



**Report of St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry
(A Diocesan Institution)
For the 137th Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Colorado—October 3-5, 2024**

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:

Patty Yu, BS – President, Denver	Maria Guardiola, PhD Candidate – Denver
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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 1415 people, with over 1651 medical services provided. Services have included: Acute Illness/Trauma – 22, Wound Care – 124, Blood Pressure Checks – 515, Diabetes/Glucose Checks – 210, Physician consults – 46, Nurse consults – 259, Foot Care – 63, Flu Vaccines – 81, COVID Vaccines – 113, Over-the-counter Medicines – 218 (Tylenol, Advil, Antacids/Tums, Cortisone and Antibiotic ointments, Benadryl, etc.) We gave out over \$48,000 in preventative care/personal hygiene items.

Free medical care that is accessible, culturally and linguistically responsive, and requires no documentation continues to be more needed than ever. For our safety net clinic partners across the state, the Medicaid roll-offs last year resulted in large numbers of individuals who previously had coverage left with no health insurance. For Clinica, which is the largest safety net clinic in the state, more than 16,000 of their clients were left without insurance. People still require medical care, so this has placed a huge burden of free/no-cost care on providers. As Clinica has closed clinics, ended community outreach programs, and laid off employees, St. Benedict Health has been asked to step up and help fill the gaps. We are doing this to the best of our ability but need continued and expanded funding to meet the need.

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

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

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