



## ***St. Clare's Ministries***

A Diocesan Institution and  
A Jubilee Ministry Center of the  
Episcopal Church in Colorado  
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### **Report of St. Clare's Ministries to the 138<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Colorado – October 9-11, 2025.**

#### **Our Mission:**

St. Clare's Ministries offers short-term respite from the harsh realities of homelessness, poverty, and the separation we feel from God and each other. With God's help, St. Clare's is an open, welcoming, and diverse community that provides physical and spiritual nourishment, clothing, and other support to our guests and volunteers in need.

#### **Executive Summary:**

St. Clare's Ministries originated in the 1970's handing out sandwiches to those who asked for assistance. It grew to become the main outreach program of St. Peter and St. Mary, until the church could no longer support the ministry by itself. Other Episcopal churches from the two regions around Denver were recruited to help feed and clothe the homeless one night a week. In 2009, St. Clare's Ministries, a Jubilee Ministry was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation and a Diocesan Institution.

Every Tuesday St. Clare's offers a spiritual service followed by a warm meal, and the opportunity to visit our "Closet" for basic necessities. 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, including some who have found shelter and work, and return to volunteer. Ten Episcopal Churches from the High Plains and Front Range Regions rotate volunteers once a month to cook, serve meals, and operate the clothing closet. Our member churches donate items from their parishioners, and we augment those donations by purchasing additional items from discount and thrift stores.

St. Clare's Ministries has consistently operated for over 40 years and will continue to do so into the future if our funding continues to meet future demand. We have been able to do so due to the generosity of others as we seek funding from grant sources and receive donations from other Episcopal churches, foundations, individuals, and local businesses.

## **Challenges and Successes:**

In the past year, St. Clare's Ministries has 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. This has allowed us the opportunity to serve a broader community of God's children, but also comes with additional needs of our growing Guest list and, as a result, greater operating costs. St. Clare's Ministries is doing what it can and has thus far been able to meet the increasing needs and numbers of our Guests.

**One of the most meaningful developments this year is a growing sense of community among our guests and volunteers, with many returning weekly. 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.**

## **Programs and Services: January-August 2025:**

- Warm, nourishing, and well-balanced meals have been served to 3875 guests.
- Basic necessities such as coats, hats, gloves, toiletries, and blankets were provided to 1783 guests.
- Worship services have been offered to an average of 11 guests per week, thus creating an essential lifeline and worship community where none previously existed.
- 625 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.

## **The volunteer Board of Directors for 2025 includes:**

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As always, St. Clare's is extremely appreciative of the kind support of the Episcopal Church in Colorado. Please contact us with any questions or requests for

information. Please enjoy the attached pictures of some of our guests who are participating in our services, and a letter from a guest.

Faithfully yours,

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**St. Clare's Ministries, at St. Peter and St. Mary Episcopal Church**



