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Merry Christmas FROM OUR HOME TO YOUR HOME

A Christmas past ... our Mullen Home chapel as photographed in 1920 wonderfully decorated for the Christmas festivities. As we look forward to celebrating our 100 year anniversary in 2017, we embrace all that has gone before and all that is with us today... the Residents, the staff, the volunteers, our benefactors, and the Little Sisters. How glorious is God's love; how blessed we are to receive his Divine Providence. May your Christmas be one of love and grace for you and your family.

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Sisters of various congregations gather in the Mullen Home auditorium for a day of sharing and discussion of consecrated life.

A Year of Consecrated Life

As the Year of Consecrated Life comes to an end, the Little Sisters hosted a Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) workshop day on September 26. Many of the CMSWR member congregations in Denver attended the day, including the Sisters of Life,

Missionaries of Charity, Poor Clares, Carmelite Sisters of Alhambra, Nashville Dominicans, and Religious Sisters of Mercy. Talks were given about the consecrated woman as a sign of the Church, the vow of chastity, and community life. The workshop was an occasion to grow in fervor and

confidence in God in the daily living out of our vocation. “We continue to pray that many more women will follow this beautiful life of dedication to the Lord,” said Mother Patricia Mary. “It is truly a blessing to serve and a life that returns blessings a hundred-fold.”

A Breath Away

Fundraiser a Big Success

Bringing awareness to the sanctity of life, September’s “Breath Away” fundraiser proved a successful event. Attended by over 150 people – of all ages – the evening was sponsored by the Little Sisters of the Poor, Sisters of Life, and Bella Natural Women’s Care. After a delicious spaghetti dinner, guests enjoyed speakers from each of the sponsors who presented their work and mission of honoring life with respect and dignity. Thank you to all who made this evening an informative delight!



Sister Maria Stella of Sisters of Life, guest Stephanie Buches, and Cindy Boyle, a medical assistant from Bella Natural Women’s Care enjoy ‘A Breath Away’ evening at Mullen Home.



Sister Mary Augustine and volunteer Priscilla O’Leary greet guests at the door and make sure they have a ticket for “A Breath Away!”

Wagons Ho!

Residents Get on Board for a Fun Afternoon!

It's not every day horses pull up to your doorstep and offer a ride about town! So, even if the weather is not at its greatest, you go ahead and accept the chance of a good old wagon ride. To warm the blood while you wait to board, the Sisters fire up the grill and cook s'mores - those chewy-chocolaty-marshmallow delights

that immediately warm the soul! Two wagon loads later, after a nice leisurely drive around the Highlands neighborhood, Residents, staff, and volunteers give a heartfelt cheer and thank you to the horses and their drivers – then rush inside just as the skies open to a chilly rain!



The horses await...



S'mores are cooked...



And they're on their way!

Your Raffle Dollars At Work!

After 40 years of serving the Mullen Home Residents, the dining room is getting a much needed renovation. And we owe a big thank you to all of you who participated in our 2014 raffle. Over \$53,000 was raised to put toward this much needed renovation. Constructed in 1975 on the garden level of the east wing, the dining room has served many meals to Residents, visiting family and friends, and holiday lunches for staff.

The dining room is being updated and reconfigured to provide a more comfortable, serviceable area. Residents will enjoy a hot buffet serving station, new kitchen features with easy accessibility, and beautiful new double-paned windows to keep the cold air out or the summer heat at bay. Flooring is being changed



Double-paned windows are being installed throughout the old dining room area as a full renovation of the facility gets underway.

to a covering that will no longer require heavy buffing equipment for cleaning. Now, after many months of planning and meeting fire and safety

regulations, the work has begun. It is hopeful that the Residents will enjoy their Christmas dinner in the new warm and cozy room!

A Simple Note

By: Sister Patricia Mary



Dearest Friends and Benefactors

Each December as the calendar year ends and the liturgical year begins, we are offered a unique opportunity for anticipation and reflection though we may be preparing for Christmas with the hustle and bustle of the “holidays,” gathering of presents etc. For Christians this is a time of “Advent” — the coming of Christ, “Emmanuel — God with Us.”

If we stop, reflect, prepare, we recognize God’s great love for each of us. “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us” (John 1-14). He wants to be with you and me, to save us and to bring us to heaven. What a gift!

Moreover we receive many blessings and gifts through His Providence and care for us. His love is so personal. At Mullen Home we receive His gifts each day. For Little Sisters of the Poor, our cherished ones are our Residents. They bring a “joy” that leaves an indelible mark that endears them to us, to our staff, volunteers and to all who come here. Indeed we are blessed.

During this year that is quickly passing, several Residents returned “home” to God. We remain grateful for their presence among us as we welcomed our new Residents and their families. The “family of Mullen Home” is large! We are immensely grateful to this family: our Residents and our Sisters, and to our donors, benefactors, volunteers and staff whose generosity, commitment and service allow us to provide a loving Home where each Resident feels welcomed and loved. These are the “presents” that are precious.

May God’s blessing be with you this Advent Season as you prepare your heart and your home.

From all the family of Mullen Home, “thank you.” Our wishes for you: Happy and Blessed Christmas; Peace, Love and Joy in the New Year 2016.

Mother Patricia Mary, lsp

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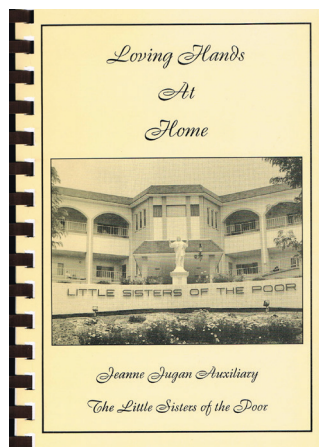
Our Christmas Wish List

- Copy Paper
- Body Lotion/Body Wash/Deodorants
- Mouth Wash/Dental Cleansers
- Paper Products: Kleenex, Large and small Plates, Napkins, 8oz cups
- AA Batteries
- Soft drinks: Regular and Diet 7 Up, Root Beer, and Coca Cola, and Ginger Ale
- Bingo Prizes: perfumes, cologne, candy, cards
- Cake Mixes
- Gift Certificates: King Soopers, Safeway, Walgreens, Wal-Mart (any gift card welcome!)



If you can provide any of the items listed above, please call us at 303-433-7221 or bring them by our Home at 3629 W. 29th Avenue. Thank you for your generosity and charitable spirit! God bless you and Merry Christmas.

‘Bon Appetit’ - Your Recipes Wanted!



Help us Celebrate a Century!

In honor of our 100 year anniversary of serving Denver’s needy elderly, we are asking your help in compiling a “Through the Decades” cookbook. It will feature recipes from every era. If you have a favorite concoction that you would like to share, please email your entry to Mary Fowler at maryfowler49@gmail.com.

Include: Your name, contact information, your recipe, any historical reference (from grandma’s secret cupboard!), and any other tidbit you’d like to share. The cookbook will be available at our gala: Saturday, September 16, 2017, Marriot Tech Center, 5:30 pm to 10 pm.

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