese was still in high school, my mom and dad married, and Therese was a bridesmaid."



Sister Therese O'Grady, OSB, is still smiling

Judy shares that like her parents, she and her husband attend daily mass at their parish, St. John Vianney in Houston, TX. She writes, "We love our community there. I thank God that I was blessed by being born into my Catholic family. My dad, husband, son-in-law and grandson are all converts."

Judy and husband Guy Richard are longtime supporters of Benet Hill and, when they established the Jones Family Gift Fund, a Donor-Advised Fund with Fidelity Charitable, they began to make monthly grant recommendations in honor of Sister Therese. When asked why they decided to take this philanthropic step, Judy simply answered, "The answer to this question, as it always is for everything in our lives, is that the Holy Spirit guides us."

Lasting Legacy Donors

Tamra K. Waltemath



While many people choose to leave their assets to family members, there are substantial benefits to consider in giving your assets to charity at your death. By supporting causes and organizations that are important to you, you can make a positive impact on your community and leave behind a meaningful contribution that can benefit others for years to come. By leaving your assets to charities, you will touch the lives of people you do not know and create long-lasting connections.

I am an estate planning attorney and many of my clients who do not have children or have children who do not need their parents' money, leave part or all of their assets to charities. Some clients can realize substantial tax benefits by leaving assets to charities.

You can make a difference in the lives of our sisters by giving to an organization like Benet Hill Monastery, both while living and at death. Last year I was privileged to help administer an estate where the client left their estate to retired priests and nuns. My research indicated that while the Archdiocese has established a multi-million-dollar facility for retired priests, they do not have anything for our retired sisters. Our retiring sisters are on their own! Benet Hill Monastery is the only place I found that actually has a place for their retiring sisters. Most sisters go to their "mother house", which may not be in Colorado, where they have spent most of their lives making friends and establishing lifelong relationships.

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It is so rewarding to be in control of who receives your assets at your death, and it is so easy to develop a plan so your wishes are carried out at your death. Personally, when I developed my own estate plan I felt a sense of fulfillment and purpose, knowing that my hard-earned resources would be used to support people that needed my help and were aligned with my values and beliefs. From leaving a lasting legacy to potential tax advantages, donating to charities can be a meaningful and impactful way to make a difference in the world, even after you are gone.

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Treasurer Report

Dear Friends,

Thank you for loving us! That is what all your gifts say to us at Benet Hill Monastery. You care for us. You are very generous. These days our lives are concentrated on loving and praying for the world. We work to be a loving community so that we may radiate God's Love and help others to evolve into their best image of the Divine.

We are always pleased to welcome you here for Sunday Liturgy, especially for Cinnamon Sunday, the last Sunday in each month. You are welcome, too, for retreat, spiritual direction or counseling, centering prayer, or just an informal visit.

Your gifts help us to keep on aging with grace. Because of the SOAR (Support Our Aging Religious) grant we received, we share our work of aging well with University of Colorado nursing students and faculty who come weekly to instruct us in using the exercise equipment we have received, to enjoy a meal with us, and to make new friends.

We are blessed with a stable financial situation as our investments are doing well. Some sisters continue to earn income through spiritual direction and counseling work. The Global Online Spiritual Director Formation Program continues to expand in revenue and to connect us to people around the globe who are seeking ways to bring more love into the world. Our retreat ministry is back up and running at full capacity. Sisters' Thrift & Boutique and Benet Gifts continue to attract shoppers and new friends.

Our best news is that half of the homes in Sanctuary of Peace Co-Housing community will be occupied by mid-April. We look forward to having a new community of friends just across the lane on Peace Point.

Thank you to our volunteers, oblates, and friends who come when we need them to do what we no longer are able to do: shovel snow, drive us to appointments, even to prepare a meal and mop the kitchen floor. We live in gratitude to our staff; the nursing staff who care for us and all the other staff members who not only keep our buildings operating well but who also assist with and organize new ways to share our Benedictine Spirit.

Again, we thank you for your kindness, your love and your prayers. We remember you daily at our Liturgy of the Hours.

Respectfully, with gratitude,

S. Anne Madeleine Brost, OSB

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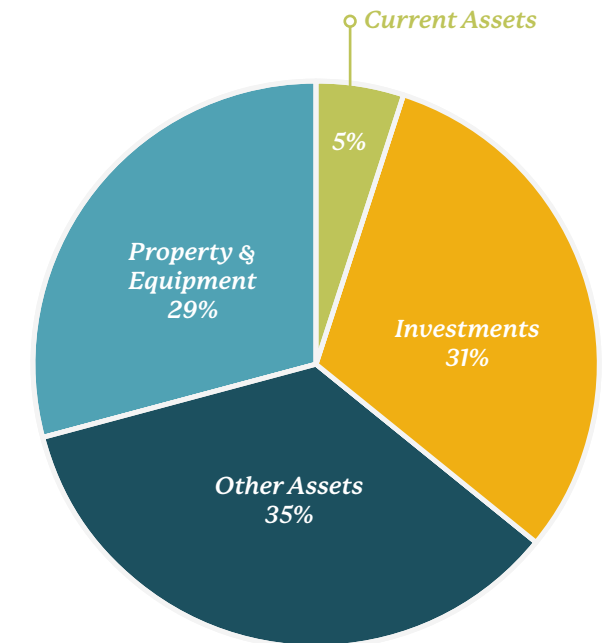
Reviewed Financial Statements vs. Audited Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Position

(For year end Dec. 31, 2023, with Comparative Amounts for 2022)

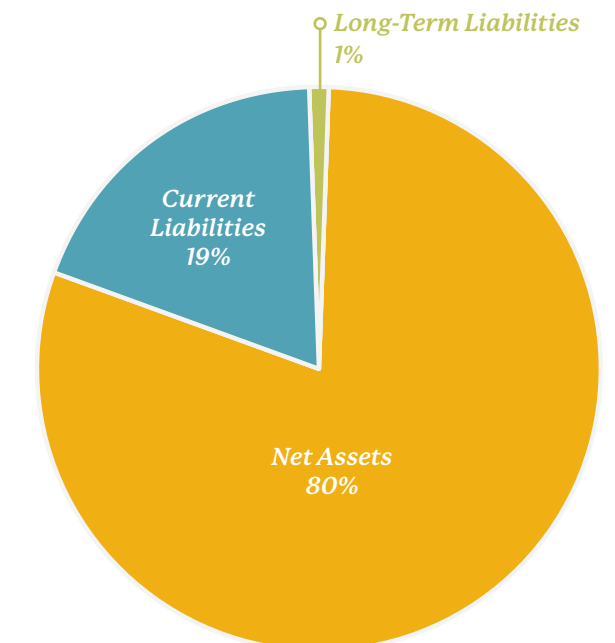
Assets

Current Assets	2023	2022
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$749,977	\$1,419,800
Cash - donor restricted	\$2,507	\$3,156
Accounts Receivable	\$6,396	\$5,285
Prepaid Expenses	\$42,314	\$36,496
Retail Inventory	\$44,263	\$37,935
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$845,457	\$1,502,672
Investments		
Designated for Specific Purposes	\$4,840,925	\$4,414,604
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$4,840,925	\$4,414,604
Other Assets		
Construction in Progress	\$5,273,239	\$2,566,286
Operating Lease Right-of-Use Assets	\$254,247	\$294,659
Contributions Receivable	\$46,762	\$64,767
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$5,574,248	\$2,925,712
Property & Equipment, net	\$4,448,677	\$4,700,741
TOTAL ASSETS	\$15,709,307	\$13,543,729



Liabilities & Net Assets

Current Liabilities	2023	2022
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	\$76,385	\$318,129
Deferred Revenue	\$446,297	\$427,274
Refundable Advance	\$46,185	\$54,758
Construction Line of Credit	\$2,376,924	
Current Portion (operating lease liabilities)	\$63,983	\$61,313
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$3,009,774	\$861,474
Long-Term Liabilities		
Long-Term Operating Lease Liabilities	\$193,609	\$234,284
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,203,383	\$1,095,758
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions: Current Operating Fund	(\$ 2,449,782)	(\$211,709)
Board Designated Plant Fund	\$4,448,677	\$4,700,741
Board Designated Continuing Care Fund	\$4,030,502	\$4,134,676
Board Designated Education Fund	\$321,851	\$301,840
Board Designated Future Fund	\$5,212,735	\$2,651,247
Board Designated Mission Outreach Fund	\$772,584	\$707,454
Board Designated Contingency Fund	\$166,850	\$160,566
TOTAL NET ASSETS Without Donor Restrictions	\$12,503,417	\$12,444,815
With Donor Restrictions	\$2,507	\$3,156
Total Net Assets	\$12,505,924	\$12,447,971
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$15,709,307	\$13,543,729



Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

(For year end Dec. 31, 2023, with Comparative Amounts for 2022)

Thank you to our Generous Donors

REVENUE	Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	2023 Totals	2022 Totals
Contributions	\$535,853		\$535,853	\$1,517,512
Sisters' Income	\$375,071		\$375,071	\$366,770
Net Realized and Unrealized Gains (losses) on Investments, net	\$340,848		\$340,848	(\$530,566)
Retail Operations	\$325,097		\$325,097	\$304,566
Ministry	\$237,384		\$237,384	\$228,685
In-kind Donations	\$218,258		\$218,258	\$227,956
Interest & Dividend Income, net	\$108,637		\$108,637	\$69,362
Miscellaneous Income	\$32,552		\$32,552	\$23,236
Gain on Disposal of Assets	\$2,243		\$2,243	\$378,258
Satisfied Program Restrictions	\$649	(\$649)		
TOTAL REVENUE	\$2,176,592	(\$649)	\$2,175,943	\$2,585,779
EXPENSES				
PROGRAM SERVICES:				
Sisters' Direct Living Expenses	\$642,436		\$642,436	\$642,432
Facilities	\$638,070		\$638,070	\$766,569
Retail Operations	\$288,338		\$288,338	\$306,149
Sponsored Ministries	\$108,200		\$108,200	\$117,416
Mission Advancement	\$107,206		\$107,206	\$127,028
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$1,784,250		\$1,784,250	\$1,959,594
SUPPORTING SERVICES				
Monastery Administration	\$333,740		\$333,740	\$265,527
TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICES	\$333,740		\$333,740	\$265,527
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,117,990		\$2,117,990	\$2,225,121
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$58,602	(\$649)	\$57,953	\$360,658
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	\$12,444,815	\$3,156	\$12,447,971	\$12,087,313
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$12,503,417	\$2,507	\$12,505,924	\$12,447,971

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