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Grant Report to the Front Range Region

Of the Diocese of Colorado

ATTRACTION TO THE SPIRIT

LABYRINTH PROJECT

St. Joseph has been in transition for four years. Since our last rector finished her call with our parish we have been discerning God’s next call for us. This has landed us on our current mission statement which in part is “We aspire to be an inclusive faith community growing the love of God.” That is the binding that brings our parish together for worship and action.

This grant to improve our labyrinth has elevated one of these actions, the action of offering a conducive, safe, and accessible space in which to travel one’s faith journey. By creating a flower garden around the labyrinth, we have taken the next step in creating a welcoming space for all levels of explorers to connect our creation world with their spiritual world.

The accounting to date is in the table below.

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| ITEM | COST |
| Grant from Region | $2500.00 |
| Garden in a Box (140 water wise plants) | $ (945.00) |
| Water line | $ (139.95) |
| Compost and mulch | $ (407.58) |
| Trencher & tiller rental | $ (298.54) |
| Planting tools | $ ( 33.73) |
| Balance | $ 675.20 |
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The balance of the grant award will be used in the fall planting season. These plantings and soil mitigation will run 60’ along one side of the path that links our outdoor worship space with the Labyrinth.

As the flowers are to the bees, our labyrinth is now more welcoming to those who feel a need to restore, refresh, or connect more deeply with their spirit. As evidence that this invitation is being received, The Labyrinth Project hosted a community labyrinth walk, dinner and fund raiser a month after initial planting. (The Labyrinth Project builds and plants labyrinths around the world.) Many of the participants indicated that, now knowing of the availability, they would be returning on their own.

We thank the Region for their generous support of our parish’s mission to invite, welcome, and connect the churched and unchurched to the abundance of God’s love that resides within themselves.

Here is a collection of pictures showing the progress of the project. I apologies that there are none that show evidence of our hands’ involvement in this creation. This is my oversite. Five members of the parish were instrumental in the implementation of this gift.

Waterline trench
 A path in a grassy area

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Waterline Trench Area for garden with weeds removed and tilled compost ready
 A path leading to a park

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Compost ready to mix in Fully planted labyrinth garden (1st phase)

A path with trees and a path

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Close up of southern edge

A patio with chairs and tables and trees

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Table for Labyrinth Project dinner Labyrinth Project guests walking intentionally (Canopies are from last year’s grant) as a group for Peace and connecting to

others in the world who do the same.

A circular path with trees and a fence

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One month after planting