

St. Clare's Ministries

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High Plains Region Executive Committee Attn. The Rev. Brian Winter, Regional Missioner

Report regarding 2023 Grant to St. Clare's Ministries:

The homeless population in metro Denver is growing. St. Clare's Ministries (SCM) serves the men and women that are homeless and working poor in the Baker neighborhood of Denver by serving hot meals and handing out clothing every Tuesday evening in the Episcopal Church of St. Peter and St. Mary. SCM would like to thank the High Plains Region for the \$9,000 grant for 2023, of which we have received seven of twelve quarterly payments as of July. Your generosity helps cover the cost of meals and augments donations with additional clothes, toiletries, and other items for the clothing closet. 93.93% of every dollar granted goes towards our three program areas: meal service, clothing closet, and church service (currently on hiatus, returning in late 2023 / early 2024).

Six High Plains Region churches rotate once a month at St. Clare's Ministries to cook, serve the meal, and distribute clothing and toiletries. Volunteers served 1,145 hours and 2,823 meals through June 2023. We are averaging 109 meals per Tuesday, and 53 guests to our Clothing Closet. Our attendance is approaching pre-Covid numbers in terms of meals served. Since 2012, St. Clare's has served over 75,645 meals by 11,512 volunteers in 29,864 volunteer hours. Since 2017, we have given out 1,201 sleeping bags and 1,594 blankets in addition to jeans, shoes, shirts, sweatshirts, coats, hats, gloves, socks, underwear, and toiletries from our clothing closet.

St. Clare's is in desperate need of used clothing donations and additional funding to stock the clothing closet, as we have scaled back distribution to remain within budget. We need clean gently used men's and women's jeans, sweatshirts, shoes, coats, hats, towels, tarps, blankets and sleeping bags. We are open to receive donations of clothing and other items on Tuesday afternoons from 3 PM to 6:30 PM.

We sincerely appreciate your faithful support for St. Clare's Ministries throughout our history. The High Plains Region is a key partner in providing short-term respite from the harsh realities of homelessness and poverty. Thank you again for all you do for St. Clare's Ministries.

Blessings,

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