

# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

*Serving the elderly poor  
in Denver since 1917.*

Spring 2016

**MULLEN HOME  
FOR THE AGED**  
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## MULLEN HOME FOR THE AGED

## Resident Receives Special Recognition at National Western Stock Show

How many can say they've been to 75 National Stock Shows – in the same state, in the same town of Denver, CO? It's an accomplishment that few – if any – can claim. And it's a claim our Resident, Isadora Shirkey, proudly embraces! She has been going to the Denver stock show since 1941 and has never missed a year. And her enthusiasm today is as great as it was way back then — another feat to embrace as she just celebrated her 101st birthday on February 2!

### SAVE THE DATE

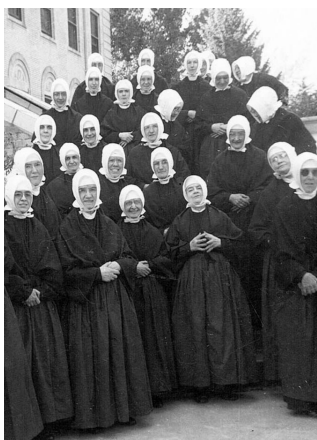
**September 16, 2017**

***Celebrating a Century  
1917-2017***

**100 years of service in the  
city of Denver.**

**Little Sisters of the Poor  
and Mullen Home for the  
Aged.**

**Details to come.**



**Resident Isadora Shirkey gets a "royal welcome" from Paul Andres, President & CEO of the Denver National Stock Show, and two attending rodeo queens.**



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**Debbie Miller, who has been creating activities for 32 years here at Mullen, helps Resident Aretta Tanner with some flower arranging.**



**"Sometimes I just have to rest from all the activities," muses Francisco the dog who is a new addition to the Activities Department!**



**Activities Director Miya Rahn's enthusiasm is contagious as she gets the Residents to rock 'n roll!**



**When the "knead" is cookies, Evy Grazino never has trouble recruiting Residents to get their hands on some dough!**

## A Great Big Thank You to Our Activity Gurus

National Activity Professionals Week did not go unnoticed here at Mullen Home. The Residents know how important their daily activities are, and it was a perfect time for them to say thank you to the Activities Department staff: Miya Rahn, Activities Director, and Debbie Miller and Evy Graziano, department assistants.

Creating a vibrant and active daily calendar for the Residents is a challenging task. They have to plan activities that are interesting and fun and at the same time customize the events to the varying needs of each of the Residents involved. It's a tall order but one they meet with their creative spirits, enthusiasm, energy, love and compassion.





## A Heartfelt Thank You to Our 2015 Supporting Foundations

- Boettcher Foundation
- The Catholic Foundation
- Colorado Trust
- El Pomar Foundation
- Frances M. Foster Fund
- Frances A. Melrose Foundation
- Harry Krammer Memorial Fund
- Holy Cross Catholic Church
- J. K. Mullen Foundation
- Jack A. Vickers Foundation
- King Family Foundation
- Mabel Y. Hughes Trust
- May Bonfils Memorial Trust
- Priester Foundation
- RJW Fund
- Saeman Family Foundation
- Virginia Hill Foundation
- Weckbaugh Foundation



*Residents and staff come together for a rousing Super Bowl party ... and to watch the Broncos win!*

## In loving memory of our dear Monsignor Jones

The only thing missing this year from all the Super Bowl festivities was our dear former chaplain Monsignor Jones sounding his battle cry throughout Mullen Home: “Say a Hail Mary for the Broncos!” Msgr. Jones, a Resident of our home for over eighteen years and a beloved priest throughout the Denver community, died peacefully just a few days before the big game. No matter. His rallying cry was still loud and clear and ever present as we gathered in the auditorium for the big game on Sunday. And among the sea of orange shirts, scarves, hats, punch, streamers and whatever else could be painted orange, the Residents were ready to party! Snacks were provided at the start and not a single pass or kick was missed as the Residents glued themselves to the big screen! Somehow, amid all the cheers and screams and clapping, dinner got served and it was pizza all around! And the “Hail Marys” worked as the Broncos clinched the game out from under the Carolina Panthers 10

to 24! After the game, it was nice to hear all the humble comments made by the Bronco players who were aware of God’s goodness and gave credit to the “team spirit” that prevailed throughout the year. BRONCOS – A CLASS ACT! Just know that the Residents of Mullen and Msgr. Jones expect a repeat in 2017!



*“SAY A HAIL MARY FOR THE BRONCOS!”*



**The Little Sisters and our Residents rely on the “kindness of others” to help supplement the care of our elderly poor. Shown here are Sister Cecilia and Resident Ann Carol.**



# A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dear Friends,

The beautiful season of Christmas quickly passed and how glorious it was. The Lord bestowed many blessings on our Home through our benefactors and we are so grateful to all who gave gifts – joy, friendship, personal presents to delight our Residents, monetary help for our home, and gifts of time and talent. We rejoice in all the kindness. Thank you!

Now, the days of Lent are here. And we are challenged once more to conversion and to proclaim, with Christ, God's merciful love. Echoing the request of Pope Francis that "the season of Lent in this Jubilee Year be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 17), we are encouraged by inspiration and generosity of those we meet in our home and our community. Indeed, God's mercy shines in lives and is shown by love of neighbor. Every day gestures of love, compassion, forgiveness, and generosity makes Christ visible. Let us pray for one another. We acknowledge the saving love of God made manifest in Jesus Christ who died and rose from the dead. Blessed Lent!

We promise to pray for your many intentions. During this month of March and St. Joseph, you are confided to his intercession. May he guide and strengthen you, protect your home and family, and be a source of confidence and trust.

Happy Easter! Rejoice in the Lord always!

Gratefully yours in Christ,  
*Mother Patricia Mary, lsp*

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*In 1939 - Little Sisters and honored guests observe Saint Jeanne Jugan's 100-Year Anniversary of Serving the elderly poor.*

## From the Archives...

Photographed outside of Mullen Home October 26, 1939 by the Rocky Mountain News, celebrants mark the 100-year anniversary of the founding of the Little Sisters of the Poor by Saint Jeanne Jugan who founded the Congregation in Brittany, France in 1839. Distinguished guests included Denver's Mayor B. F. Stapleton (sixth from left), and priests from Cheyenne, WY and the Denver community.

## Join us in supporting our Residents' needs!

Medicare, Medicaid, and other retirement benefits cover only 59% of our expenses toward a safe and comfortable home for our Residents. You can help – and be a big winner too!! Proceeds from our raffle benefit our Residents daily personal care throughout the year!

### CASH PRIZES!

#### July 4th Raffle!

1st Place Winner -- \$7,500

2nd Place Winners --\$3,500 each

**Purchase your tickets now:**

**\$5 each or six for \$25**



Drawing will be held on July 4th at 12:30 p.m. at Mullen Home.

*You need not be present to win.*



*Resident Griselda Mejias with Sister Mary Grace.*