

# Little Sisters of the Poor

Mullen Home for the Aged

Fall 2019



From Left: Mother Mercy, Sr. Christine, Sr. Mary William, Sr. Emma

# **New Faces at the Home**

Over the past year, the Mullen Home has been blessed to welcome some new Sisters to our lovely state! Please join us in welcoming our new family members.

Sister Emma came to us in October of 2018 from the St. Louis Residence. Her favorite part of Mullen Home is our beautiful chapel, and who could blame her! Sister Emma said that she is grateful to live in such a beautiful area, and her favorite part of her day is serving the Residents in the dining room. Sister Emma appreciates the Colorado weather. It's much nicer, much dryer, and she loves the snow!

Sister Christine was happy to learn that after living at Mullen Home 24 years ago, she would be returning "home" again. She recently left our Home in Gallup, New Mexico and has settled in to her familiar surroundings since she returned just a few months ago. She feels such a sense of accomplishment and peace being able to spend any time with the Residents because, after all, that's why she is who she is! Sister Christine loves seeing familiar faces at her new assignments, and she says that it is like seeing a good friend again.

Sister Mary William comes to Denver from our Home in Gallup, New Mexico where she was for six years. Sister loves the property at Mullen Home — the spaciousness and the green, beautiful yard. In New Mexico, it was mostly desert land so this is wonderful and a special treat! She feels somewhat like she's coming home to Denver, since she has come here for retreat many times in the last

several years. Sister Mary William will celebrate her 50th jubilee next year!

Mother Mercy Stella Theresa arrived in Denver in May from our Home in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, where she had been the superior for 6 years. She is originally from India, and she says her favorite thing about Colorado is the people. "They have all been so welcoming and kind!" Mother Mercy is very excited to work with everyone here, and she loves seeing the joy on the faces of the Residents throughout the day.

We are so grateful to have our new Sisters here at Mullen Home. They have already brought so much joy and life into the Home, and all are excited to continue to work and live alongside them as time goes on. Saint Jeanne Jugan, pray for us!

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# Remembering Our Librarian

Pauline Snyder was a gift to our Home and her passion for reading and teaching was truly inspiring. Friends of Mullen Home may remember an article by our Resident Pauline in the Spring 2015 newsletter thanking those who helped her to begin the library through their generous donations. This passionate woman was the inspiration and motivation behind our Home's library. She devoted much time and care to curating and updating the book selection for her fellow Residents, and it was always a pleasure to walk into the library and see Pauline sorting books or reading.

Pauline volunteered for the AIDS Memorial Quilt Project. She was one of the first members to work on it, traveling to Washington, D.C. for its inaugural display in 1987 on the National Mall. She read off the names of those who had died, saying that it was "the most exhilarating, exciting experience I have ever had." Pauline was always very involved and social during her time at Mullen Home, never wanting to miss any of the excitement. We will miss her joyful presence!



# An Unforgettable Father's Day

On Saturday, June 15, we celebrated Father's Day in the best way possible — with our fifth Annual Hot Rods and Hot Dogs event! Twenty historic vehicles, provided by our dedicated volunteer automotive enthusiasts, drove onto our manicured grounds and parked around the old building. Residents, family and friends gathered outside in the beautiful weather for a classic car show, voting for a first, second, and third place winner. Our charitable car aficionados allowed everyone to get a full tour of their cars, and even gave a few Sisters a ride! Residents enjoyed delicious burgers and hot dogs grilled by our generous volunteers. Many said that the food this year was the best it has ever been! Timeless music was provided by our very own janitor, Teddy, who definitely got everyone in the spirit of the event with plenty of throwback tracks. Volunteers and staff had fun alongside the Residents, posing for pictures and enjoying the sunshine.

Our Residents, friends and other participants awarded a 1969 Mustang Mach 1 with third place, a 1962 Corvette with second place, and a beautiful 1929 Model A Ford with the coveted first prize.

Thank you to all of those who donated their time, energy, and vehicles to make this event memorable!







# Summer Fun in the Sun

We thank God for our Colorado summers, which bring gorgeous weather with lots of sunlight for our Residents to enjoy. The flowers on our property burst into bloom, and we are treated to nature's beauty just outside of our doors. Summer activities feature good eats and cool treats, with ice cream parties and barbecues for all to attend. This summer Residents enjoyed a number of outings, including one to the Denver Botanic Gardens, where they were able to appreciate rare plants, the fruits of creation, up close. We greatly appreciate all of our volunteers, staff, and donors who made these activities possible!

# **Department Spotlight: Laundry**

This month, our spotlight has fallen on our laundry department! Employees Joan, Larry, and Lee, volunteer Cynthia, and Resident/Volunteer Ismael all operate seamlessly under the guidance of Sister Mary Augustine in order to meet the needs of our Residents. Joan has worked for the Little Sisters of the Poor for 19 years and her anniversary was August 30, which also happens to be the feast day of Little Sisters Foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan.

Larry's favorite part about working at Mullen Home is without a doubt the Residents. "I wake up every day for them – and the Sisters too!" Lee feels incredibly fortunate to be employed with the Little Sisters and loves her job.

Cynthia began as a volunteer making Residents' beds, but then when the need arose for help in the laundry, she jumped at the chance and has never looked back. Ismael beams with pride when he completes his work and loves being a part of something wonderful. Sister Mary Augustine says, "The laundry is a very peaceful place to work... I can think and meditate and have



great conversations with the staff and volunteers. It's wonderful to work with great people!" We are so grateful to our wonderful laundry staff who work so hard to support the Little Sisters and the Residents.

## MOTHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your heartfelt welcome to beautiful Denver! I was overwhelmed by the joy and love that greeted me at my arrival. I am so grateful to be able to begin my time at Mullen Home and am looking forward to working alongside all of you in our mission to care for those most in need. As our foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, said, "Never forget that the poor are Our Lord."

As summer draws to a close and we look forward to the coming coolness of fall, we are reminded of the inevitability of change and, at the same time, the sweetness of God's unchanging, steadfast love. Here at Mullen Home we are preparing for a number of changes, including a major remodel of some key areas in our Home. These changes, while exciting, can be a little intimidating for all. That is where we can be consoled by the words of Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever." Even when we face changes and unforeseen circumstances we will never be without the love of Christ!

We are so thankful for all of your generous donations that have allowed us to serve our dear Residents so well. Your gifts make it possible for us to bring comfort and joy to those dependent upon the Little Sisters in their later years, and we could not be successful without you. We pray that God will continue to bless you with His gifts this season.

In the Steadfast Love of Jesus Christ, Mother Mercy Stella Theresa, l.s.p.

## **Our Wish List**

#### **Toiletries**

Body & Hand Lotion Aveeno, Jergens, Dove, Nivea Vaseline Shampoo Body Wash Toilet Paper Tissues

Mouthwash

Denture Tabs/Cleaners

## **Misc. Supplies**

Napkins 8 oz Cups Copy Paper (8.5x11) Gift Cards

(King Soopers Safeway Walgreens Wal-Mart Costco Any gift card is welcome)

#### Food

Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea Saltine Crackers Olive Oil , Cooking oil Soft Drinks

(Regular and Diet 7 Up, Regular and Diet Cola, Root Beer, Ginger Ale)

## SAVE THE DATE

# Mark your calendars! September 21

The Mullen Home's Annual Fall Picnic- Come one, come all to celebrate a new year!

## September 27-29

Young Women's Retreat Contact Sister Joseph Marie for details.

#### October 31

Trick or Treat Street
Bring your kids for some safe
Halloween fun!

## **MISSION**

Continuing the work of Saint Jeanne Jugan, our mission is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. The Little Sisters of the Poor have always been committed to respecting your personal information and privacy. The Little Sisters of the Poor will never sell, share, trade, rent or provide personal information to any other entity. Thank you for your continued support of our mission!