



**Report of St. Benedict Health and Healing Ministry
(A Diocesan Institution)
For the 139th Annual Convention of the
Diocese of Colorado—October 8-10, 2026**

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:

Matheus Pagliacci, BA – 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.

The needs so far in 2026, are greater than any year ever in our history. We have increased the number of clinics offered each month and are in the process of renovating our office at Sister Carmen Community Center in Lafayette to make it an additional clinic room site. We have provided care for more than 1550 individuals so far this year, and we have covered the cost for a record number of prescription medications for those who cannot afford the co-pay or have lost their health coverage altogether.

We are partnering with the OUR Center in Longmont seeking additional funding to be able to offer behavioral health services and/or referrals for treatment when needed. Currently in Boulder County, there is a lack of access to mental health and addiction recovery care. When Clinica Family Health acquired Mental Health Partners the 24 hour/7 day a week emergency facility in Boulder closed. This has left a huge gap in emergency behavioral health support, and we are seeing the effects in our communities and among our clients experiencing housing instability.

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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