

## St. Clare's Ministries

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

Report regarding 2025 Grant to St. Clare's Ministries:

St. Clare's Ministries is pleased to submit this report to The Rev. Brian Winter, Regional Missioner and High Plains Regional Committee. We thank you for your generosity and which continues to allow us to provide our services to the homeless population in the Baker neighborhood.

St Clare's Ministries' mission is to offer short-term respite from the harsh realities of homelessness and poverty; and the isolation felt in the absence of a spiritual community. Each person utilizing the services of St. Clare's is a guest at our table and is referred to as such.

## **Use of Funds**

Every Tuesday St. Clare's offers a spiritual service followed by a warm meal, and the opportunity to visit our "closet" for basic necessities such as coats, shoes, blankets, and toiletries. Regardless of weather, volunteer numbers, or holiday, St Clare's remains open 52 weeks of the year as our guests trust that they can depend upon our services being available. Many return weekly and see St. Clare's as their community and a place to belong. One of the most meaningful developments this year is a growing sense of community among our guests and volunteers. Guests have commented that the atmosphere is different at St. Clares compared to other organizations. This is genuinely articulated by a young mother and her daughters in the letter attached.

Your generous award of \$10,000 in 2025 is being used to cover the cost of meals and augments the clothing donations with additional basic necessities, such as toiletries and other hygienic supplies. High Plains Range Region churches rotate once a month to volunteer to assist with the spiritual service, cook, serve the meal, and staff the clothing closet.

The following is a summary of the services offered from January 1, 2025, through December June 30, 2025:

- Warm, nourishing, and well-balanced meals have been served to 2795 guests.
- Basic necessities such as coats, hats, gloves, toiletries, and blankets were provided to 1295 guests.
- Spiritual services have been offered to an average of 9 guests per

- week, thus creating an essential lifeline and spiritual community where none previously existed.
- 494 volunteers from fourteen Episcopal churches have dedicated their time and talents to cook, serve meals, visit with guests, operate the essentials closet and conduct worship.

In the last year we have seen a significant increase in the number of single women and families with children as guests. This is consistent with the U.S. Housing and Urban Development finding that Colorado saw an 134% increase in homeless families as compared to 2024.

## **Well Being of the Ministry**

St. Clare's ministries has consistently operated since the 1970's and will continue to serve our guests 52 weeks per year into the future if funding prevails. St. Clare's Ministries receives donations from other Episcopal churches, individuals, Board of Directors, companies and conducts a fund raiser every year. We are blessed to be able to provide our services due to your financial support.

Please enjoy the attached pictures of some of our guests who are participating in our services, a letter from one guest, as well as our financial statement from January 1,2025 to June 30,2025

Blessings,

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