



**Report of St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry
(A Diocesan Institution)
For the 135th Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Colorado—October 13-15, 2022**

Our **Mission** is to improve the physical, mental, and spiritual health of those people in our community who have need but who lack access to health care resources.

Members

Our work succeeds with strong relationships, which permeate all aspects of this ministry. Effective relationships require active listening, being present and showing respect. This begins with our Board of Directors:

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Executive Summary

St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry envisions a community where suffering is alleviated, and health and healing are available to all. We accomplish our ministry with an all-volunteer clinical staff who share our values of respect, hospitality, compassion, and integrated care for the body and spirit. In the past year we have provided care for 824 people. Services provided have included COVID Vaccines – 496, Flu Vaccines – 43, Blood pressure checks – 140 Diabetes/glucose monitoring – 51, Acute illness / Trauma – 3, Nurse consults – 103 MD/NP consults – 13, PT consult – 1, Wound care – 55, Foot care – 14 with a total number of services provided = 919.

The pandemic has provided us the opportunities for lessons learned beyond what we could have ever imagined. We have become a direct provider of COVID-19 vaccines working with the Colorado Department of Public Health. We have learned that with a mobile clinic, we have been able to help so many more people in need, including folks who are homebound. We expanded our understanding of disease and novel virus transmission processes and prevention methods. We have witnessed first-hand how important clean water and housing are for health. Our appreciation for the humanity and good in others has grown immensely during the pandemic where everyone is struggling, so many have lost their home due to fire, to see others willing put their own lives at risk in the care of those less fortunate has been humbling and joyful!

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our work!

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