



Report of Brigit's Village to the 139th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Colorado - October 8-10, 2026

MISSION:

To establish a welcoming and reasonably-priced housing
community in Colorado's Carbon Valley

Brigit's Village Board of Directors With Parishes

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Executive Summary

Brigit's Village began as an outreach initiative of St. Brigit Episcopal church in Frederick, Colorado. Established as a nonprofit corporation in 2014 and an independent 501(c)(3) in 2025, Brigit's Village embodies a vision to utilize the church's property in service to its neighbors. The project addresses the desperate need for affordable housing while documenting a model of outreach and broad-based funding for other faith communities. **Brigit's Village opened in August of 2025 with 40 units of inter-generational housing built on two acres of land that was formerly part of the St. Brigit property.**



2026 Report

Brigit's Village opened in August of 2025, providing Frederick with 40 units of affordable housing. The building is currently fully occupied, with 82 residents, of which 44 are adults (6 of them seniors) and 38 are children. St. Brigit church has reached out to their new neighbors with invitations to potlucks. They provided Christmas decorations and joined the Brigit's Village Board of Directors in obtaining gift cards for school supplies. The Board has supplied information about services available in the community and is conducting a survey to see what programming the residents might be interested in receiving within the facility.

Brigit's Village is the culmination of a number of years spent trying to develop enough funding to create ADA adaptable, affordable housing in Frederick. It is an example of how even a small church can find a way to reach out to its neighbors and impact their lives. (St. Brigit was recently called "The Little Church that Could".)_The Front Range Region and the Diocese of Colorado, along with the Episcopal Foundation, provided invaluable support and encouragement without which this project could not have been accomplished.

As Brigit's Village continues to move toward cultivating a vibrant and welcoming affordable intergenerational community in our small town, we would like to thank the Diocese for believing in our mission, being patient with us, and being a part of the team to make our vision a reality. We hope to serve as a role model for other communities. For more information or help in a similar project, contact Brigit's Village, c/o St. Brigit Episcopal Church, 110 Johnson St., Frederick, CO 80530.