



**Report of St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry
(A Diocesan Institution)**

**For the 136th Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Colorado—October 5-7, 2023**

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:

Rev. Melissa Adzima, President – St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Longmont
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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 931 people. Services provided have included COVID Vaccines – 270, Flu Vaccines – 49, Blood pressure checks – 309 Diabetes/glucose monitoring – 129, Acute illness / Trauma – 3, Nurse consults – 189 MD/NP consults – 13, PT consult – 5, Wound care – 85, Foot care – 49 with a total number of services provided = 992.

Free medical care that is accessible, culturally and linguistically responsive, and requires no documentation continues to be more needed than ever. With many COVID funded programs ending and with the recent changes to Medicaid, the number of individuals seeking our help has grown by more than 35% so far in 2023. Our prescription drug program through which we cover the co-pay or up to 100% of the cost of the medication has seen record numbers this year. During the pandemic, we expanded on our free preventative care items and so far in 2023, we have given out over \$24,000 in personal hygiene supplies for those in need.

As we continue to evolve as an organization and the need for our services has grows, we are grateful for and rely on the support of our Episcopal Churches.

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

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